

Metrowest Youth Symphony Orchestra (MetYSO)

Conveniently located in Framingham, MetYSO provides dedicated young musicians with advanced orchestral training in an atmosphere that is challenging, yet supportive and fun. Recent repertoire includes symphonies by Dvorak, Brahms, and Schubert. Spring semester repertoire usually includes some lighter compositions such as film scores and jazz arrangements.

MetYSO is the "Orchestra in Residence" at the Framingham Campus of Massachusetts Bay Community College and is part of MassBay's Cultural Alliance. The orchestra rehearses Sunday afternoons at MassBay's Framingham campus, at the intersection of Normandy and Flagg Streets, off Route 126 between Framingham Center and Route 9. MetYSO musicians enjoy a lengthy rehearsal period of about ten weeks, which allows for both thorough preparation of challenging repertoire and time off during most public school vacations. Concerts in early December and May conclude each semester.

Attendance and rehearsal expectations are very high. Students commit to weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals. Students also agree to work on MetYSO / MRE music with their private teachers, and commit to the concert appearances. The schedule for rehearsals and performances is published before the season starts.

MetYSO Offerings:

- **MetYSO Repertory Ensemble (MRE)**

A new ensemble created for less advanced musicians, which offers a challenging, yet manageable experience for string players who might be overwhelmed by the full orchestra's repertoire. Led by professional violinist, Etleva Hima-Buli, this group plays music that is more demanding than what is available in most schools. Senior MetYSO string players serve as mentors to this group, participating in rehearsals and guiding the younger students. MRE students are moved to the full youth orchestra, as determined by the conductors, when they are able to play the more demanding music. MRE tuition is \$325 for the 2011-2012 season.

- **Advanced Orchestral Training (MetYSO)**

The music performed at MetYSO is usually the original composer's work, significantly more difficult than what is played in most high school orchestras. Students will be challenged, perhaps a bit intimidated, and then amazed at what they can play. The focus is on learning and on making "serious" music an exciting and fun experience. MetYSO tuition is \$525 for the 2011-2012 season.

- **Professional Mentors**

The Claflin-Hill Symphony Orchestra (www.claflinhill.org) is a professional orchestra based in Milford, MA. MetYSO enjoys a unique affiliation with Claflin Hill. We not only share a music director, we regularly schedule the professional orchestra musicians as mentors for our young musicians to lead smaller sectional rehearsals (winds, brass, violins, and low strings) with focus on those parts and to coach chamber music ensembles. Students learn from established professionals and gain a better understanding of music and musicianship.

- **MetYSO Symphonic Youth Wind Ensemble**

New for 2011-2012 Season! Our new Symphonic Youth Wind Ensemble will be led by our Music Director, Mr. Paul Surapine. This group will play original, full score compositions that will be challenging and fun. This Ensemble will provide woodwind, brass and percussion musicians with an opportunity to explore the wealth of repertoire written especially for winds and percussion at the same high level and intensity that the youth orchestra works at, bringing a whole new dimension to the MetYSO experience. Tuition is \$325 for the season.

About the Music Director

Fall 2011 will begin Paul Surapine's seventh year as Music Director - Conductor. Mr. Surapine graduated from Hartt School of Music and studied extensively with



Kalmen Opperman. His performance experience includes The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Hartford Symphony Orchestra, and Hartford Chamber Orchestra. He has appeared at Carnegie Hall in New York as a member of the Kalmen Opperman Clarinet Choir in concert with Richard Stoltzman. He has also recorded with Stoltzman and the Kalmen Opperman Clarinet Choir for RCA on the recording "Hark", a record of Christmas music. Mr. Surapine is the Founder and Executive and Artistic Director of The Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation based in Milford, MA. As such, he is the conductor of The Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra, The Claflin Hill Summer Winds, as well as the occasional principal clarinetist for the CHSO. Mr. Surapine is a faculty member at The College of The Holy Cross, Clark University, Worcester State College, the Joy of Music Program in Worcester, and Indian Hill Arts in Littleton, MA.

Auditions

Admission to MetYSO is by audition, and is limited to musicians in elementary through high school. Typically, members have studied privately for at least two years at the time of their audition (three or more years for string players). Most have some experience in ensemble play. Musicians are expected to continue studying privately as MetYSO members. Auditions are held three times a year, in September, January, and May. This allows new members to join at the beginning of each semester. Tuition is pro-rated for members who join mid-year. An online audition request is available on our website, www.metyso.org For more information about audition requirements or to schedule an audition you may send an email to info@metyso.org or you may leave a voice mail at (978) 631-1114. The audition fee is \$25 for all students.

Family Involvement and Support

MetYSO is a cooperative organization. Each family is required to volunteer in some capacity, ranging from one-time tasks to service on the Board as officers or sub-committee leaders. As a result of this "sweat equity," our tuition is lower than other youth orchestras and parents are involved in the orchestra's success.

Please check our website for
the next scheduled auditions:

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