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YOUTH ORCHESTRA PLANS DESSERT AUCTION AND SIDE BY SIDE CONCERT

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, JANUARY 12, 2015—The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus is pleased to present *For the Love of Music* dessert auction and side by side concert with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra on January 31, 2015. The dessert auction starts at 6:30 p.m. and the FREE concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. The bidding continues after the concert with a live auction for three special desserts. This is the Youth Orchestra's third dessert auction and third time performing a side-by-side concert with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. All proceeds from the dessert auction benefit the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus. For more information visit www.yogc.org or call 706.256.3614.



Come bid on your favorite desserts made by celebrities like Dee Armstrong, Tara Van Etten, Reverend Chuck Hasty, Jamie Keating, Becky McKenzie (The Farmhouse), Dr. David Lewis, Susan Milligan, Paul Pierce, Julia Reed (Southern Author), The Southern Living Test Kitchen, Mayor Teresa Tomlinson, and Sam Wellborn to name a few. Enjoy the sounds of the Youth Orchestra and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra as they perform a free concert. Afterwards, the bidding continues and a few special surprise desserts will be auctioned off live by MC and auctioneer Cameron Bean. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Super Bowl cake and a \$500 cash prize!

Some of the desserts come with unique experiences. The winning bidder of Dee Armstrong's dessert will bake with Dee Armstrong on *The Dee Armstrong Show*. Sam Wellborn will come to your home and serve his famous homemade ice cream.

The concert is a side-by-side, which means the youth orchestra musicians get to perform alongside professional Columbus Symphony Orchestra musicians. The selections music being performed are:

Music:

Bacchanale from Samson and Delilah
Slavonic Dance Opus 46 No. 8
Symphony No. 2 in Db Major Op. 30 W 45 "Romantic"

Composer:

Camille Saint-Saens
Antonin Dvorak
Howard Hanson

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"The Side by Side event is a life changing experience for the Youth orchestra of Greater Columbus students. Not only will they get the opportunity to work with Maestro George Del Gobbo, they will get to perform with the professional musicians of the Columbus Symphony. Experiencing the environment of a professional Orchestra is a once in a lifetime opportunity!"
-Jim Palmer, Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus Music Director and Conductor

"When a youth orchestra and a professional orchestra join together to play "side-by-side" an interesting dynamic is created. For the young people it is inspirational. Here is a chance to play in an orchestra that sounds better than any they have ever played in and they are sitting next to professionals who can guide them. For the professionals it's a reminder of who they once were, of their youth, and of how important it is for the older generation to mentor the younger. A little hope and a little nostalgia mix together and everyone leaves changed."
-George Del Gobbo, Columbus Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor

The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus received grants from the City of Columbus through the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Columbus Cultural Arts Alliance and from the Mildred Miller Fort Foundation for this special educational side by side concert. Each youth orchestra student will work side by side with a professional musician for a full day of rehearsals and performance. A special thanks to our media sponsor 103.75litfm.

Since 1993, the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus has been teaching the area's most talented young musicians. Led by music director James Palmer, this outstanding orchestra program includes the Youth Orchestra made up of intermediate and advanced string, brass, wind and percussion musicians, the String Orchestra composed of young string players, chamber groups, a percussion ensemble and a summer string camp. Rehearsals are held each Monday evening during the school season at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. Visit www.YOGC.org for audition requirements and an application for the 2015-16 regular orchestra season. For additional information e-mail info@yogc.org.

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