





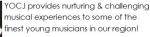
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Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey









- String Preparatory Orchestra
- · Pro Arte Orchestra
- Symphonic Orchestra
- Wind Symphony
- · Brass Ensemble
- Brass Choir
- Flute Choir
- Percussion Ensemble
- Saxophone Ensemble
- Saxophone Choir
- Symphonic Woodwinds
- ·Woodwind Choir, and more!

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#### Mission Statement

The mission of the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey is to provide opportunities for talented young musicians in Central New Jersey to participate in musical performances at a level beyond that which is traditionally offered by school bands and orchestras.

#### Conductors

Phillip Pugh • String Preparatory & Pro Arte Orchestra

Dr. Jordan Smith • Saxophone Ensemble & Saxophone Choir

Scott Collins • Wind Symphony & Woodwind Choir

Sandy Olson • Flute Choir

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Chris Colaneri • Percussion Ensemble
Barbara Witmer • Symphonic Woodwinds
Shannon Ferrara • Brass Choir & Brass Ensemble
Kenneth Bean • Symphonic Orchestra



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#### **YOCJ Conductors**

**Phillip Pugh**, YOCJ Artistic Director and Conductor of the Pro Arte and String Preparatory Orchestras, holds a Master's degree in music theory and a Bachelor's degree in music education from Temple University. In addition to extensive study in violin performance, Mr. Pugh is a registered Suzuki teacher and has also studied string instrument repair and set up under the tutelage of leading luthiers. As a violinist and violist, he performs with the Boheme Opera Company and the New Jersey Capital Philharmonic Orchestra. Additionally, he teaches strings at the West Windsor-Plainsboro's Millstone River School, has served on the faculty of the Csehy Summer School of Music, and maintains an active private studio, teaching violin and viola. Mr. Pugh has been with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey since 1988.

Brian Woodward, Conductor of the Wind Symphony and the Brass Ensemble, earned a Bachelor of Music degree from The College of New Jersey. He has been teaching at West Windsor-Plainsboro's Community Middle School since 1999. Along with teaching, he keeps a busy performing schedule playing the trumpet with many groups around the tri state area. Along with conducting, Mr. Woodward enjoys a busy freelance career as a trumpet player. He has performed with many groups in New Jersey and throughout Pennsylvania such as The Capitol Philharmonic, The Allentown Symphony, The Bohme Opera Orchestra, The Garden State Symphonic Band, Newtown Chamber Orchestra, and the Nassau Brass. Most notably, Mr. Woodward has been the Principal Trumpet for the Eastern Wind Symphony since its inception in 1996. He has performed with this group at Carnegie Hall, and the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. The group was also invited to perform at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic as well as The International Trumpet Guild Conference. Mr. Brian Woodward has been with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey ever since 2001.

**Dr. Jordan Smith**, Conductor of the Saxophone Choir and Saxophone Ensemble, holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Rutgers University, a Master of Music in saxophone performance from the Manhattan School of Music and a Bachelor of Music in music education degree from The College of New Jersey. He has concertized throughout the U.S., Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, and Greece as a soloist, conductor, chamber and orchestral musician, and has recently performed with the New World Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and the Sifodec Orchestra in such venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and more. As a Chamber musician in NYC and a strong advocate for new music, he has premiered over 30 works for saxophone. His article on Jules Massenet appeared in a 2015 edition of The Saxophone Symposium and a recent article on Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé Suite* was published in a 2011 issue of Saxophone Journal. In addition to YOCJ, Dr. Smith teaches music history at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City. He maintains a large private studio in Princeton, NJ. Dr. Smith joined YOCJ in 2010. <u>Jordanpsmith.com</u>

Scott Collins, Conductor of the Wind Symphony and Woodwind Choir, holds a Master's Degree in Clarinet Performance, a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, both from Temple University, as well as an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Valley Forge Military College. Mr. Collins has been teaching in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District since 2004, where he has directed a variety of ensembles including concert band, jazz band, marching band, and string orchestra. Currently, he teaches concert band at the Community Middle School. In July 2011, he was named a "Conducting Fellow" for the Conducting Workshop for Music Educators at the Juilliard School. Mr. Collins has performed as a clarinetist with the Haddonfield Symphony, the Opera Festival of New Jersey, the Princeton Festival, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and the Arts at St. John's, with whom he performed Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major back in 2014. Mr. Scott Collins joined the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey in 2015.

Sandy Olson, Conductor of the Flute Choir holds a Master of Music in flute performance from Western Illinois University, a Bachelors degree in music education from Arkansas State University, and completed her DMA coursework in flute performance at the University of Illinois. Ms. Olson has been a flute teacher and director of the summer flute camp at Westminster Conservatory as well as a middle school music teacher in South Brunswick, New Jersey for the past twenty years. For the National Flute Association, Ms. Olson is the past chairman of both the High School Soloist Competition and the High School Flute Choir Competition. Her love of nurturing young students started with her Suzuki Flute Teacher Training with Tatsumi Shiojima. Ms. Olson has also performed at both the National Flute Association as well as the British Flute Association flute conventions. Ms. Sandy Olson is happy to have joined the YOCJ staff in 2016.



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WWFM | 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550 609-587-8989 | www.wwfm.org Chris Colaneri, Conductor of the Percussion Prep and Percussion Ensemble, holds a Master's in music education from New Jersey City University and a Bachelor's degree in classical performance from Rowan University, Mr. Colaneri has been teaching in the New York and New Jersey Public schools since 1996. His current position is with the Berkeley Heights Public School System. He recently co-founded and is currently the President of the Percussion Educator's Association of New Jersey, Mr. Colaneri's orchestral endeavors have taken him to Spain, France, Israel and Jordan. He performs yearly with Josh Groban as his Radio City Music Hall timpanist and has also shared the stage with Cindi Lauper, Itzhak Perlman, Breland, Warren Haynes, Hanson, Rita Wilson and II Volo, Locally, he has performed with the Plainfield Symphony, South Orange Symphony, Haddonfield Symphony, and Metropolitan Orchestra of New Jersey. As a vibist, marimba and Latin percussion performer, Mr. Colaneri has led his own jazz quartet CCQ for the past eighteen years. This ensemble has given featured performances at NJPAC, various jazz clubs, private corporate and political functions and jazz festivals throughout N.J. Mr. Colaneri has given lectures at Rowan University, Temple, Mason Gross, the New Jersey Music Educator's State Convention and All Eastern. As an author for Oxford University Press, his recent method book The Total Percussionists, can be found in classrooms throughout the USA and abroad. In addition to his musical endeavors. Mr. Colaneri can be found on the small screen as a background actor for such shows as The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel (Amazon Prime), The Time Traveler's Wife (HBO Max) and Just Like That...(HBO Max). Mr. Colaneri joined the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey in 2017.

**Barbara Witmer**, Coach of the Woodwind Chamber Players, as well as the Symphonic Orchestra woodwind section, holds a Master's Degree in Music Education from Ithaca College and a Bachelor's from Lebanon Valley College, also in Music Education. Ms. Witmer is a member of the faculty at Millstone River School in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District where she teaches elementary band. Barbara Witmer plays oboe in the New Jersey Capital Philharmonic Orchestra and performs as a free lance musician in the area. In addition, she maintains a studio of private oboe students. She served on the Alumni Committee of the Board of Trustees for two years. Ms. Witmer joined the staff of the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey in 2018.

Shannon Ferrara, the new conductor of the Brass Choir and Symphonic Orchestra Brass Coach, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from The College of New Jersey. Mrs. Ferrara has been teaching band in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for 21 years, first at Millstone River School (formerly Upper Elementary School), then moving to Village School for many years, and then finally "graduating" to middle school where she is now in her 8th year. In addition to public school teaching, she also maintains a private horn studio and continues to perform with such groups as The Eastern Wind Symphony, Garden State Symphonic Band, Plainfield Symphony, Nassau Brass, Quintessential Brass, and other orchestras, bands, and pit orchestras around New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ferrara has also been involved in community theater for twenty years, mostly with musical direction, but has performed other roles both on and off the stage. At home, she spends her free time with her three cats, her two kids, and her husband. Mrs. Ferrara joined the staff of The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey in 2021.

Kenneth Bean is the conductor of the Symphonic Orchestra. He is an instructor and conductor in the Philadelphia area, as well as an active freelance trumpeter. He earned a Bachelor of Music from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a Master of Music Education from Jackson State University. He has taught at many festivals and schools, including The School District of Philadelphia, Settlement Music School, The Premier Orchestral Institute of the Mississippi Symphony, and Play On Philly. Although he enjoys teaching and performing, Kenneth's passion is on the podium. He has appeared as a guest conductor for the Marywood String Festival, Berks County Orchestra Festival and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. His past Music Director/ Conductor appointments include the Junior String Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley, the Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley and Luzerne Music Center. Kenneth currently serves as Assistant Conductor of Symphony in C, Conductor of the Symphony in C Youth Orchestra in Collingswood, NJ, and Director/Conductor of the Young Musicians Debut Orchestra, the newest full orchestra within the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Music Institute. In the summers, Maestro Bean serves as Co-Director of the Symphony in C Summer Camp and Conductor at Kinhaven Music School Junior Session in Weston, VT. Maestro Bean has served as the Assistant Conductor of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra and the Symphonic Conductor of the YOCJ since 2021.

## 2023 Upcoming Events

#### Sunday January 15 • 3pm & 8pm, Kendall Hall, TCNJ

Winter Large Ensemble Concerts

8pm features **Billy Hunter**, Principal Trumpet of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra

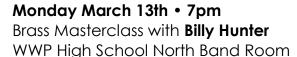
#### **Tuesday January 31st**

New Student Auditions Register at yocj.org/auditions

**Tuesday February 7th**Spring Semester Begins

## **Tuesday March 7th • 7pm**Percussion, Saxophone, String,

& Woodwind Masterclasses
WWP High School North



#### Sunday April 23rd • 3pm

Spring Small Ensemble Concert Community Middle School

#### Sunday May 21st • 3pm & 7pm

Spring Large Ensemble Concerts

#### Tuesday June 6th

New Student Auditions Register at yoci.org/auditions

#### Friday June 23 — Sunday June 25

Washington D.C. Tour



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## Flute Choir

Sandy Olson, Conductor

Minuet from Orpheus Christopher Gluck (1714-1787)

arr. Dorli McWayne

Temple of the Sun Phyllis Louke (b. 1954)

Varadero Grant Horsley (b. 1959)

Sneha Anand Risha Rao

Anna Citron William Ruckdeschel

Sara Deshmukh Hannah Shue Kasev Gu Shivika Sinha

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## Saxophone Ensemble

Dr. Jordan Smith, Conductor

On Ascension Day Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

\*World Premiere\* arr. Bricault

Lobsters Sam Tobias (b. 1993)

\*Composed for the 2018-19 YOCJ Saxophone Ensemble\*

Soprano Ian Lee Alto

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Leo Fan

TenorTyrus Hudson, Jr.Will KovalickAaditya KaushikSia SatishAkshita Vashisht

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Bass

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## Brass Ensemble & Brass Choir

Shannon Ferrara, Conductor

Chorale

from Prelude, Chorale & Fugue

Pizza Party

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

arr. Albert / Gower

Harold L. Walters (1918-1984)

**Trumpet** 

Prarthana Harikrishnan Anton Misirpashayev

French Horn

Audrey Oh Zachary Phelan **Trombone** 

Abhiram Chemudu Margaret Collins Richa Joshi Akshath Sarukkai

Tuba

Noah Chen

## Percussion Ensemble

Chris Colaneri, Conductor

Trixity John R. Hearnes (b. 1977)

Latin Quarter Dave Samuels (1948-2019)

arr. Chris Colaneri

Rohan Belahal Harry Fan Megha Kumar Vir Mehrota Somya Mittal

## **Woodwind Choir**

Scott Collins, Conductor

The Fairest of the Fair

John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)

arr. Bill Holcombe & Bill Holcombe Jr.

Flute

Sneha Anand Naina Bhardwaj Gordon Fan Anya Patel Sanskiriti Ramji Shreyansh Sen Paavni Suyal Clarinet

Ian Kim Sachi Nagabhairava Sanskriti Singh Eunice Tseng Svara Venkatesan Gloria Wang Oboe

Mihika Srivastava

**Bass Clarinet** 

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**Bassoon** 

Sam Chung





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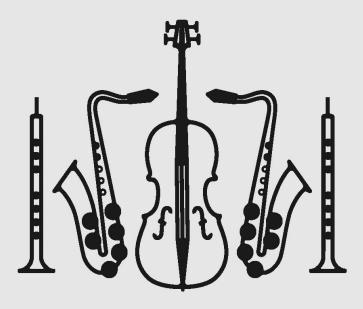
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