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Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Rounds Out 36th Season with Numerous Honors
Students and faculty garner distinguished recognition locally and nationally.

Colorado Springs, CO, April 27, 2016—As the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association begins to wrap up the 36th Season of performances, concerts and tours, the organization reflects on the recent accolades, awards and honors that both students and leadership have achieved. In a highly competitive environment such as symphonic music, the CSYSA consistently gains recognition for the talent, expertise and professionalism of its students and faculty.

Recently, CSYSA Music Director Gary Nicholson was awarded the "Bee an Arts Champion Award," presented by the Bee Vradenburg Foundation, at the annual Business and Arts Luncheon. Presenter David Siegel remarked of Nicholson's contribution: "You have positively impacted the lives of many thousands of young musicians and made a tremendous difference in our community." Nicholson has been with the Youth Symphony since 1980.



"We are so proud and continue to be amazed by the level of commitment and dedication that our students and faculty have," said CSYSA Executive Director Keven Stewart. "They are incredibly talented and have represented the CSYSA on not only statewide, but national and international stages." Stewart, as president of the Pikes Peak Brass Band, recently announced that the 33-member ensemble had taken first place at the North American Brass Band Association's Brass Band 2016 Championship.



Youth Symphony musician Bryant So, who is Concertmaster for the orchestra, attended the national Honor Orchestra of America in Indianapolis in March, where he was awarded Concertmaster position there. Additionally, throughout the season, So and other Youth Symphony students have placed and performed with distinction in honors orchestras such as the Western States Orchestra, the Colorado University Honor Band, All State, Pikes Peak Honors Orchestra, Adams State Honors Orchestra and All State Jazz Band. For more information on upcoming performances, visit: www.csysa.com.

About the CSYSA

The mission of the Association is to provide for the artistic and educational development of young people within the Pikes Peak region by offering high quality and diverse musical experiences which enrich the cultural environment of the community and to provide high quality symphonic music to the general public at a reasonable cost. www.csysa.com

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