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## AYPO in a Nutshell



Recognized as one of the leading orchestral training programs in the nation, the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras (AYPO) provides competitive world-class training and performance opportunities for young musicians ages 7 - 21. With nationally recognized conductors led by Music Director Daniel Spalding, a dedicated professional staff, and a host of volunteers, AYPO annually selects and trains over 400 of the most talented young musicians from throughout the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan region. AYPO is the *Youth Orchestra in Residence* at George Mason University's Center for the Arts and was selected by the Catalogue for Philanthropy as "one of the best small nonprofits in the Greater Washington region." For a complete history visit [www.aypo.org](http://www.aypo.org).



## OUR MISSION

To foster in our youth a life-long love of music that contributes to the quality of all our lives through musical education, development, appreciation, and creation of quality orchestral and other performance opportunities.

## The Core Programs and Their Leaders



American Youth Philharmonic (flagship): Daniel Spalding, Music Director, Conductor



American Youth Symphonic Orchestra: Carl J. Bianchi, Conductor



American Youth Concert Orchestra: J.D. Anderson, Conductor



American Youth String Ensemble: Cheri Collins, Conductor



American Youth Percussion Ensemble: Douglas Wallace, Director



Assistant to the Music Director & AYP Brass Coach: Thomas Cupples



Assistant to the Conductor of American Youth Symphonic Orchestra: Tsuna Sakamoto



Strings Coordinator for American Youth Concert Orchestra: Julia Sun

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# Making a Difference in the Community

## More than Just Orchestral Music

Each season, AYPO reaches more than 3,000 audience members through free performances by its **Chamber Ensemble** musicians and through the **Community Concert Series** at local schools, nursing homes, community centers, and other public venues. The award-winning **Music Buddies Mentorship Program** provides more than 1,000 free, weekly lessons annually to disadvantaged students in the area. AYPO's **Scholarship Program** awards thousands of dollars annually to economically disadvantaged young people ensuring their participation in the program. **Comps for Kids** provides free tickets for underprivileged students to attend an annual AYPO concert and is designed to inspire and nurture their musical interests. Lastly, AYPO reaches hundreds of children through area-wide **Instrument Petting Zoos**, providing them hands-on experiences with orchestral instruments. These programs are made possible by the generous support of AYPO's patrons & donors. For more information about the education and outreach programs, please visit [www.aypo.org](http://www.aypo.org).

## Your Support Makes All the Difference!

When you give to AYPO, you provide a wealth of musical opportunities to hundreds of promising young musicians throughout the region, from training under stellar artistic staff, to performing some of the finest orchestral repertoire ever written. Your gift also allows AYPO to continue its work in the community, and here are some sample ways your gift can be used:

\$100 Pays for one sectional coaching session with a professional musician

\$250 Gives 25 underserved children free admission to an AYP concert

\$500 Underwrites one tuition Scholarship for one musician

\$1,500 Provides free private music lessons for 3 underserved students for one school year

\$2,500 Partially funds concert hall expenses for one AYPO concert



### How do I make a contribution?

AYPO accepts contributions through any of the following methods:

- Personal Checks (payable to "AYPO")
- Credit Cards (online at [www.aypo.org](http://www.aypo.org))
  - Appreciated Securities
- United Way and CFC Giving Programs

(AYPO's United Way Charity Code is 8075; CFC Charity code is 22502)

- Grocery SCRIP program
- In-Kind Contribution

For more information or to make a contribution please contact Jack Walton, Executive Director: (703) 642-8051, [jwalton@aypo.org](mailto:jwalton@aypo.org)

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## SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

American Youth Philharmonic (AYP)

**LISTEN** Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74, mvt. I. Adagio; Allegro non troppo

**LISTEN** Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique, Op. 14, "Songe d'une nuit du sabbat"

**LISTEN** Respighi: Pini di Roma, "Pines of the Appian Way"

**LISTEN** Debussy: Prelude to Afternoon of a Faun

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