



Dear MIMYO Musicians, Families, and Teachers,

I am excited to announce the addition of a new orchestra - our MIMYO Intermediate Orchestra. Our “regular” orchestra will now be referred to as Advanced Symphony Orchestra. Symphony Orchestra will keep the same schedule as last season, rehearsing Mondays 4:30-6:30 at YRCS. Intermediate Orchestra will meet Wednesdays 4:30-6:15 at YRCS. Both orchestras will perform at concerts, separated by an intermission.

Our concerts for this season will be **December 7th, 2017** at the Amaral Center (Nevada County Fairgrounds), **March 15th, 2018** at the Nevada Theatre, and **May 17th, 2018** at the Nevada Theatre.

For our December Concert, we return to the Amaral Family Center at the Nevada County fairgrounds. We will be joined by guest artist Amaryn Olmeda for a movement of Mendelssohn’s first Violin Concerto, along with selections from Tchaikovsky’s *The Nutcracker*, a full-orchestra arrangement of the finale of Mendelssohn’s Octet, and well as a few pieces from Handel’s *Messiah*, which members of MIMYO will also be invited to perform in a side-by-side with the MIM Festival Orchestra at the MIM Choral Concerts.

Our March concert will explore music of France and Italy. Our May concert will explore music inspired by the works of Shakespeare, including Nicolai’s Overture to *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Mendelssohn’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, and Tchaikovsky’s *Romeo and Juliet*.

See you Monday, **September 18th** at YRCS for our first rehearsal Advanced Orchestra rehearsal, and Wednesday, **September 20th** for our first Intermediate Orchestra rehearsal. I will have practice music packets for you at our first rehearsal. Looking forward to a great season!

Your friend in Music,

Wayland Whitney  
Music Director & Conductor,  
Music in the Mountains Youth Orchestra