

**The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon
Silver Jubilee - 25th Anniversary 2012-2013 Concert Season**

WHEREAS, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization was founded in 1988 by music educators and professional musicians 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; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization has grown from one ensemble to an organization with two full orchestras, *Youth Symphony* (advanced) and *Youth Orchestra* (intermediate/preparatory), and a string ensemble, *Youth Strings* (entry-level), under the leadership and guidance of a Music Director & Conductor, Associate Conductor, Executive Director, Orchestra Manager, a volunteer Governing Board, music coaches and community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization performances are presented in professional venues in Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, as well as in community settings; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization orchestras include public, private, home school and college musicians from Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Jacksonville, Eagle Point, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent and the surrounding region, and the YSSO organization offers full or partial tuition waivers in order to ensure that all qualified young musicians may participate regardless of financial circumstances; and

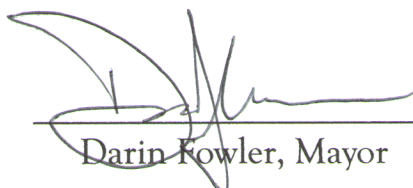
WHEREAS, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization increases access to cultural enrichment and augments school programs, and YSSO musicians provide evidence of music's intrinsic and instrumental; and

WHEREAS, music engages hearts, hands and minds, bridges the past and present, teaches people to listen and enriches communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Darin Fowler, Mayor of the City of Grants Pass, Oregon and on behalf of the City Council wish to honor the dedicated musicians who have participated in the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon since 1988, the visionary music educators and professional musicians who founded the organization, past and current members of the governing board, volunteers and staff members, donors, foundations, businesses and community leaders who help support the organization, as well as the artistry and accomplishments of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon and offer this Proclamation in celebration of the organization's *Silver Jubilee*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of May, 2013.





Darin Fowler, Mayor