



KENNEBEC VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS

Join us for a 2018-19 season of beautiful, exciting music!

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Dear supporters of music and music students,

Students with musical aspirations in Portland, Bangor, and other parts of the state can connect with their peers through a number of excellent organizations. However, dedicated music students in Central Maine do not have many options to play together, develop their musicianship as part of a large ensemble, or be mentored in an orchestra setting by a professional conductor.

There are many excellent music teachers in Central Maine. There are also very good public school music programs, as well as private programs. Unfortunately – until now – students who reached a level of excellence through their lessons and schooling must leave the area to continue their musical development through participation in a youth orchestra that meets throughout the school year.

This is why we have formed Kennebec Valley Youth Symphony Orchestras in the Augusta area. KVYSO has a mission to offer programs of exceptional quality, so young musicians can grow and develop, playing beautiful music together, here in Central Maine. The intermediate ensemble, KENNEBEC VALLEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA, is conducted by Mr. Daniel Keller, the well-respected Maine music educator known for his humor and excellent work with young musicians. The advanced ensemble, KENNEBEC VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY, is under the direction of Maestro Jinwook Park, the dynamic and engaging conductor of Colby College Orchestra and several Boston ensembles. Our programs benefit middle & high school students of strings, woodwind, percussion, and brass instruments.

We are very excited to support these advanced young musicians with their own youth orchestra, learning full-length professional orchestral music, and enriching the cultural fabric of their local communities. However, the operating costs of the orchestra cannot be covered by student tuition alone, even with the University of Maine at Augusta's generous donation of rehearsal space. We are also fully committed to providing scholarships to students with economic barriers to this top-quality experience. **So, we ask for your help in supporting KVYSO!**

\$75-\$150 = new set of music

\$150 = one partial scholarship

\$300 = one full scholarship

Donations also needed to support mentors & programming, concerts and workshops!

Please consider participating in our mission: To provide young musicians in the Kennebec Valley area access to high-caliber youth orchestras focused on musical mentorship, ensemble training, and inspiration, while offering opportunities to share performances with local communities. **Attend a concert, tell a young musician about this new opportunity, and/or make a tax-deductible financial contribution.** To learn more, visit www.kvyso.org or email info@kvyso.org. We appreciate whatever you can give. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Betsy Kobayashi and the KVYSO Board