

The CYS Orchestras 2016-2017

Level I - Repertory Orchestra, (RO), conducted by *Ginger Greer, Mrs.*

Greer is a violinist and conductor from Greenville, South Carolina. She is a National Board Certified Instrumental Music teacher and is a teacher at Byrnes Freshman Academy in Spartanburg School District 5. She was chosen for special study at the Juilliard Conducting Workshop and recently received the Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award. *The Repertory Orchestra* is the beginning level of the CYS orchestras. Repertory Orchestra contains wind, strings, and percussion players who are learning transpositional skills and ensemble playing techniques. The large body of original music and arrangements of the standard orchestral repertory provides the core music for this group. Repertory Orchestra members also have opportunities throughout the year to participate in Level III sectionals, ensembles, and in some cases, performances.

RO rehearses 1:45-3:15PM Sunday afternoons during the school year
\$300 tuition, ½ (\$150) due at registration, balance (\$150) due October 15th

Level II – Concert Orchestra, (CO), conducted by James Kilgus, A teacher in the Greenville County School District for 25 years, Mr. Kilgus currently serves as Co-Director of Bands at Mauldin Middle School, one of the largest and most successful band programs in the state of South Carolina. The CO is the intermediate level of the CYS orchestras. Concert Orchestra contains wind, strings and percussion players who are more advanced than the Repertory Orchestra members in their transpositional and sight reading skills. Standard orchestral repertory is the core music for this group. Sectionals and ensemble performances are offered to this group more frequently than the RO.

CO rehearses 3:30-5:00PM Sunday afternoons during the school year
\$350 tuition, ½ (\$175) due at registration, balance (\$175) due October 15th

Level III - Symphony Orchestra (SO) conducted by Dr. Les Hicken, Director of Bands and Professor of Music Education at Furman University. CYS, established in 1955, exists to provide experience and instruction to advanced young musicians performing standard orchestral repertory, usually in original editions. Wind players are often required to transpose at sight, and additional clef reading is a requirement for most members. Advanced members of the Symphony Orchestra are chosen by the Director to participate in a *Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble*, which performs in conjunction with the SO in formal concerts throughout the year. Sectional coaching is provided to all orchestras. In addition to advanced sight-reading abilities for the SO orchestra; SO, CO and Repertory Orchestra members are expected to continue private instruction and to develop a solo repertory. The Symphony orchestra also has had Brass, Wind, String and Percussion Ensembles, which on occasion, utilize members from the Rep Orchestra and Concert orchestras. The SO brings together the finest young musicians in the area to rehearse and perform under inspiring leadership in a professional environment. In March 2016 the SO will return to Carnegie Hall for a sixth performance, an unprecedented honor.

SO rehearses 1:45-4:30PM Sunday afternoons during the school year
\$400 tuition, ½ (\$200) due at registration, balance (\$200) due October 15th