

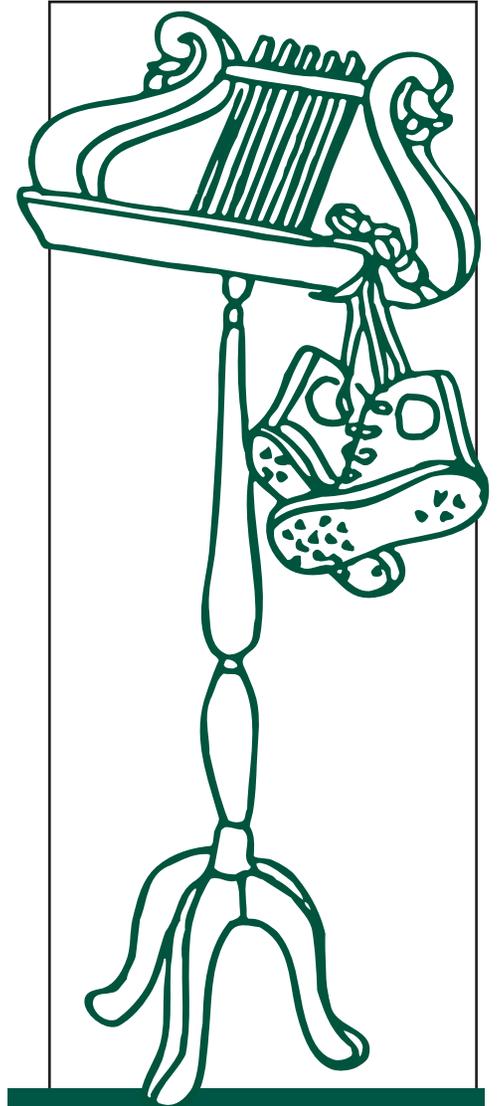
*We are the
music-makers,
And we are
the dreamers
of dreams...*



*We are
the movers
and shakers
Of the world
for ever,
it seems.*

*Arthur O'Shaughnessy
The Music-Makers*

Pocono Youth Orchestra
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*P*OCONO
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA

The Pocono Youth Orchestra and the Pocono Junior String Orchestra offer an exciting musical experience for the youth of the Pocono region. The orchestras are open by audition to instrumentalists of elementary and secondary school age.



Parents of young musicians founded the orchestra in 1987 with the vision that their children would play together in a musical ensemble. That dream became a reality and continues today with two performing orchestras, the Pocono Junior String Orchestra and the Pocono Youth Orchestra. Serving as a creative and educational outlet for its members, PYO affords young players of string, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments the opportunity to play some of the world's great orchestral literature.

The orchestras perform twice a year at the Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall at East Stroudsburg University. Smaller ensembles perform other concerts throughout the year. These have included performances for Arts on the Mountain, Fine Arts Discovery Series, the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs State Convention, and area schools and nursing homes. In addition, PYO sponsors and encourages youth trips to hear professional symphony orchestras.

The Pocono Youth Orchestra enjoys the support of a very dedicated group of volunteers, who not only provide behind-the-scenes help at weekly rehearsals, but also host receptions after the concerts. Backing the orchestra is a strong Board of Directors, many of whom are local musicians and educators.



ANTHONY SIMONS, music director, maintains a career as an orchestral performer, chamber music musician, solo recitalist and music educator. He received the Artist Diploma in clarinet from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, the Master of Music degree in clarinet performance and literature from the University of Illinois, and a music education degree from West Chester University. Mr. Simons is presently on the music faculties at Muhlenberg College, Cedar Crest College, the East Penn School District, and teaches a private studio of young clarinetists.



AUDREY SIMONS, assistant music director, is an active cellist and instructor. Mrs. Simons is a cellist in the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, and is a founding member of the Classical Attitude String Quartet and the Chestnut Hill Chamber Players. She received the Bachelor of Music degree in cello performance from Susquehanna University. She was subsequently awarded a teaching assistantship at the Temple University Esther Boyer College of Music, where she received the Master of Music degree in music history. Currently, Mrs. Simons is a cello instructor on the music faculty and teaches a Cello Techniques class for music education majors at Moravian College.

If you would like to know more about the orchestras, please contact: Pocono Youth Orchestra PO Box 1101 Stroudsburg, PA 18360 or call the directors at 610-965-0268 or visit our website at www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org.