

WEEK OF: 03/31/2026



NAPA VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

FROM THE STAND

NEWS, EVENTS AND SPOTLIGHTS



WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM SILVIA

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **annual scholarship fundraiser**—your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our young musicians. We are incredibly proud of each and every student who graced the Jarvis stage during our Spring concerts this March. Guests are still raving about the performances, highlighting the confidence, artistry, and skill demonstrated by every ensemble.

We hope you feel a strong sense of accomplishment in all that you've achieved this season. Your dedication, practice, and teamwork truly shined on stage and reflected the heart of our NVYS community.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming **May Community Concert**, where we will continue sharing the joy of music and inspire even more young musicians in our community to join us. This is a special opportunity to expand our reach and invite new families into the NVYS experience.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey—we look forward to what's ahead!

UPCOMING DATES

03/29/26-04/12/26 -

- Spring Break: NO REHEARSALS
Rehearsals begin again **04/19/26**

05/08/26

- Spring Community Concert ft Bridge, Sinfonia, NOTES

07/20/26-07/25/26

- Summer Strings Chamber Camp
Registration: [LINK HERE](#)

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YOUTH SYMPHONY

Message from Dr. Alexander Kahn, Music Director and Conductor

You did **such** an amazing job at our concert last Saturday!!!

So proud of **all** of you for such a wonderful performance. Your hard work and dedication really paid off! I hope you enjoyed the experience and are proud of yourselves as well, it was quite an achievement.

As a reminder, we have a break before we start rehearsing our material for Bottle Rock - there are no rehearsals on April 5 or April 12. Bottle Rock rehearsals will commence on Sunday April 19. **If you are NOT going to be available for BottleRock this year please let us know ASAP.**

Finally a friendly reminder to subscribe to the [Youth Symphony Google Calendar](#) and the [NVYS Events and Performances Calendar](#) so that you are up-to-date regarding our dates and rehearsal/concert schedules.

Congratulations again and hope you are having a wonderful spring break!

BRIDGE

Message from Debbie Walden, Director and Conductor

Good rehearsal! Your sight-reading skills have really improved! We will not be rehearsing for the next 3 weeks, but please **don't take a break from practicing.** You will receive a new piece at our rehearsal on 4/19. Meanwhile, concentrate on the following:

Millennium: Reacquaint yourselves with the entire piece. Practice the rhythmic parts with a metronome.

Mendelssohn's Fifth Symphony: The beginning to letter D is a chorale - slow and legato (smooth, connected notes.) Pay attention to the dynamics. Some parts have quite a few accidentals so be careful with those also. Beginning at letter D is a fast marcato section (quarter note = 144.) Learn it at a slower tempo before trying it fast. First be accurate with notes and rhythms.

Enjoy your Spring Break! Stay Safe!



NYCE - YOUTH STRINGS CHAMBER

Message from Yasushi Ogura, Director and Head Strings Coach

Enjoy your spring break! Keep practicing!

We will rehearse again April 19.

SINFONIA

Message from Dr. Richard Loheyde, Director and Conductor

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring Break!

Please focus your practice on doing **sight reading in Essential Elements at your own pace and learning our new piece “Russian Music Box”**. The priority is improving our intonation as a group so please practice slowly and carefully, always listening to your pitch.

If you want to hear this piece and/ or play along with the recording, please click the JW Pepper link ([LINK HERE](#)) and click the “Score/Audio” play button.

If you were absent Sunday 3/22 and did not get the new piece:
In the Google drive ([LINK HERE](#)) you will find your part to the new piece “Russian Music Box”.



NOTES YEAR 2 - STRINGS

Message from Beth, Teaching Artist

You all **ROCK!** Dragonhunter sounded so great and I'm so honored and proud to have conducted all of you! I hope you are all proud of yourselves - you have come such a long way since the beginning of the season!

Let's keep the momentum going! Right when we get back, we will be playing **Appalachian Hymn and Beauty and the Beast.**

~ Ms. Andy

HOMEWORK

Start practicing the **Appalachian Hymn**. Some ways to practice are tapping the fingerings on the left hand, playing with a metronome, and/or playing it slowly.

NEXT REHEARSAL

- **Sunday, April 19 | 2:15 - 3:45 PM**

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- **NAPA (CELLO): Tuesday, April 7 | 5:00 - 6:00 PM**
- **AMERICAN CANYON: Thursday, April 9 | 5:00 - 6:00 PM**
- **NAPA (VIOLIN): Sunday, April 19 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM**

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Message from Madison & Theo, Teaching Artists

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COMMUNITY POSTS

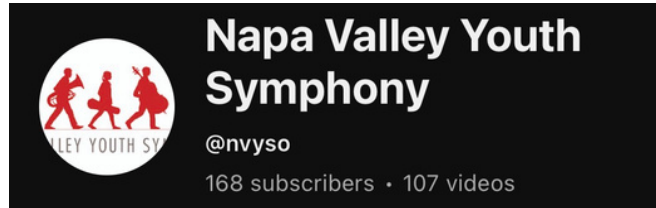
Messages to/from Community and Educational Partners

SHARE THE CONCERTS WITH
FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Watch our March 14th and March 28th
concerts on Youtube!

Search "Napa Valley Youth Symphony," go to
our channel, and click on the "live" tab.

Browse our other videos as well!



STRINGS CHAMBER CAMP BENEFIT CONCERT:

Please join our NVYS principal coach, Yasushi
Ogura, alongside pianist Marilyn Thompson
7:00 PM May 29th 2026 at Jarvis Conservatory
for a concert benefitting NVYS' Strings
Chamber Camp!