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**YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF CENTRAL JERSEY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING
LARGE ENSEMBLE CONCERTS
Featuring David Kim, Concertmaster, The Philadelphia Orchestra**

January 2022 – The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey (YOCJ), is pleased to kick off the 2022 season with the large ensemble concert programming on Sunday, January 23rd, including a performance by YOCJ’s Symphonic Orchestra featuring David Kim, Concertmaster for The Philadelphia Orchestra who will play the mighty Beethoven Violin Concerto. Mr. Kim has previously collaborated with YOCJ through performances and master classes.

“We are delighted to welcome back maestro David Kim and have this exciting opportunity to play with a leading violinist,” said Philip Pugh, Artistic Director, YOCJ.

The Symphonic Orchestra is conducted by Kenneth Bean, Assistant Conductor of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO). The partnership is the formalization of an ongoing relationship established through the PSO’s BRAVO! Education Program which encourages young musicians and their families to be exposed to extensive performance repertoire and be inspired by professional artists. Integral to the partnership, the PSO has expanded its assistant conductor position to include leadership of YOCJ’s Symphonic Orchestra.

“Our students have benefitted tremendously from the partnership with PSO and we have been fortunate to have welcomed several members of the PSO to practice with our orchestras during our rehearsals,” said Philip Pugh.

The large ensemble concerts will be held at the Yvonne Theater, Rider University as follows:

3pm Concert

Wind Symphony
String Preparatory Orchestra
Pro Arte Orchestra

7pm Concert

Saxophone Choir

Symphonic Orchestra, featuring David Kim
Beethoven Violin Concerto

COST:

\$25 Adults

\$20 Seniors & Students

**Tickets are valid for both concerts

Looking ahead into the season, YOCJ will provide opportunities for students to refine and grow their skills through master classes led by renowned clinicians including David Kim and others. Master classes will be available for woodwinds, brass and percussion as well as string players.

Students will also have the opportunity to audition for a chamber music recital fundraiser where they can further showcase their talents.

Talented young musicians interested in broadening their performing opportunities, can find more information [here](#).

ABOUT THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF CENTRAL JERSEY

The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey was founded in 1978 by the late Portia Sonnenfeld as a preparatory orchestra for the Mercer County Symphony Orchestra (now called the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra). Ms. Sonnenfeld shaped the ensemble into a group capable of performing the standard orchestra literature and 20th century works. It then grew to encompass two string orchestras and a wind ensemble, and became known as the String Preparatory Orchestra. In 1999, with increased enrollment, the orchestra was incorporated under the name "Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey." Venues have included Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium, Rutgers University's Nicholas Music Center, the Ocean City Music Pier in New Jersey, Mayo Hall at TCNJ, Kendall Hall at TCNJ, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Heritage Festival Competition in Boston, the Niagara International Music Festival, the Canadian Broadcasting Center, the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Haydn Hall in Esterhazy, Austria, Bethlehem Chapel in Prague, the Czech Radio Station Recording Studio in Prague, Peterskirche in Leipzig, and the Französische Friedrichstadt Kirche am Gendarmenmarkt in Berlin.

Unique to the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey are its chamber groups for flute, saxophone, brass, woodwinds, and percussion that offer an unparalleled opportunity for small ensembles that feature these instruments in performance. YOCJ is a growing, vibrant organization that looks forward to carrying on the tradition of providing diverse musical experiences to the talented young musicians of our region.