

WHY JOIN THE CIYS?

If you would like to:

- share the gift of music with others,
- perform to enthusiastic audiences,
- meet some talented people your age who are interested in music,
- enjoy a unique musical organization that nurtures each student,
- perform some of the greatest orchestral music ever written,
- experience small ensemble instruction and performance,
- have the chance to participate in masterclasses taught by visiting artists,

then the Central Illinois Youth Symphony is the place to be!

Who Can Join?

Membership in the organization is decided through an audition process and is open to all serious music students in Central Illinois. Students through grade 12 are eligible for membership. They must be members of their own school instrumental organization and/or have the permission of their local music director.

How to Apply

Application forms are available online at: www.ciys.org
or you can request one by contacting Renee Chernick or Becky Carlyle (888)218-4650
Email: info@ciys.org

Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals take place each Thursday evening from 5:30 - 9:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, Advent Lutheran Church and First Mennonite Church in Morton, IL. Seasons run from late August through November and begin again in January and run through April. A detailed schedule is available online at www.ciys.org.

OUR STAFF

CIYS Conductor

Brian Dollinger - Beginning Fall 2009
BM, MM, Illinois State, Music Director of Bradley University, Muscatine, IA, and Clinton IA Symphony Orchestras and Double Bass instructor at Bradley

CICO Conductor

Philip Rudd
BMusic Education, Master Teacher in the ISU String Project, Assistant Conductor of the Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra

PREP and Cadet Conductor

Betsy Jones
PREP Conductor since 1995, attended Indiana University and the U of I, BMusic and BMusic Education, former Music Faculty Peoria High School, PSO performer, private instructor

Percussion Ensemble

Peggy Bonner
Director of Bands at Rolling Acres Edison School, Professor of Percussion at Bradley University, Principal Percussionist of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra

Brass Ensemble

Bradley R. Harris
MM degree in Trombone Performance and a secondary MM in Conducting from Illinois State, private instructor, performer

Flute Choir

Becky Schutte
Flute Performance from Illinois State, Junior high flute choir and ensemble coach, private instructor

Clarinet Choir/Woodwinds Quintet

Sherill Diepenbrock
BMusic Education from Western Illinois University, private instructor, performer, clinician and adjudicator

CIYS Quartets

Jane Hoffmire
BM from Illinois Wesleyan University and MM from University of Illinois, private instructor, performer

A not-for-profit organization, the CIYS Organization has provided excellence in classical music education to the youth of Central Illinois for over 40 years. This has been made possible by the support of foundations, corporations and individuals that believe in what we do. Each season, CIYS relies on public support to underwrite its artistic and educational initiatives for the community. Donors receive special benefits and recognition throughout the year, and take pride in the knowledge that they are contributing to a legacy of artistic excellence in the region. If you'd like to make a contribution and help continue this tradition please visit our Website for a downloadable donation form or call our office.



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Growing the Music with the youth of Central Illinois for over 40 years



Founded in the fall of 1965 by visionary music educators from the Central Illinois area, the Central Illinois Youth Symphony organization has grown from a single orchestra to encompass four orchestras, a percussion ensemble, a brass ensemble, a flute choir, a clarinet choir, a woodwind quintet, a brass quintet and two string quartets.

Central Illinois Youth Symphony

Established in 1965 and consisting of the most experienced musicians in our organization. Students generally range in age from sixth grade through high school. CIYS members enjoy the enrichment and challenge of performing with other serious and dedicated musicians. It has a history of presenting exciting repertoire and each season of fine performances is highly anticipated.

The Central Illinois Concert Orchestra

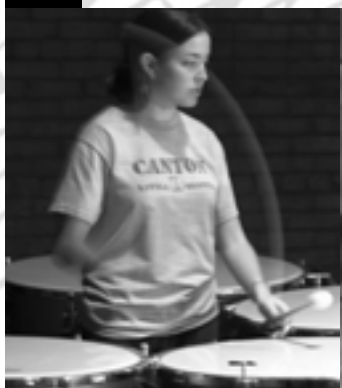
In 1970 a need was recognized to expand the musical opportunities offered by the CIYS and to provide a symphonic experience for intermediate middle and high school players. Central Illinois Concert Orchestra, or CICO, performs full orchestral repertoire, while refining technique. Concert Orchestra is designed as a preparatory group for the Youth Symphony as well as being a fine youth orchestra in its own right.

The Central Illinois Prep Orchestra

In 1995 our PREP Orchestra was formed to meet the needs of young musicians in their first advanced setting. PREP is designed for string players that have at least one year of playing on their instrument but have little or no experience playing in an ensemble. The students will work on note reading and rhythm patterns and develop confidence and listening ability.

Central Illinois Cadet Orchestra

Newly formed for the 2009-2010 season, the Central Illinois Cadet Orchestra is a string orchestra for students that have at least one year of playing on their instruments but have little or no experience playing in an ensemble. Teaching emphasis is on developing beginning rhythmic and intonation skills in an ensemble and the ability to listen to others while performing. Auditioning students should be able to read and play all notes on all strings in first position.



Over 2200 students have been served by our organization since its beginning in **1965.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Central Illinois Youth Symphony is dedicated to fulfilling the need for a superior musical organization which will challenge, educate and stimulate the advanced students of music in the Central Illinois Area.

- Central Illinois Percussion Ensemble
- Central Illinois Brass Ensemble
- Central Illinois Flute Choir
- Central Illinois Clarinet Choir

Formed in 1997, 2006 and 2008, these ensembles provide additional educational and enrichment opportunities for the percussion, brass, flute and clarinet students participating in CICO and CIYS as well as students not currently playing in either orchestra. The mission is for students to perform ensemble literature that not only showcases their skills but helps students transition from playing in a symphonic band to playing in a symphony orchestra.

Music is not only a way for young people to connect with themselves... but it is also a bridge for **connecting** with **others.**



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- November 2009 | Fall Wine Tasting Fundraiser with selected solo and ensemble performances
- November 15, 2009 | Fall Small Ensemble Concert
- November 20, 2009 | Fall Orchestra Concert
- January 9, 2010 | Senior Solo Recital,
- April 10, 2010 | CIYS Performance with the Peoria Ballet
- April 16, 2010 | Spring Small Ensemble Concert
- April 25, 2010 | Spring Orchestra Concert

- Central Illinois Brass Quintet
- Central Illinois Woodwind Quintet
- Central Illinois String Quartets

The Central Illinois Brass and Woodwind Quintets consist of the top brass and woodwind players in the Youth Symphony and the Quartets are formed from the top string players. These ensembles give the organization's most advanced players further enrichment and provide additional performance experiences.

School orchestras and bands benefit from the many skills and **leadership abilities** our members acquire.