

Facts and Figures

After School Program is open to all students valley-wide, including private/home schooled students, by annual audition

Current enrollment, 300 students

Funding sources, *Clark County School District* provides paid instructional staff (Music Directors and Coaches), *City of Las Vegas* provides rehearsal facility and some promotional support, *Friends of LVYO* (Non-Profit) provides financial, operational & administrative support

- Funding for program support is from public and private sector donations, & Non-Profit fund-raising efforts,

Measurements of Success

- In existence for over 25 years
- Average student career with LVYO is five years
- The only large-scale youth orchestra program in the valley



Today's Las Vegas, is a diverse city with an emerging culture of its' own. Appreciation for the performing and fine arts has made nurturing this a priority in educating our youths. The Las Vegas Youth Orchestras provides such an environment, ripe for intellectual & technical learning, along with artistic & social growth.

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Testimonials

"...Youth Orchestra...gave me some of my first opportunities to learn how to play in a section, lead...and solo with an orchestra."

Stephanie Larsen, Professional Violinist
The Utah Symphony - Las Vegas Academy '95

"...LVYO has allowed me to challenge myself."
Aubrienne Knerr, Violin - Sierra Vista High School '03

"...LVYO has taught me self-discipline and teamwork with a variety of...musicians."
Jason Baker, Viola - Silverado High School '03

"...LVYO is a once in a lifetime experience...you make some of the best music you will ever play in high school."
Sarah Chambers, Flute - Chaparral High School '04

Concert Schedule 2006-2007

Oct. 12, 2006 Fall Concert

At the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park. Bring a picnic dinner, a blanket and be serenaded under the stars by the youth orchestras!

Nov. 15, 2006 Winter Concert

at UNLV's Artemus Ham Concert Hall. Enjoy some wonderful holiday music performed by Southern Nevada's premier youth musicians.

April 28, 2007

4:00 p.m.
Spring Concert
at UNLV's Artemus Ham Concert Hall. Our season finale is an event to be remembered!

Admission Prices
Adults \$6.00,
Students/Sr. Citizens
Disabled \$3.00

Annual Auditions

Go to www.lvyo.org
Apply online starting Apr.1
& ending May 1

Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals are after school once per week, Wednesday or Thursday. Following the CCSD 9 month school calendar

Uniting talented young musicians in Las Vegas Valley for over 25 years



Ensemble | Sinfonia | Symphony | Philharmonic



Empowering youth through music...

We appreciate your donation!

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The Las Vegas Youth Orchestras consists of four separate ensembles based upon age (from eight to eighteen) and playing ability. It is a diverse group of over 330 students from our valley and is an after-school program which serves the youth in Southern Nevada. Students are admitted by annual audition. Audition and participation in one's school music program is required.

The two upper-level groups (Las Vegas Youth Philharmonic and Las Vegas Youth Symphony) perform symphonic repertoire as students prepare for entry into collegiate and professional level organizations. Most students have five to eight years of musical experience and receive private instruction. An annual concerto competition features a youth Philharmonic soloist at the Spring Concert.

The two younger groups (Las Vegas Youth Sinfonia and Las Vegas Youth Ensemble) provide training for students to develop into effective orchestral players, emphasizing the responsibility, commitment, and teamwork necessary for successful performances.



The success of the LVYO is shown by over 25 years of history serving the greater Las Vegas valley, and it's growth from two to four performing groups. It has received local as well as regional recognition by numerous public performances. The program is sponsored jointly by the Clark County School District, the City of Las Vegas - Performing Arts Division and the Friends of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization.

THE FOUR ORCHESTRA GROUPS



Ensemble

(Grades 3-8)
Directed by Kerry Bennett

- Strings only
- Entry level orchestra
- Focuses on orchestral skill development & training



Sinfonia

(Grades 6-10)
Directed by Sarah Angeles

- Strings only
- Preparation for upper level symphonic groups
- Orchestral skill development & training



Symphony

(Grades 8-12)
Directed by Brian Downey & Geoff Neuman

- Full Symphonic Orchestra (winds, brass, percussion & strings)
- Complex orchestral repertoire
- Eligible for CCSD ½ credit per year.



Philharmonic

(Grades 10-12)
Directed by Chuck Jackson

- Full Symphonic Orchestra (winds, brass, percussion & strings)
- Advanced study of complex orchestral repertoire at pre-collegiate and collegiate levels
- Eligible for CCSD 1 credit hour per year

Youth Orchestras help develop self-esteem and leadership skills

Our Mission

The Mission of the "Las Vegas Youth Orchestras" is to provide the youth in the community (regardless of race, creed, economic circumstances, gender or national origin) an opportunity to expand their musical skills and engage them both intellectually and physically, by committing their time and energy in preparing and performing in an orchestral setting. Students performing excellent music for the community serve as examples of academic and musical excellence and improve the community by offering cultural enrichment.

The intent of the "Friends of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras is to ensure these standards are upheld through their Board leadership who will obtain and properly manage the financial and administrative support of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras.



FLVYO

The "Friends of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras" (Non-Profit, incorporated in 1988 & 501(c)3 - 1989) is governed by the Board of Directors and its' by-laws. It is the supporting network of the youth orchestras, providing financial and operational support. It is also responsible for ensuring the perpetuity of the Youth Orchestras. The corporation is officially chartered by the Secretary of the State of Nevada. Fundraising is entirely dependent upon donations from public, private and corporate sectors. All donations to the Youth Orchestras are tax-deductible, and contributions are welcome in the form of cash, in-kind services/donations, concert sponsorships, advertisements in concert/event programs, and volunteer support. The Program has been funded, in part, by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council, a State Agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal Agency.

