

WEEK OF: 01/06/2026



NAPA VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

FROM THE STAND

NEWS, EVENTS AND SPOTLIGHTS



WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM SILVIA

Happy New Year, Musicians and Families!

We are thrilled to Welcome You Back as we begin the second half of an exciting NVYS season. I hope your winter break was restful and filled with music. As we look ahead, I invite you to join me for an upcoming **Family Check-In to be held online**. This will be a valuable opportunity to share important updates about NVYS, answer questions, and preview what's coming up for our ensembles this spring.

We are also continuing to strengthen our orchestras and are currently seeking to fill open Brass and Woodwind positions. If you know a young musician who may be a great fit, please encourage them to join our community - upcoming open auditions are listed below.

This season, our Youth Symphony is honored to participate in the Inaugural Sierra Youth Music Festival, and we hope our families will come out to support this special performance.

Finally, we are seeking parent helpers to support smooth and successful rehearsals. Please consider signing up below—your involvement makes a meaningful difference.

UPCOMING DATES

01/11/26

- [Open Auditions](#)
- Rehearsals Restart

01/15/26

- Family Check-In ([Zoom Link](#))

01/18/26

- Just Added - [Open Auditions](#)

01/24/26

- Sierra Youth Orchestra Festival -
Tickets Now Available [HERE](#)

02/01/26 - NOTE DATE CHANGE

- STRINGS Seating Auditions for Youth
Symphony & Bridge

02/08/26 - NOTE TIME CHANGE

- 12 PM to 2 PM Rehearsals

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YOUTH SYMPHONY

Message from Dr. Alexander Kahn, Music Director and Conductor

Hi everyone and happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday with friends and family. Looking forward to working with all of you in 2026!

Just a reminder that we only have **TWO REHEARSALS (Jan 11th and Jan 18th)** to prepare for the **January 24th Sierra Youth Orchestra Festival**, where we will perform a Finlandia with youth orchestras from Modesto, Reno, Sacramento, and Santa Rosa, in addition to the first movement of Dvorak 8 and the Conga del Fuego Nuevo. **PLEASE PRACTICE THIS MUSIC** in preparation for our next rehearsal so we can make the best use of those two rehearsals.

Need to listen to recordings of these pieces, check out the [NVYSO Youtube playlist](#). Lost your music? Here is the [music library](#).

Confused about upcoming rehearsal/concert dates? Make sure to subscribe to the [Youth Symphony Google Calendar](#) and the [NVYS Events and Performances Calendar](#).

Recommended video of the week: [Molly Gebrian on learning music faster](#).

BRIDGE

Message from Debbie Walden, Director and Conductor

Hi Bridge Students! I hope you've had a great break and a Happy New Year!

I'm looking forward to rehearsing this weekend! If you took a holiday break from your instrument (hopefully not!) now is the time to dust it off and pull out our new music. Please spend time getting familiar with it. I plan to touch on all 4 songs this Sunday, but to concentrate especially on **Jupiter** and **Warrior Legacy**.

Since our last rehearsal, I have sent you recordings of Jupiter and Millenium. Please chase those down and give them a listen. Click [HERE](#) for a recording of **Warrior Legacy**.

Looking forward to a great rehearsal! See you Sunday!



NYCE - YOUTH STRINGS CHAMBER

Message from Yasushi Ogura, Director and Head Strings Coach

PLEASE KEEP PRACTICING! You have original music - please make sure to keep it neat and do not lose it! Self-directed rehearsal will take place from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm. Please make sure to arrive early and help with set-up.

SINFONIA

Message from Dr. Richard Loheyde, Director and Conductor

Hello Sinfonia Musicians!

Thank you for all of your hard work throughout the semester!

We will be doing more advanced music this next semester. I wanted to give you one of the main pieces I would like to have us perform so that you can begin to work on it over the holiday break. It is called **Rock-On Strings by Soon-Hee Newbold**. [LINK HERE](#) to the audio track and scanned violin and viola parts. *Please look at the clef to make sure you are reading the correct part. :)*

For improving your reading - I suggest you also **play along with the Essential Elements website tracks** a few pages per week from #116 - #180 in your Essential Elements book. Especially the pieces using low 2nd fingers if that is new for you.



NOTES YEAR 2 - STRINGS

Message from Beth, Teaching Artist

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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COMMUNITY POSTS

Messages to/from Community and Educational Partners



OPEN AUDITIONS

REFER A FRIEND TO AUDITION ON JANUARY 11TH
AND YOU WILL RECEIVE 1 ENTRY TO WIN A \$50
VISA GIFT CARD. 1 REFERRAL = 1 ENTRY!
MAKE SURE YOUR FRIEND INCLUDES YOUR NAME.

Instruments Most Needed

- BASS
- VIOLA
- FLUTE
- CLARINET
- BASSOON
- OBOE
- TRUMPET
- TROMBONE
- HORNS
- PERCUSSION

NVYS PHOTO GALLERY



Submit a Photo(s) to Include
HERE

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CONGRATULATIONS



SIENNA YOO

2025/2026
WINNER

SAVE-THE-DATE

SPRING CONCERT

featuring
25/26 CONCERTO WINNER
&
SENIOR NIGHT

Saturday
March 28, 2026
7 PM
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