

SUPPORT

YYSO and YES! are supported primarily through student tuition. Other income sources include the fall fundraiser, spring fundraiser and donations from our generous community. We will be grateful for your support.

I/We want to support the youth symphony!

Name (Individual or Business): _____

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- \$175 Tuition for one YES! semester
- \$350 Tuition for complete YES! year
- \$225 Tuition for one YYSO semester
- \$450 Tuition for complete YYSO year
- Other Amount \$ _____ to be used where it is needed most

This is a payment for the following student's tuition (Note: payments are not donations). :

**Mail to: YYSO
PO Box 10613, Yakima, WA 98909**

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MISSION

Established in 1965, the Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra provides a stimulating environment that encourages, challenges and develops the students' fullest musical potential.

ABOUT

Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra gives student musicians the opportunity to play music in a full symphony orchestra. Participation is by audition and students pay tuition to support operational expenses including conductor salaries, instrument coaching, rehearsal space, performance space and sheet music copyrights. Students from throughout the Yakima Valley, from Naches to the Tri-Cities, and Ellensburg rehearse weekly. Musical rigor is high as symphony arrangements are of a caliber exceeding that which most students would experience at school. Musicianship expectations are high with strict attendance requirements and adherence to professional standards of conduct. The YYSO facilitates the Yakima Ensemble for Strings to provide younger strings players a similar symphonic opportunity.

GOVERNANCE

The Governing Committee is an all-volunteer group of YYSO and YES! parents, friends and community members. We meet monthly for governance meetings and are responsible for all of the nuts and bolts of ensuring that YYSO and YES! run smoothly: from negotiating contracts for performance and rehearsal space to fundraising, grant writing, finance, concert logistics, student recruitment and retention, relationships with private teachers and schools and community outreach.

YAKIMA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & YAKIMA ENSEMBLE FOR STRINGS



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Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra is an affiliate of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



Creating beautiful music and opportunities for Yakima Valley youth musicians since 1965

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to YYSO and YES! is open to youth ages 8 to 21 who have met the musical and technical requirements for participation.

TUITION

Tuition for YYSO is \$450 per year. Tuition for YES! is \$350 per year. Tuition is payable in full at the beginning of each season, or may be paid in two installments for fall and spring semesters. Financial assistance may be available, depending on available funds.

AUDITIONS

Auditions are held each spring at the end of the regular season. Audition requirements and instructions are posted on the website. To sign up for an audition, send us an email with your name, grade in school and instrument in the email. Auditions also are held in September and in January for new-to-the area students or students who are new to YYSO or YES. Please consult the website for details.

REHEARSALS

YES! rehearses on Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm. YYSO rehearses on Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm. Rehearsals begin on the last Monday in August and continue through the Monday following the spring concert. Please consult the website and Calendar for additional information.

PERFORMANCES

Annual performances include: Winter Concert, KinderKonzert, the Waltzing With the Youth Symphony Fundraiser and Spring Concert.

CONDUCTORS

Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra (YYSO)

Bruce Walker



Photo Credit: Emery Osborn

Bruce Walker, is Associate Professor of Music at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, WA, Music Director for the Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra and Principal Guest Conductor for the Oregon East Symphony. He has previously served as Cover Conductor for the Yakima Symphony Orchestra, Director of Orchestral Activities for the Sunnyside School District in Sunnyside, WA, Conductor for the Kittitas Valley Youth Orchestra, Co-conductor of the Ellensburg Campus-Community Orchestra, Director of the Central Washington University Music Preparatory Strings Program and cello/conducting intern for the Marrowstone Music Festival.

As an instrumentalist, Mr. Walker remains very active as a solo performer, educator, adjudicator and orchestral cellist. He is an on-call cellist to the Oregon East Symphony (Pendleton, OR), Walla Walla Symphony (Walla Walla, WA), Mid-Columbia Symphony (Richland, WA), Yakima Symphony (Yakima, WA) and Whatcom Symphony (Bellingham, WA). Mr. Walker holds baccalaureate degrees in

Music Education and Cello Performance from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and a master degree in Performance studying Orchestral Conducting and Cello Performance from Central Washington University.

Yakima Ensemble for Strings (YES!)

Christy Baisinger



Conductor of the Yakima Ensemble for Strings, Christy Baisinger also is a cellist in the Yakima String Quartet. Mrs. Baisinger received her B.S. in Music Education from Kansas State University and completed graduate work at the University of Washington, Seattle Pacific University and Central Washington University. From 1976 to 2002, she taught string orchestras from the fourth through the twelfth grade and supervised the entire orchestra program in the Yakima School District. Mrs. Baisinger served as the orchestra representative to the Washington Music Educators Association for three terms. She also served as the Secretary and President for the Washington Chapter of American String Teachers and Pacific Northwest Chairman of the National School Orchestra Association. She teaches string classes at St. Joseph/Marquette Catholic School in Yakima and works at Costco.