

2014-2015 Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Society 76th Timeline/Activities

Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra 76th Season (KJSO) - Andrew Koehler, Conductor

- Aug. 23 '14 Chair Auditions
- Sept. 6 & 7 Annual **Tune-up Camp** - Miracle Camp, Lawton — sectionals, full orchestra rehearsals, social activities, mini-concert. Board Retreat, Parent meeting/orientation and reception before mini-concert
- Sept - April **KJSO Rehearsals** Sundays 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Chenery Aud., sectionals with area professionals twice each concert sequence.
- KJSO's four chamber ensembles rehearse weekly either with coaches (12 coachings) or by themselves inbetween coachings 12 Noon to 1:15 PM. They will also participate in educational outreach at area Boys & Girls Clubs, Communities in Schools sites and/or elementary or middle schools along with bringing an instrument petting zoo so students may try the instruments they've seen performed. They will also perform for senior residences & nursing homes, the KJSO's Student Showcase and Fontana's BRAVO! and other various worthy events.
- **Ventusos Piano Trio** – Coaches: Patty Kates & David Peshlakai*
 - **Aurora String Quartet** – Coaches: Patty Kates & David Peshlakai*
 - **Sonorus Woodwind Quartet** – Coaches: Bill Wheeler, Georgiy Borisov *
 - **KJSO Brass Quintet** – Coach: Kip Hickman * * Kal. Symphony Resident Artist
- Nov. 9 **CONCERT – Chenery Aud., 4:00 PM - “New Beginnings”** - Beethoven Overture to Egmont, Goldmark Sakuntala Overture, Verdi Overture to Nabucco, Weber Overture to Der Freischutz, Debussy Prelude “La Cathedrale Engloutie”, Borodin Overture to Prince Igor
- Nov. 12 **KJSO Concerto Competition** juried by three noted area professional musicians
- Feb. 15 **CONCERT, Chenery Aud., 4:00 PM - “Stulberg Celebration”** - Schumann Cello Concerto with Stulberg Gold Medalist Zlatomir Fung, <http://www.zlatomirfungcello.com/>, Franck Symphony in d minor, Brass Quintet and Woodwind Quartet perform concert prelude, Prep Strings performs prior to concert in reception room – **Dedication of Julius and Esther Stulberg \$25,000 Conductor Podium.**
- March 5 All KJSO Ensembles after being chosen by audition, perform for BRAVO! recital
- March 6 Piano Trio and String Quartet perform as Stulberg Master Class students at Art Hop
- March 28 Ensemble Recital – all KJSO ensembles at **Dalton Theater, Kal. College, 7:30 PM**
- March 29 Brass Quintet performs at **Yorkville Community Church**
- April 16 Woodwind Quartet performs for **“Kids in Tune”**
- April 17 Brass Quintet and String Quartet give Education Presentation and Instrument Petting Zoo for **Lake Street Boys and Girls Club**
- April 23 Piano Trio performs for **“Kids in Tune”**
- April 26 **CONCERT, Chenery Aud. 4:00 PM - “Cinematic”** - Shostakovich Suite from The Gadfly, Carmen Fantasy with KJSO Concerto Competition winner **Zachary Brandon**, Williams Star Wars Suite (the real one...no arrangements). Piano Trio and String Quartet perform for Concert Prelude
- May 1 Woodwind Quartet accompanies student at Kinetic Affect's **“Speak it Forward”** at Chenery Auditorium
- May 2 Brass Quintet and Piano Trio perform for seniors at Friendship **Village**
- May 9 **KJSO Auditions**

Prep String Orchestra 34th Season (PSO) - Audrey Lipsey, Conductor; Noah Krzan, Asst., Luke Cook, Cello Choir Dir.

- Sept —April **Rehearsals** Thursday nights — Concert Orchestra rehearses 6:15 to 7:45, Symphonic Strings Orchestra rehearses 7:45 to 8:30 at Kalamazoo South M.S., sectionals once a month with qualified professionals.
- Sept. 13 '14 **Prep Prelude Day Camp** at Portage West Middle School, full orchestra rehearsals, sectionals, social activities, swimming, parent coffee and orientation.
- Sept. 29 **Cello Choir** rehearsals begin. The cello choir will be made up of students from Symphonic Strings. They will rehearse once a month during the season and perform on the concerts.
- December 7 **CONCERT - Kalamazoo Central H.S. Auditorium, 3:00 PM - Concert Orchestra:** Spartacus, Brian Balmages; Valley of the Sun, Alan Lee Silva; Christmas Time Is Here, Lee Mendelson and Vince Guaraldi; Yee Haw!, Jeremy Woolstenhulme
- Symphonic Strings:** The Days and Knights of Arundel, Scott Watson; Dance Suite for Strings, Maurice C. Whitney edited by John Whitney; Folk Tune and Fiddle Dance, Percy E. Fletcher; The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire), Music and Lyrics by Mel Torme and Robert Wells, Arranged by Ted Ricketts
- February 15 **Prep Strings** performs before KJSO concert in reception room
- May 3 '15 **CONCERT — Kasdorf Aud. at Kalamazoo Loy Norrix H.S.,** Training Orch. performs on PSO program, 3:00 PM
- May 12 & 13 **Auditions** for new and returning members

Training Orchestra 23rd Season (TO) — Audrey Lipsey Conductor

Oct — May Training Orchestra skills training sessions Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 Woods Lake Elementary, Home of Kids in Tune
March 24 '15 Training Orchestra pizza party, skills demonstration and concert at Woods Lake Elementary for "Kids in Tune."
May 3 Training Orchestra performs on Prep String Orchestra's Concert program.

Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Society 76th Season (KJSS)

June - May Monthly Board and Executive Committee Meetings, **KISS Notes** published before each of KJSS's three concerts and sent to the community. **KJSS Parent Notes and PSO Parent Notes** sent prior to each concert. Ongoing Board Development meetings.

June - Aug. Planning sessions, New Board member orientation, standing and fundraising committees assignments, season evaluation, work begins on yearly budget, planning annual campaign and special fundraising projects.

Sept. - May Board mini-retreat— final budget approval, marketing and development plan. Parent volunteer orientation begun. Grant & foundation packaging and solicitation. Schp. applications reviews (Oct. – Regis. and Beginning Yr. Camp and Private Music Lessons; May – Summer Music Camp) Ticket & Fruit Sale Campaigns kick-off. Posters and press releases sent to all media, schools, private teachers, libraries, community centers, senior residences, government officials. Parent account update

Oct. - Dec. Indiv. & Business Fund Drive mail campaign, citrus fruit sale & distribution.

May 19 '15 Annual Mtg. and Bd. elections, annual report, KJSS & PSO schps. to summer music camps and student awards.

2015-2016 KALAMAZOO JUNIOR SYMPHONY SOCIETY - FAST FACTS

COMMUNITIES & SCHOOLS SERVED	# Communities	# Schools	Grades levels
Kalamazoo Junior Symphony (KJSO)	19	24	7 th -12 th : 7 (1), 8 (4), 9 (4), 10 (16), 11 (21), 12 (33)
Kalamazoo Prep String (PSO)	10	24	2 nd -11 th : 2 (2), 3 rd (2), 4 th (5), 5 th (8), 6 th (10), 7 th (15), 8 th (8), 9 th (12), 11 th (1)
Kalamazoo Training Orchestra (TO)	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	3 rd - 7 th : (4-3 rd , 10-4 th , 18-5 th , 4-6 th , 1-7 th)
Overall representation (non-duplicate)	23	42	

Represented communities: Athens (1), Augusta (1), **Battle Creek** (6), Bellevue (1), Ceresco (1), Galesburg (1), Hickory Corners (6), Jackson (1), **Kalamazoo** (71), Marshall (1), Mattawan (3), Mendon (1), Otsego (2), Parchment (1), Paw Paw (1), Plainwell (2), **Portage** (47), Richland (2), Schoolcraft (2), Scotts (2), **St. Joseph** (1), Three Rivers (1), **Vicksburg** (2) **Only 5 of the represented school districts have orchestra programs. These are indicated in bold type.**

Represented schools:

- **KJSO:** Battle Creek Academy (2), Gagie (1), Gull Lake H.S. (5), Homeschool (13), K. Central H.S. (6), K. Christian H.S. (1), K. Christian M.S. (1), K. Junior Academy (1), K. Loy Norrix H.S. (10), K. Maple Street M.S. (1), Linden Grove M.S. (1), Marshall H.S. (1), Mattawan H.S. (4), Otsego H.S. (2), P. Central H.S. (4), P. Central M.S. (1), P. North M.S. (1), P. Northern H.S. (12), Parchment H.S. (3), Plainwell H.S. (2), Schoolcraft H.S. (2), St. Joseph H.S. (1), St. Philip Catholic Central (1), Vicksburg H.S. (2)
- **PSO:** Amberly Elem. (2), Angling (1), El Sol (1), Gagie (4), Gull Lake M.S. (1), Hackett Catholic Prep (1)Homeschool (10), K. Central HS (1), K. Christian Elem. (1), K. Christian M. S. (2), K. Country Day (4), K. Junior Academy (1), Linden Grove Middle School (3), Loy Norrix HS (3), Maple Street Magnet School (4), Marshall M. S. (1), Mattawan Later Day Elem (1), Mattawan MS (4), P. Central HS (3), P. Central MS (4), P. Northern HS (3), P. Northern M.S. (1), P. West MS (6), Ryan Intermediate (1)
- **Training:** Amberly (2), Galesburg Augusta (1), Hillside M.S. (1), Home (1), Indian Prairie (1), Linden Grove M.S. (1), Maple Street M.S. (4), Montessori (1), Winchell Elem. (8), K. Woods Lake Elem. (17)

13-14 MINORITY REPRESENTATION & ENROLLMENT STATISTICS:

	KJSO	PSO	TO*	Total	Average	Board	Staff
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0 %	0	
Asian	13	20	1	34	19 %	4 22%	2 22% (Interns)
African-American	2	6	10	18	10 %	2 11%	1 11% (PSO/TO cond.)
Hispanic	0	1	3	4	2 %	0	
Native Hawaiian	0	0	0	0	0 %	0	
White	<u>64</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>69 %</u>	<u>12</u> <u>67%</u>	<u>6</u> 67% (Exec Dir., Exec. Asst., KJSO & Prep Winds Cond. PSO Asst. Cond & Cello Choir Dir)
Total Enrollment	79	63	37	179	100 %	18	9

HOURS OF TRAINING	KJSO	PSO Concert	PSO Symphonic	TO	Total Hrs
Orchestra rehearsal	99	49.5	49.5	21	221

% STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE KALAMAZOO/PORTAGE AREA: 27%

NEED: KJSO ALUMNI REPRESENTED IN SURROUNDING AREA ORCHESTRAS:

- 24% of **Kalamazoo College Philharmonia** musicians are KJSO alumni or members: 3 violin, 4 violas, 4 cello, 1 bass, 1 flute, 1 oboe, 2 clarinet, 1 bassoon, 1 horn, 1 trumpet, 1 trombone, 1 tuba – 20/85
- 14% of **Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra** musicians are KJSO alumni: Asst. concertmaster, 1 2nd violin 5 viola, 2 cello, 2 bass, 1 perc. - 12/85
- 14% of **Southwest MI Symphony Orchestra** musicians are KJSO alumni: 1 Assoc. concertmaster, 1-1st Violin, 2 viola, 1 bass, 1 bassoon, 1 trombone, 1 percussion - 8/57
- 15% of **Battle Creek Symphony Orch.** musicians are KJSO alumni: 1 viola, 2 cello, 1 bass, 2 horn, 1 trombone, 1 tuba - 8/55
- 14% of **Kalamazoo Concert Band** musicians are KJSO alumni: 4 flute, 3 clarinet, 1 oboe, 1 trombone, 3 horn, 1 Euphonium, 1 tuba – 14/104
- 5% of **Western Michigan Univ. Symphony Orchestra** are KJSO alumni: 1-1st violin, 2- viola, 1- flute, 4/82

% of students who do not have an orchestral program in their schools or are home schooled and do not have access to an orchestra program: 44% of KJSO 49% of PSO

<u>GENDER REPRESENTATION:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
KJSO	37%	63%
PSO	32%	68%
Training	<u>26%</u>	<u>74%</u>
Overall	32%	69%

KJSO GRADUATES GOING ON TO COLLEGE AND GOING ON TO COLLEGE AS MUSIC MAJORS:

	No. Graduates	% to College	% Pursuing Music Major *
12-13	18	100%	33%
13-14	28	100%	36%

Many of our graduates minor in music in college and even more play in their college/community orchestra/bands.

AUDITIONS: Average yearly turnover in KJSO and PSO - 33%

<u>Graduated 13-14</u>	<u># Auditioned for 14-15</u>	<u># New Accepted 14-15</u>	<u>Total in Orchestra 15-16</u>
KJSO 28	41	21	79
PSO 4 to KJSO *	62 (new & returning)	20 (new)	62
TO 2 to PSO	not required	starts in Oct.	37 (14-15)

- All returning PSO students audition each year so the conductor can hear them for placement in the Concert or Symphonic Strings Orchestra. Both KJSO and PSO conductors open auditions again in Sept. for any unfilled position.

SMALL ENSEMBLE PROGRAM - The KJSO has 4 small ensembles:

KJSO String Quartet (4), Piano Trio (4), KJSO Woodwind Quartet (4), KJSO Brass Quintet (5) which allows 21 or 28% of our students to study with a KJSO Resident Artist or principal player, perform for a KJSO concert, and play several outreach performances throughout the community several times a year including the two Boy's and Girls Club locations.

SCHOLARSHIPS 14-15 (awarded May 2015) – TOTAL: \$10,035**Summer Music Camp Scholarships (eligible up through grade 11): \$2,985**

KJSO: 2,685 – WMU Seminar, Blue Lake, Cambridge International String Academy, Brian Lewis Youth Artist Program

PSO: 300 - Chamber Music Workshop, Blue Lake

Private Music Lessons: \$3,825

KJSO: 2,205

PSO: 1,620

Need based Scholarships: \$725

Registration, Tune-up, and Prep Prelude Camp Fees

Posie Tomlinson College Scholarship: \$2,500 – Awarded to outstanding KJSO student going on to college to study music.

EDUCATION CONCERTS & PRESENTATIONS (Elementary & Middle Schools Served)- In cases where we visit two schools At-Risk and Minority figures are an average of both schools.

Year	School and Community	# Students Served	% At-Risk*	% Minority*
92-93	Milwood & Woodward Elem.	1,264	54%	46%
93-94	Woods Lake & Northeastern Elem.	1,429	61%	48%
94-95	Parkwood/Upjohn & King/Westwood Elem.	1,243	37%	35%
95-96	Lawton & Lawrence Elementary * #	1,563	51%	15%
96-97	Plainwell (Cooper, Gilkey & Starr Elementary & Plainwell Middle School) * #	1,669	45%	23%
97-98	Sturgis - Canceled due to 2 hr. fog delay			
98-99	Mattawan - grades 4,5,6,7 at H. S. Aud. * #	1,189	8%	6%
99-00	Marshall - high school, middle school & elementary	1,102	22%	8%
00-01	Canceled due to conductor retirement activities and KJSO and PSO conductor search. Hosted new Petosky Youth Orchestra			
01-02	Elem.-Edison School for Environmental Sciences Middle School - Maple Street Magnet School for Arts	1,194	92%	47% (Igly African Amer.)
02-03	Eastwood Elementary, Sturgis H.S. Orchestra	850	57%	20%
03-04	Lawrence Elementary * # Paw Paw Elementary * #	877	30%	16% (largely Hispanic)
04-05	Lawton Elementary * # & Mattawan Early and Later Elementary * #	1,879	45%	17% (largely Hispanic)
05-06	Portage Central Elem. Winchell Elem.	452 439	10% 17%	4% 11%
06-07	Cancelled due to conductor search and uncertainty of MCACA funding		28%	41%
07-08	Replaced with ensemble project:	115	100%	96%

- Ensemble educational presentations at two Boys and Girls Club locations in Kalamazoo
- 08-09 ♦ Paramount Charter Academy: White 77%, African Amer. 15%, Hispanic 4%, Asian 2%, Multiracial 1%, American Indian <1%, Native Hawaiian <1% Ensembles gave educational presentations and conducted Petting Zoo
- 09-10 ♦ Paramount Charter Academy - Provided Petting Zoo for students thinking about beginning band. Band Director out sick for year.
Gospel Mission – volunteer KJSO ensemble and orchestra musicians provided Petting Zoo for “Family Fun Day”
- 10-11 ♦ ❖ Woodland Elementary School – 4 of our ensembles performed and then provided an instrument petting Zoo
White 82%, African Amer. 4%, Hispanic 3%, Asian 9%, 450
- 12-13 ♦ ❖ KJSO’s Wabi Sabi String Quartet School Tour to: Kalamazoo Central H.S., Maple Street Magnet School for Arts – also conducted sectionals, WoodsEdge Learning Center, a special education center-based school that provides service to all nine districts within Kalamazoo County
- 13-14 ♦ ❖ KJSO toured with Midori to Kalamazoo Central, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, Portage Northern H. S. and Portage West. M.S. Ensembles also went with Midori to Kids in Tune.
- 14-15 ♦ ❖ Kids in Tune, Woodwind Quartet accompanies student at “ Kinetic Affect’s “Speak it Forward at Chenery Auditorium
- * No orchestra program available # Designated culturally under served or rural areas ♦ Also visited Boy’s and Girls Clubs locations ❖ Also visited Communities in Schools sites

SENIOR CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **KJSO** - Festival of Trees Opening Gala (425), select members performed with Bach Festival Orchestra for Young Artist Concert (500), 04-05 Performed for Kal. Figure Skaters Club at Twin Star Ice Arena, Joint Concert with Kal. Symphony and Stulberg Gold medalist every other year until 2009, side-by-side with KSO (2013), yearly education concerts
- **KJSO ensembles** - Friendship Village (100), Bronson Place (100), Downtown Kiwanis (75), Festival of Trees, Crossroads Mall, KSO League Membership Recruitment Event, KSO Pre-Concert -yearly, Art Institute Membership Recruitment Event, Epic Bistro, Boys and Girls Club, Arts Educators Conference, Raddison Hotel, KRESA Education for Arts Events, Woodwind Quartet performed for Downtown Rotary Club at Raddison Hotel. Senior Residences: Bronson Place, Friendship Village (we give a yearly ensemble recital
- **Training Orchestra** - Bronson Place- 97-98 & 00-01 (100), Friendship Village-), Evergreen North 02-03 (45), 03-04 Heritage Community/Director’s Hall (50), (04-05) Wyndham Senior Residence (45), (05-06) Woodside at Friendship Village (25) It was necessary to move the Training Orchestra concert to Portage West Middle School’s Little Theatre due to the number of parents who wanted to see the concert. We felt the crowd control became a bit too much for the seniors. We now send our KJSO ensembles.

Posie Tomlinson College Scholarship (\$2,500 funded by the Posie Tomlinson Scholarship Endowment Fund):

- 1992 - **Juliana Trivers, violin** – Graduated Harvard in 1996 Magna Cum Laude with degree in Music Composition. Graduate studies in Paris and at N Y University. Doctorate Music Composition in 2005. Her works have been performed by orchestras, ensembles and soloists throughout U.S. and Europe.
- 1993 - **Anne Francis, cello** – B.A. in Music Performance from Cleveland Institute of Music – 1998, Master of Music Degree from Shepherd School of Music at Rice Univ. Member of critically acclaimed Fry Street Quartet, currently teaches cello and chamber music at Utah State Univ.
- 1994 - **Teresa Reilly, clarinet** – Graduated DePaul Univ. with major in Sound Recording Technology and Clarinet, MM degree from Northwestern Univ. in Clarinet Performance. Performs with orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the Chicago area and Midwest including the Chicago Sym. Orch.
- 1995 - **Jennifer Reinstein, oboe** - Bachelor of Fine Arts from Univ. of Michigan School of Music. Graduated with performance degree, Former Exec. Dir. MI Youth Arts Festival. Clinical Social Worker at U of MI Health System providing support to heart transplant patients.
- 1996 - **Eleanore Schroeder, cello** – Attorney practicing in Farmington Hills,
- 1997 - **Matthew Palmieri, tuba** - Bachelor of Music in Music Education from WMU. Teaching music K-12 at Creative Technologies Academy in Cedar Parings, MI.
- 1998 - **Colin Brown, Flute/Piccolo** - graduated Western Michigan Univ. with a music performance degree. MM Oberlin College in Historic Music Performance focusing on the baroque flute. Music Dir. Catholic Church in Chicago.
- 1999 - **Yaeko Hiyama, violin** – BA/BM chemistry & violin Northwestern Univ., Columbia Univ. 04-09. Researcher
- 2000 - **Angela Matusiak, viola** – Attended Hope College, Holland, MI
- 2001 - **Bethany Erhardt, cello** – Graduated summa cum laude in performance from U. of MI. MM from WMU in performances and conducting. Currently teaching as a certified Suzuki cello teacher.
- 2002 - **Jacie DeWeese, violin** – University of Michigan - Music Performance degree. Sub. Violinist with Grand Rapids symphony, Asst. Concertmaster with West Michigan Symphony, teacher of violin
- 2003 - **Brandon Ridenour, trumpet** – Juilliard School of Music. Former member of Canadian Brass, arranger and composer.

- 2004 - **Noah Krzan, string bass** – WMU double major in music performance/math, member KSO, teacher Crescendo
- 2005 - **Jonathan Reed, string bass** – BA Michigan State Univ. music performance, working on MM at Rice University.
- 2006 - **Kaitlin Haskins, flute** – graduate, Butler University, Arts Administration, minor in Music Marketing & Content Admin. Of FarmPlate.com promoting local sustainable food.
- 2007 - **Hana Beloglavec, trombone** – 3rd yr. Grad Student at Yale Univ. pursuing music performance degree, Sub at Chicago Sym.
- 2008- **Tara Slough, violin** – Grad Student, Rice University majoring in music performance.
- 2009- **Olivia Beaty, percussion** –Northwestern University majoring in music performance – Grad Student
- 2010- **Bonni Lee Beebe, trumpet** – Grad School majoring in music performance
- 2011 - **Jana Specht, Bassoon** – Recently graduated from DePaul University, Chicago majored in music performance.
- 2012 - **Elizabeth (E.J.) Schubkegel, flute** – senior WMU majoring in music performance, minoring in dance.
- 2013 - **Joe LeFevre, tuba** – junior, at MI State Univ majoring in Music Performance
Thomas Barth, cello – junior, Univ. of MI majoring in Music Performance
- 2014 - **Rebecca Luppe, violin** – sophomore, Vanderbilt University majoring in music performance
- 2015- **Cullen O’Neil, cello** – will be a freshman at University of Michigan

KJSO TOURS:

Europe: 1969, 1977, 1982 (1st place in the Youth Orchestra Division of the Annual International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna, Austria) and 1988 (participated in the Bristol Music Festival in England)

Canada: 1973

Australia & New Zealand: 1992 (1st place in Australian National Eisteddfod, open orchestra division)

Brazil: 1996 (performed to standing room only audiences throughout southeast Brazil)

China: 2014

KJSO EXCHANGE CONCERTS:

- Muskegon Area Youth Orchestra - Muskegon, Michigan
- Grand Rapids Youth Symphony - Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Holland Area Youth Orchestra - Holland Michigan