

The Longmont Youth Symphony is...



...a group of three honors orchestras, membership by audition only: The Longmont Youth Symphony, the Strings Ensemble and the Wind Ensemble. The orchestras include student musicians from elementary, middle and high schools across Boulder and Weld counties. Many students come from outside Longmont, including Boulder, Berthoud, Greeley, Erie, Loveland, Louisville, Lafayette and other surrounding towns.

LYS is a full orchestra open to musicians in grades 6-12; LYSE is a strings-only ensemble open to grades 1-8, and LYWE invites wind musicians in grades 7-10. The Longmont Youth Symphony provides a key resource for young musicians to further develop their musical abilities through the guidance of professional leadership and direction. We enable our youth to entertain, educate, and expand appreciation of music within the community.

The LYS offers

Public Concerts, including side-by-side concerts with the Longmont Symphony Orchestra and Boulder Symphony Orchestra; Challenging music, to help every student grow; Exposure to a broad musical repertoire; Programs for younger musicians; Opportunities for National and International tours; Oktoberfest, picnics, and fun!

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LONGMONT YOUTH SYMPHONY ENSEMBLES

our ensembles...



Keynes Chen rehearses the LYS for the 2009 Halloween Concert.

LONGMONT YOUTH SYMPHONY

The Longmont Youth Symphony (LYS), a full orchestra and the most advanced of our ensembles, is the premiere honors orchestra in the St. Vrain Valley and surrounding areas. Students, grades 6-12, perform 6 concerts a year, including joint performances with the Longmont Symphony Orchestra and the Boulder Symphony Orchestra, as well as joint performances with our other ensembles.

Public concerts, challenging music, and exposure to a broad repertoire enable all our musicians to grow and mature in an exciting, challenging environment.

LYS musicians recently completed an 18-day tour of China, with performances in Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, and other cities. Through community service, our musicians entertain, educate, and expand appreciation of music throughout the Valley.

STRINGS ENSEMBLE

Designed for advanced elementary and middle school string players, the Longmont Youth Strings Ensemble (LYSE) helps students develop their musical abilities under the guidance of professional musicians and members of the Longmont Youth Symphony.

Students are encouraged to form ensembles and to share their expanding skills, ability, and talent through community service.

WIND ENSEMBLE

The Longmont Youth Wind Ensemble (LYWE) Program provides a resource for wind instrumentalists to learn, practice, and perform challenging levels of music. Musicians in grades 7-10 are encouraged to audition. The LYWE program begins after the school band season is complete. Rehearsals and performances are scheduled from January through May.

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Keynes Chen

Mr. Chen, conductor of the Longmont Youth Symphony, has taught violin since 1994. A noted Suzuki instructor, Chen was trained by the famed

Suzuki pedagogue Dr. William Starr. He serves as the Executive Director of *A Mid-Summer Day's Dream String Camp* and has served as conductor for many area youth orchestras. Passionate about youth music, Chen, with Regan Kane, founded the high-standards Flatirons Strings Academy.



Danielle Crisman

Conductor of the Strings Ensemble, Danielle Crisman received a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and is pursuing a Master of Music

Education from the University of Wyoming. Since 1995, Crisman has directed middle school string orchestras and honors orchestras throughout Colorado. An accomplished contrabass player, Crisman performs with regional orchestras, including the Longmont Symphony, Cheyenne Symphony, and Fort Collins Symphony.



John Jonas

Mr. Jonas, conductor of the Wind Ensemble, holds degrees in music education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the University of Northern Colorado.

Jonas has taught band, orchestra and vocal music in Colorado and Virginia since 1992. He has sent many students to all-county, all-district, and all-state bands. Several of his former students are now music teachers and many more continue to perform as musicians all over the country.

our musical leadership...

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