



# News Release

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## The Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra still amazing audiences

Since its modest beginnings 22 years ago, the Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra has offered an exceptional musical experience to Brevard students. Thanks to a partnership between the Brevard Symphony Orchestra (BSO) and Brevard Community College, the Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra (BSYO) offers talented string, wind, brass and percussion students a chance to study orchestral repertoire under the direction of a professional conductor.

“All of our students are given a wonderful opportunity to play alongside professional musicians and perform at the King Center”, said Board President Sheila King. “The program also gives our youth an opportunity to reach their musical potential,” she added.

The program is open to elementary and secondary students willing to audition and acceptance is based on ability. This season, approximately 200 talented young musicians are participating, ranging in age from 7 to 18. Students represent 44 public, 10 private and 10 home schools.

There are three levels of orchestra: The String Ensemble is under the direction of Linda Woodrich and is a training orchestra for students with some experience on their instruments and basic note-reading ability. The Concert Orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Thomas Silliman and is geared toward students who are proficient on their instrument and wish to gain orchestral experience. The Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Joseph Kreines, features advanced students performing challenging orchestral literature.

In the fall of 2003, a Chamber Ensemble Music Program was created for Symphony members. The Chamber Ensemble Music Program is an opportunity for students to receive extraordinary coaching from professional musicians and perform at special community events such as pre-concert events, corporate meetings and holiday socials.

Regular rehearsals are held on Monday evenings throughout the school year and alternate locations in Melbourne and Cocoa. Each group performs three main concerts during fall, winter and spring. Additional concerts may be scheduled during the season, especially during the holidays.

In addition to BSYO, Brevard Public Schools also teams with the Brevard Symphony Orchestra each spring when approximately 5,000 fifth graders are treated to a free performance by the BSO as an educational field trip opportunity.

[Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra](#)

## 2005 -2006 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 30, 2005

Event: Season Opening Concert "A Fall Musical Harvest"

Participants: All three orchestras

Location & Time: King Center, 3:30 pm

Ticket Price: \$15.00 Adult/\$8.00 Students & Seniors (60+)

Sunday, November 13, 2005

Event: BSO Free Family Concert

Location & Time: King Center, 2:00 & 4:00 pm

BSYO presents ensembles/soloists in the lobby of the King Center

BSYO staffs the petting zoo

Sunday, November 27, 2005 "Sharing the Gift of Music"

Event: Community Holiday Benefit Concert

Location & Time: King Center 3:00 pm

Participants: Concert & Symphony Orchestras

Ticket Price: Free

Sunday, February 26, 2006 "Symphony Orchestra Presents a European Adventure"

Event: Concert

Location & Time: Brevard Community College Cocoa, Fine Arts Center 3:30 pm

Participants: Symphony Orchestra

Ticket Price: \$10.00 Adult/ \$5.00 Student & Seniors (60+)

Sunday, March 5, 2006 'Happy Birthday to Mozart from Our Young Musicians'

Event: Concert

Location & Time: Brevard Community College Cocoa, Fine Arts Center 3:30 pm

Participants: Concert Orchestra & String Ensemble

Ticket Price: \$10.00 Adult/ \$5.00 Student & Seniors (60+)

Sunday, April 9, 2006 Chamber Ensembles in Concert

Event: Concert

Location & Time: King Center 2:00 pm

Participants: Chamber Ensembles

Ticket Price: Free

Sunday, April 30, 2006 "Spring Musical Carnival: A Festive Celebration"

Event: Season Finale Concert

Location & Time: King Center 3:30 pm

Participants: All three orchestras

Tickets: \$15.00adult/ \$8.00 Students & Seniors (60+)

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6, 2006

Event: Auditions for all Orchestras; Location: TBD; Application Fee: \$15.00 per student