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Dear Former YSSO Musician;

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon is gathering and updating information about former YSSO musicians, collecting memories and anecdotes about concerts and rehearsals, and inquiring about the current music and community activities of former YSSO musicians. Plans are underway to establish an Alumni Association in order to keep former YSSO musicians up-to-date on concerts, new initiatives, music opportunities and activities associated with the YSSO's twentieth anniversary in 2008.

The YSSO will begin its nineteenth year of operation with the Fall 2006 Concert Series performances in Medford and Ashland. The 2006-2007 season marks Music Director and Conductor Cynthia Hutton's twelfth year with the YSSO and Associate Conductor Faina Podolnaya's seventh year with the organization. Since its inception in 1988, the YSSO has grown from one ensemble with 34 young musicians to three ensembles - Youth Symphony, Youth Orchestra and Youth Strings – featuring more than 185 musicians. Currently, the season includes Fall, Winter and Spring Concert Series performances. YSSO ensembles perform at the Angus Bowmer Theater (Oregon Shakespeare Festival) or Southern Oregon University's Music Recital Hall in Ashland, as well as the Performing Arts Center in Grants Pass, the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater in Medford and the Rogue Valley Manor. In addition, YSSO Chamber Music Series concerts take place in Jacksonville, Ashland and other locations each year and the YSSO holds a *Concerto Competition* for advanced YSSO musicians in February.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it to the YSSO at your convenience. Please mail the completed form to the YSSO (P.O. Box 4291, Medford, OR 97501). You may also contact the office (yssom@mind.net or 541-858-8859) to request a Word version of the form that can be returned to the YSSO via e-mail.

Thank you for your time and best wishes for success and fulfillment in all your music, family, cultural, educational, business and civic endeavors. The board and staff look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon S. Wilson
Executive Director

Alumni Questionnaire

The YSSO is collecting and updating information about former participants. Please take a few minutes to complete the following and mail the completed form to the YSSO, P.O. Box 4291, Medford, OR 97501. The form is also available as a Word document upon request (541-858-8859) and may be completed and returned via e-mail (yssa@mind.net).



Name: _____

Name (when you participated in the YSSO): _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

If you reside outside of Southern Oregon, does your community have a youth orchestra? If so, what is the name of the orchestra/organization? _____

YSSO Ensemble(s) & Dates of Participation:

Youth Symphony Beginning Year: _____ Ending Year: _____

Youth Orchestra Beginning Year: _____ Ending Year: _____

Youth Strings Beginning Year: _____ Ending Year: _____

Instrument(s): _____

Music and/or orchestral experiences and training following your involvement in the YSSO:

Civic, cultural, educational, community, business, recreational activities or affiliations:

Current employer/occupation:

Name of Spouse: _____ Former Member of YSSO? Yes No

Name(s) of Child/Children: _____

Did you have a relative or sibling(s) in a YSSO ensemble? If so, please provide his/her/their name(s), dates in a YSSO ensemble and current mailing address(es):

Memories, anecdotes, music experiences or comments about your involvement in the YSSO you wish to share: