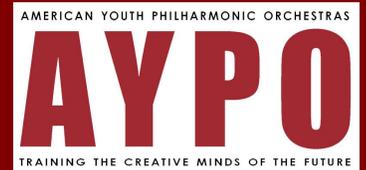




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Welcome to AYPO's 51st Concert Season!

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A Message to the Orchestras from the Artistic Director, Christopher Zimmerman

Welcome to the orchestras' 51st year!

The array and quality of music being rehearsed and performed this year across all the orchestras and chamber ensembles is

SUPPORT AYPO

AYPO depends on tuition and the generosity of individuals, some government funding, and charitable foundations. Our ambitious plans for development will depend on our ability to raise new income. Please consider making a donation, and pass the word to

staggering. I am certain that all of you will be richly rewarded as we dig deep into learning this music, not simply in terms of technical achievement and development, but also what it offers emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

To help you gain the most from your rehearsals and performances and prepare the concerts to the very best of your abilities, we have this year a particularly experienced and committed team of coaches and assistant conductors who are excited to be working not only with the musicians at the symphonic level but with the younger ensembles as well.

I know that all of us in AYPO, in whatever capacity, are excited to make this year as meaningful and enjoyable as possible for our young musicians.

Warmest regards,

Christopher Zimmerman
AYPO Artistic Director
Principal Conductor of the AYP

anyone who might be interested in the work of AYPO.

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Mark Your Calendars!

AYPO Fall Season Concert Dates:

AYP in Concert

November 8th, 3 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Hall

AYP opens the season with an all-Sibelius concert that features soloist Janet Sung playing the Violin Concerto in D minor.

AYCO and AYSO in Concert

November 15th, 3 p.m. at Kenmore MS Auditorium

The AYCO and AYSO joint concert will feature both chamber and full orchestral works. AYCO will select soloists to perform Bach's Concerto in D minor for Two Violins.

AYDO and AYSE in Concert

December 6th, 3 p.m. at Kenmore MS Auditorium

Debut Orchestra and String Ensemble will perform a series of Russian works in their opening concert of the season.

Where in the World is AYPO?

Five AYP musicians will have the distinct honor of traveling to Padua, Italy this October to take part in an exchange with the Conservatory of Music there sponsored by the American Initiative for Italian Culture. The week will include a trip to Venice, a concert in Padua, and a personal meeting with the U.S. Consul General in Milan.

We encourage all AYPO musicians to support your fellow musicians and attend as many concerts as you can!

New Artistic Staff Members

We are delighted to welcome (and reintroduce) new artistic staff to our team with an increased focus on brass development.



Former second hornist with the National Symphony Orchestra, **Sylvia Alimena** is not only a gifted musician but a seasoned conductor. The 2015-16 season marks her 27th year as Director of **Brass of Peace**, a

competitive scholarship-based performance program for talented high school players in the Northern Virginia area. Ms. Alimena will be assisting Maestro Zimmerman with AYP, working as both a brass coach and conductor.



We are very fortunate to welcome back brass specialist **Stephen Dunkel**, an addition to the artistic staff last January. He has been a vital member of the artistic team, and will continue to assist AYP and AYSO this year. Mr. Dunkel is currently a

bass trombonist with the Kennedy Center Opera House.

This season AYPO will be adding a new Brass Ensemble for musicians interested in gaining small ensemble experience. We are also in the beginning stages of a Jazz program partnership with an esteemed Jazz organization in the area. This is a developmental year for our brass players and we are pleased to provide more playing opportunities for our musicians!

Chamber Ensemble in Performance

The Chamber Ensemble Program headed by the EDCWashington (Claire Eichhorn, clarinet; Ricardo Cyncynates, violin; Anna Balakerskaia, piano) is now in its fourth year, with increased funding from the NEA, and is working on some fantastic music this season! The students have been rehearsing independently prior to the orchestra rehearsals on Mondays and soon they will receive private coaching with the EDCWashington.

Introducing:

The Belle Arti Quartet, performing the Brahms Piano Quartet No. 1 with Michael Yue, Juliana Layendecker, Jenny Reid, and Allison Park.

The Harmonia Quartet, performing the Mozart Oboe Quartet, KV 370



In April AYPO will welcome five musicians from the Padua Conservatory to the U.S. to join AYP for its April 3rd concert. AYP will then perform at the Italian Embassy in Washington, DC on Tuesday, April 5th, 2016 for a distinguished audience.

Music for Food Concert

A Music for Food concert, featuring Young Artists of the AYP, will be held at Christchurch Auditorium, Old Town, Alexandria, at 4 pm, on November 21st. Please come support your AYPO colleagues, and bring non-perishable food for a food drive. The donations and food will benefit Region IV Outreach which provides funds to Hunger Free Alexandria. Violist Kim Kashashian, one of the founders of Music for Food, started it as a musician-led initiative for local hunger relief. MFF concerts raise resources and awareness in the fight against hunger, empowering all musicians who wish to use their artistry to further social justice. Music and food, two essentials for happiness!

with Pablo O'Connell, Juliana Layendecker, Jenny Reid, and Allison Park.

The Septet Philharmonic, performing the Beethoven Septet, Op. 20, with members Jasper de Boor, Eleanor Wood, Ryan Chon, Nicholas Jacky, Courtney Tern, Penano Segada, and Cosette Ralowicz.

The Fantasie Duo, performing the Saint-Saens, Fantasy Op. 124 with Mary Duplantier and Aimee Toner.

The Fabulous Five, performing the Karl Goepfert, Quartet Op. 93, with members Alexander Day, Aaron Lee, Christina French, and Eric Juneau.

Upcoming performances:

October 25th, 3 pm - Church of the Epiphany (1317 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005)

Please join us for the first master class. It is free and open to the public!

November 15th, 7pm - The Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria

The Ensemble da Camera of Washington, with Claire Eichhorn, Ricardo Cyncynates and Anna Balakerskaia will be performing their first concert of the season.

Please join us!



This concert is due to the initiative of Eric Costantino, an AYP violist. We encourage you all to attend and support this great cause as well as your fellow musicians!

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