

National Symphony Orchestra

Iván Fischer, Principal Conductor

Christoph Eschenbach, Music Director Designate

Application deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2009

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NSO YOUNG ASSOCIATES' PROGRAM—An Announcement

(January 7-March 25, 2010)

The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) is sponsoring its 35th annual Young Associates' Program for high school students in grades 11 and 12 in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area who are interested in pursuing a musical career. Up to twenty outstanding instrumentalists (pianists are not included) will be selected to attend rehearsals of the National Symphony Orchestra and take part in seminars with conductors, artists, NSO musicians, and representatives of the arts management field. Through this program, the Young Associates will acquire an appreciation of the wide range of skills, knowledge, and abilities—managerial as well as musical—that are required to put together a performance by a major symphony orchestra. Selection process is by application.

The core of the program involves attendance at rehearsals of the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center and observation of various guest artists. In addition to attending NSO rehearsals, students participate in workshops to explore careers in management, music education, publicity, music library, and other professions that are essential to the life of every successful orchestra.

Students do not play their instruments as part of the program. Students learn through listening, observation, and asking questions of professionals.

Due to the Orchestra's rehearsal schedule, most of the meetings of the Young Associates' Program take place during the school day (times and programs are subject to change). NSO rehearsals take place in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

Students wishing to take part in the Young Associates' Program should complete the attached application form as well as write a letter of application explaining:

- Why the applicant wishes to be considered and what benefits he/she expects to derive from the program;
- The applicant's desire to pursue a career in music and how participation in the program could help further that career;
- The applicant's willingness and ability to meet the Young Associates' schedule.

In addition, one letter of recommendation from EITHER the applicant's instrumental teacher OR from the conductor of the organized group in which the student plays should cover the following items:

- The musical potential and achievement of the student;
- An indication of the degree of interest and enthusiasm in a musical career displayed by the student;
- Willingness and ability to keep appointments;
- Adaptability and cooperativeness in group work;
- An indication that participation in the Young Associates' Program would increase the student's ability to pursue a career in music.

NSO YOUNG ASSOCIATES' SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2009-10

Thurs., Jan. 7	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	NSO Rehearsal: Leonard Slatkin, conductor/Nikolaj Znaider, violin Choral Arts Society of Washington ELGAR: Violin Concerto HOLST: <i>The Planets</i>
	12:30-1 p.m.	Q & A with Nikolaj Znaider
Thurs., Jan. 21	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	NSO Rehearsal: Iván Fischer, conductor Christianne Stotijn, mezzo-soprano/Stig Anderson, tenor MOZART: Symphony No. 38, "Prague" MAHLER: <i>Das Lied von der Erde</i>
	12:30-1 p.m.	Tour of NSO Music Library with Marcia Farabee, Librarian
Thurs., Jan. 28	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	NSO Rehearsal (open to high school students by registration) Iván Fischer, conductor/Mischa Maisky, cello BERNSTEIN: <i>On the Town</i> – Three Dance Episodes TCHAIKOVSKY: <i>Lensky's Aria</i> (arranged for cello & orchestra) TCHAIKOVSKY: <i>Rococo Variations</i> DVOŘÁK: Symphony No. 8
	12:30-1 p.m.	Q & A with Iván Fischer/open to all high school students
Sun., Feb. 14 OPTIONAL	6 p.m. Concert Hall	NSO Young Soloists' Competition Finals (High School Division)
Thurs., Feb. 18	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	NSO Rehearsal , James Gaffigan, conductor/Denis Matsuev, piano AUERBACH: <i>Requiem for Icarus</i> RACHMANINOFF: Piano Concerto No. 2 TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony No. 4
	12:30-1:30 p.m.	Career Day
Mar. 16-19 Mar 22	9:50-10:20 a.m./11:10-11:40 a.m. 9:45-10:15 a.m./11:15-11:45 a.m.	Instrument Demonstrations at NSO Young People's Concerts ENCOURAGED to choose 1 day in March to demonstrate your instrument to children grades 3-6.
Thurs., Mar. 25	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	NSO Rehearsal: Jakub Hrůša, conductor/David Müller-Schott, cello DVOŘÁK: Cello Concerto SCHUBERT: Symphony No. 8, "Unfinished" JANÁČEK: <i>Taras Bulba</i>
	12:30-1 p.m.	Q & A with David Müller-Schott
	1-1:30 p.m.	Program Wrap-up (drinks/dessert provided)
In addition, Young Associates are welcome to attend the following master classes as observers:		
Thurs., Apr. 22	4-6 p.m.	Wind Master Class presented by Aaron Goldman NSO assistant principal flute/RR 2
Fri., May 21	4-6 p.m.	Upper Strings Master Class presented by Pamela Hentges NSO assistant principal second violin/RR 6
		Lower Strings Master Class presented by David Hardy, NSO principal cello/RR 1

Completed application form and required letters should be postmarked, faxed, or hand delivered, no later than **Tuesday, December 1, 2009**. Applications posted after that date will not be accepted.

LETTERS OF APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Young Associates' Program	FAX (202) 416-8853
NSO Education Program	Phone (202) 416-8820
Kennedy Center	
PO Box 101510	
Arlington, VA 22210	

For overnight deliveries only:
2700 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20566

Information can be accessed on the World Wide Web at:

www.kennedy-center.org/nso/nsoed/youngassociates.html

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YOUNG ASSOCIATES' PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
2009-10**

IMPORTANT: Please read carefully and complete all items on this form. Type or print legibly. Each application must be signed by the applicant, parent/guardian, and school principal and must be accompanied by the required letters.

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APPLICATION

NAME OF APPLICANT _____
(last) (first) (other)

GRADE _____ AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____ CELL PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

_____ ZIP CODE _____

SCHOOL _____

MAJOR INSTRUMENT _____ HOW LONG PLAYED _____

NAME OF INSTRUMENTAL TEACHER _____

OTHER INSTRUMENTS (please list) _____

SCHOOL MUSIC ACTIVITIES (Orchestra, Band, Choir, etc.) _____

NON-MUSICAL ACTIVITIES (sports, etc) _____

NAME OF NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZED MUSICAL GROUP in which you play _____

NAME OF CONDUCTOR _____

ENCLOSE ONE (1) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM EITHER

- a) Your instrumental music teacher OR
- b) The conductor of the group in which you play

TO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: (Please read before signing)

As Principal of the school attended by the applicant, I am aware that if he/she is accepted into the National Symphony Orchestra Young Associates' Program, there will be certain related activities which will take place during school hours. I approve of the applicant's participation and will assist the applicant in being released from classes. (Exceptions may be made for important school priorities.)

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN: (Please read before signing)

As parent (or guardian) of the applicant, I approve of his/her participation in the National Symphony Orchestra Young Associates' Program and I will support his/her efforts if selected as an Associate. I understand that there will be certain extra-curricular requirements on the applicant's time. For those activities which take place during school hours, the Young Associates' Program will assist the applicant in being released from school. I further understand that transportation to and from the Kennedy Center for Young Associates' activities is the applicant's responsibility.

PARENT'S (Guardian's) SIGNATURE _____

THIS APPLICATION **MUST** BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT.

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DATE _____

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REMEMBER to enclose your personal letter of application and one letter of recommendation.