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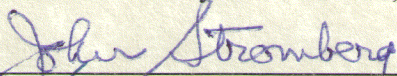
- Music engages hearts, hands and minds and bridges the past and present. Music participation teaches people to listen and collaborate, and develops motivation, discipline and self-confidence.
- Founded in 1988 by music educators and professional musicians, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon (YSSO) organization celebrates its *Silver Jubilee – 25th Anniversary Concert Season* in 2012-2013.
- The YSSO organization's mission is to provide exceptional performance experiences under the leadership of professional conductors and music coaches, and to foster a lifelong appreciation of classical music and the arts.
- The YSSO organization orchestras include accomplished public, private, home school and college musicians from Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Eagle Point, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent, Klamath Falls and the surrounding region.
- The YSSO organization increases access to affordable cultural enrichment and augments programs in schools. YSSO musicians provide evidence of classical music's intrinsic and instrumental value and the concerts offer the gift of classical music to people of all ages.
- The YSSO has become an important component of the Rogue Valley's vibrant cultural arts environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, do hereby designate November 5-11, 2012, as

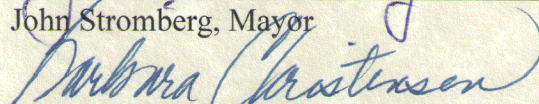
Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon Week

in Ashland and encourage all citizens to honor the accomplished musicians of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon by celebrating the organization's *Silver Jubilee-25th Anniversary 2012-2013 Concert Season* and by attending the outstanding *Silver Jubilee* performances.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2012



John Stromberg, Mayor



Barbara Christensen, City Recorder

