



## **Support Youth Symphony and other nonprofits**

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I would like to share with your readers the important and inspiring work in performing arts education that I have experienced with the Napa Valley Youth Symphony. NVYS, in its 12th season, provides a high level of musical training to young musicians in the Napa Valley, while enriching our community by performing full-length concerts at the Lincoln Theater throughout the year.

These musicians represent more than 75 youths ages 9-19 from 20 schools in the Napa Valley. In addition to its youth orchestra program, Napa Valley Youth Symphony also trains entry-level student musicians through its String Sinfonia and Wind Sinfonia ensembles. Just in the past year, NVYS has given students not only the chance to see the Vienna Philharmonic and the New York Philharmonic up close in otherwise closed rehearsals, but also to perform in New York's legendary Carnegie Hall.

Since 2008, the Napa Youth Symphony has performed at my annual Holiday Celebration at the Culinary Institute of America. Our guests have loved listening to and watching such an accomplished group of young students perform. Their presence generated an ambience that captured the holiday spirit, and that my guests have thoroughly loved and appreciated over the past six years.

NVYS is one of 40 Napa Valley nonprofits that have been chosen to be featured in this year's CanDo Give!Guide project. The Give!Guide is an example of how the Napa Valley inspires community spirit, fosters a culture of giving, and celebrates collaboration among our nonprofits.

You can help support these talented young musicians and arts education in the Napa Valley by contributing to NVYS at [NVGiveGuide.org](http://NVGiveGuide.org) from now until Dec. 31. NVYS is dedicated to providing access to all Napa Valley young musicians and will be using Give!Guide contributions to support tuition and lesson scholarships.

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