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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR SUMMER STRING CAMP

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, April 27, 2015—The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus is pleased to present a summer string camp entitled *BlueGrass on Broadway*. The dates of the camp are June 1-6, 2015, and will be held at the Columbus State University Schwob School of Music. This year's camp will feature special guests, *Faculty Grass*. Camp tuition is \$200 per person which includes an afternoon snack and t-shirt. A lunch plan is available for an extra \$30. To register for camp visit www.yogc.org or call 706.256.3614.

The Faculty Grass - started out in 1988 when three teachers from Adamson Middle School including Ed Davis, Bob Putnam and Paul Murdock got together and started to play Bluegrass. The band has had several members throughout the years however the original three members of the band are still the foundation of the group. Faculty Grass plays for functions in metro Atlanta and around the Southeast. Because all of the members of the band are educators or retired educators, they often play at schools or host fiddling workshops for children. They have been featured in Spivey Hall's Education Concert Series twice and have participated in numerous Bluegrass presentations at state, national, and international music education conferences.

Summer String Camp (*BlueGrass on Broadway*) is an opportunity for all string instrument musicians from beginners (at least one year of school orchestra or private lessons) to intermediate and advanced to further develop their abilities by working with some of the finest musicians and music educators. The schedule will offer daily ensemble rehearsals, alternative studies, technique classes and music theory and composition. A concert will follow the week of intense musical instruction on Saturday, June 6, 2015, in Legacy Hall at RiverCenter. Camp dates and times are June 1-6th, 2015, Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. and Saturday, 9a.m. to 12p.m.

Audition Requirements: Current YOGC members do not need to audition for camp. All other musicians should prepare for the following for orchestra placement on the first day of camp: One solo or etude that best demonstrates your ability; any two scales with two octaves for violin, viola and cello and one octave for bass.

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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