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### Orchestra News

**Auditions for ALL of the Greater Des Moines Youth Symphonies** (Sinfonia, Philharmonic, Symphony, and Chamber Orchestras) will be held **September 5 and 6, 4:00-6:00 pm**. Sign in on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Temple. Guidelines for auditions:

**Sinfonia Orchestra** Recommended string player ability levels:

- Suzuki book 1-3
- Shifting through 3<sup>rd</sup> position for 1<sup>st</sup> violins
- Keys of C, G, D, F

**Philharmonic Orchestra** Recommended string player ability levels:

- Suzuki book 4-6
- Shifting through 5<sup>th</sup> position for 1<sup>st</sup> violins, 3<sup>rd</sup> position for 2<sup>nd</sup> violins and violas, 4<sup>th</sup> position and harmonics for cellos, 5<sup>th</sup> position and harmonics for basses
- Keys of C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb

**Symphony Orchestra** Recommended string player ability levels:

- Suzuki book 7+
- Shifting past 5<sup>th</sup> position for all violins and violas, thumb position knowledge and harmonics for cellos and basses
- Keys of C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb
- **Brass, woodwind, and percussion:** Technical skills include playing in all keys and the ability to demonstrate advanced proficiency on the instrument.

### Performances

**Academy Faculty Chamber Music Recital – Sunday, September 17 at 7:30 pm** in the Grand Hall at the Temple for Performing Arts. Many faculty members will be featured in small groups performing music of Bach, Popper, Songayllo, and others. The recital will be free and open to the public. Plan to attend and hear your teacher perform!

**The Des Moines Symphony's Gala Opening Night – Thursday, September 28 at 8:00 pm**  
Christopher Parkening, guitar and Jubilant Sykes, baritone. This pair will showcase their individual talents with the orchestra and will further entertain with their combined pieces. Sykes shares his vocal excellence with some of Copland's folk favorites and Parkening plays a lively Guitar Concerto written for him and in memory of great orchestrator Chris Palmer. The Symphony will open the concert with the exuberant and nostalgic *Jubilee* by Chadwick and close with the lively and spirited *Capriccio espagnole*. Visit [www.dmsymphony.org](http://www.dmsymphony.org) for ticket information.

### **Gala Opening Night Dinner - Thursday, September 28, 5:30 – 7:30, Capital Square**

While our Gala artists Christopher Parkening and Jubilant Sykes are both critically acclaimed musicians in their own right, they make an even more impressive statement together. The same can also be said for our Gala Opening Night Dinner and the Concert. So pair your Gala Concert with an exceptional meal, making your entire evening one to remember. The evening includes dinner, wine and a silent auction for candlesticks to create your own romantic atmosphere at home. Tickets are \$115 each and all proceeds benefit the Des Moines Symphony. Call Nikki at 515.280.4017 to make your reservation or for more information.

## **Program Information**

### **Safari Tunes at Blank Park Zoo**

The Des Moines Symphony Academy is proud to partner with Blank Park Zoo for **Safari Tunes** August 14-26. Classes for 1-3 year olds and 4-6 year olds with a parent will feature animal-themed songs and chants, movement activities, instrument play, a live animal adventure, and zoo admission. The “safari guides” will be Music Together® teachers from the Academy. Registration is open now! Pick up a flyer at the Temple, and register by calling the **Blank Park Zoo Education Office at 323-8330**.

**The Fall Private Lesson Schedule will begin August 28.** Please confirm your lesson time with Joshua by calling 280-3332. Tuition for private lessons may be paid at the beginning of each month for the lessons scheduled that month.

**Private lessons:** Several teachers have openings in their schedules for new students! For information on private lessons with Aaron Powell (guitar), John Helmich (violin), Anne Stein (flute and voice), or any other Academy instructor, please call Joshua at 280-3332. Aaron Powell will also teach a 10-week **Intro to Acoustic Guitar** class for teens and adults Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning September 18. Enroll today!

**Fall Session Classes begin September 18! 4 easy ways to register:** online at [www.dmsymphony.org/academy](http://www.dmsymphony.org/academy), by phone at 280-3332, in person at the Temple in Registrar's Office #400, or by mail using the Enrollment form in the course catalog. Haven't received a course catalog? Email [joshua@dmsymphony.org](mailto:joshua@dmsymphony.org) to request your copy of this comprehensive guide to Academy programs!

The Academy **website** will be updated to accept **online registration for Fall classes** in the next week or two. Visit [www.dmsymphony.org/academy](http://www.dmsymphony.org/academy) or call the Registrar at 280-3332 to reserve your spot in Music Together®, Intro to Acoustic Guitar, Music for Moppets, Kinderkeyboard, Music 1A, Chamber Music, Music Theory and Ear Training, Evenings with the Orchestra, and other programs. Web updates also include orchestra schedules, upcoming events, Young Artists Competition application, and masterclasses with Christopher Parkening and James Galway!

**Needs-based scholarships** are available for all Academy programs. Please contact Joshua Barlage at 280-3332 or [joshua@dmsymphony.org](mailto:joshua@dmsymphony.org) for an application. Deadline for fall session is September 4. The application will also be posted on the website once updates are complete.

## **Announcements**

### **From Joshua Barlage, Academy Registrar:**

I cannot tell you how happy I am to join the staff of the Des Moines Symphony Academy. I truly feel that the Academy is a wonderful place and I pledge to do what I can to ensure that the time you spend with us is just as wonderful. If you have questions about any of our exciting programs, do not hesitate to contact me. My office line is 280-3332 and my e-mail is [joshua@dmsymphony.org](mailto:joshua@dmsymphony.org). I look forward to meeting all of the members of the Academy family and eagerly anticipate the start of the fall session.

Announcement on the Symphony Academy's **Open House** coming soon!

String players, check out the new **Teen Strings** site at [www.teenstrings.com](http://www.teenstrings.com) for articles, chat forums, practice tips and more. The current issue features a great article on rock orchestras.

***From the Top***, the non-profit organization best known for its hit national radio showcase for America's best young classical musicians, has teamed up with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to find and nurture the next generation of musically talented youth. Twenty-five deserving young musicians, identified by *From the Top*, will receive **Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Awards** in support of furthering their musical careers.

**The Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award will provide 20 Award Recipients with the following benefits:**

1. A performance on a live taping of *From the Top's* radio program;
2. A \$10,000 scholarship, to assist with music-related training; and
3. Cultural Leadership Training, to help young musicians become community advocates for the arts.

Visit [www.jackkentcookefoundation.org](http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org). or [www.fromthetop.org](http://www.fromthetop.org). for more information.

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