

WEEK OF: 05/12/2026



NAPA VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

# FROM THE STAND

NEWS, EVENTS AND SPOTLIGHTS



## WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM SILVIA

As we close out another wonderful season, we want to thank **each and every one** of our students, families, coaches, staff, and supporters for being part of the NVYS family. Your dedication, encouragement, carpools, practice hours, volunteerism, and belief in music education made this season truly special. We are wishing Good luck to all of the students auditioning this Sunday and are excited to hear your growth and musicianship. (If you were not quite ready yet, don't worry—additional spots will be available during our **August audition cycle to sign up!**)

There are many exciting things happening this summer, including camps, performances, and new opportunities. Be sure to look for our **Summer eNewsletter** arriving at the end of May. Beginning **May 18th**, returning families will receive early registration and scholarship application packets. Current scholarship recipients will also receive a note this week regarding any pending items.

Before we head into summer, we hope you'll join us one last time for our **Family Potluck & BottleRock Preview** on **Sunday, May 17th at 5:30 pm**. Please RSVP so we can prepare seating for everyone.

Thank you again for a beautiful season—we can't wait to continue making music together! If you have pictures from this season, please share them with us by sending them to [orchestra@nvysso.org](mailto:orchestra@nvysso.org).

## UPCOMING DATES

### 05/17/26

- Season 26/27 Auditions, BottleRock Preview and Family Potluck: RSVP and Food Sign-Up for Potluck: [HERE](#)

### 5/24/26

- BottleRock Performance!

### 07/20/26-07/25/26

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

### 07/27/26-07/31/26

- 1st Annual Summer Woodwinds & Brass Chamber Camp! Registration: [LINK HERE](#)

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## YOUTH SYMPHONY

*Message from Dr. Alexander Kahn, Music Director and Conductor*

I hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day with your family!

Our next rehearsal (Sunday May 17) is our **last rehearsal** before our Bottle Rock performance (Sunday May 24)! Please make sure to be prepared. We will rehearse from 4-5:15 and then have a public performance at 5:30pm to kick off the end-of-the-season potluck. A friendly reminder to listen to the Spotify playlist for this music, which you can find [here](#). Please make sure to listen to these recordings while following along with your parts, this will be the fastest way to learn this music.

As a reminder, you can find the sheet music for this set in [this Google folder](#). **String players:** please COPY THE UPDATED BOWINGS IN THIS FOLDER INTO YOUR PARTS :)

Finally, a reminder that I am hoping you can help spread the word about our upcoming audition dates! Complete details about our upcoming auditions can be found on our website, <https://www.nvyso.org>. You are all encouraged to ask your high school band/orchestra director if you can do a five-minute presentation during a rehearsal to encourage your friends to sign up.

## BRIDGE

*Message from Debbie Walden, Director and Conductor*

**We did it!** Only a few rehearsals and yet your dedication and effort resulted in a beautiful concert. You should be very proud of your performance! I know I am! Thank you!

As this season comes to a close, and summer break approaches, may I encourage you to continue moving forward in your skills. Many of you made vast improvements this year. I was very impressed! Let's keep those improvements coming! Besides your private lessons and practice sessions, consider participating in the chamber camps this summer. The information for these can be found on this newsletter.

I will see many of you at the auditions this weekend. **Good Luck!** And I certainly hope to see all of you in the fall! Thanks for a tremendous year of music!



## NYCE - YOUTH STRINGS CHAMBER

*Message from Yasushi Ogura, Director and Head Strings Coach*

# SINFONIA

*Message from Dr. Richard Loheyde, Director and Conductor*

**Congratulations** Sinfonia players on a wonderful concert! I am proud of all of you.

I highly encourage everyone to keep practicing over the summer and honing in all your skills. Please consider signing up for the summer chamber camps.

**Good luck** to everyone in the upcoming auditions!



# NOTES YEAR 2 - STRINGS

*Message from Beth, Teaching Artist*

Congratulations to all NOTES musicians on this past concert and all your hard work this season!

This season was filled with growth, dedication, memorable performances, and beautiful music-making, and we are incredibly proud of everything our students accomplished together. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and commitment throughout the season.

For the summer, families are welcome to explore the summer camp opportunities available through NVYS: [NVYS Summer Camps](#)

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful, and music-filled summer.

## NOTES YEAR 1 - STRINGS

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# COMMUNITY POSTS

*Messages to/from Community and Educational Partners*

## NEW FOR 2026/2027:

We are excited to introduce our “Give \$25, Get \$25” referral program! For every new student who is accepted and completes the 2026–2027 concert season, the referring student will receive a \$25 gift card, and the new student will also receive a \$25 gift card at the conclusion of the season in May 2027. It's easy to share our upcoming [audition dates](#), flyers and social media posts. Please help us grow by sharing this opportunity!



## *The Wizard of Oz* with Live Orchestra

THURSDAY, JULY 16 | 6:30PM  
FESTIVAL NAPA VALLEY STAGE AT  
CHARLES KRUG  
2800 MAIN STREET | ST. HELENA

## SPECIAL SUMMER INVITATION (LIMITED SPACE!)

Festival Napa Valley has extended a limited group reservation (30 students + one parent each) for *The Wizard of Oz* with Live Orchestra on **Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 pm** at the Festival Napa Valley Stage at Charles Krug. Experience this beloved film as the score is performed live by Festival Orchestra Napa under Conductor Ming Luke. This magical evening includes pre-concert festivities and a full concert experience—perfect for the whole family!  
Sign-up: [LINK HERE](#)

## STRINGS CHAMBER CAMP BENEFIT CONCERT:

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

