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Midori's Orchestra Residencies Program Inspires Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes

The Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (YOSFL) welcomes virtuoso violinist Midori and the Orchestra Residencies Program (ORP) with workshops beginning 10-10-2020. This series of workshops is made possible by the Orchestra Residencies Program to members of the League of American Symphony Orchestras. The online workshops support youth orchestras during the 2020-2021 season in an effort to help keep young musicians engaged, motivated and excited during these unusual times.

In addition to a violin master class, the scheduled workshops for the YOSFL students include "How to Practice" and "Aural Heritage: Who to Listen to and What to Listen for." As a staunch advocate for music education, Midori will present a workshop to parents and teachers about "Encouraging Young People to Keep Music in Their Lives / Life Beyond High School" on October 17.

Japanese-born violinist Midori's rise to fame began as a child prodigy when at the age of 11, conductor Zubin Mehta invited her to perform with the New York Philharmonic. As a leading concert violinist for over 35 years, Midori regularly transfixes audiences around the world, combining graceful precision and intimate expression. Midori is a visionary artist, activist, and educator who is dedicated to exploring and building connections between music and the human experience. She serves as a United Nations Messenger of Peace.

"We are thrilled to kick off the new school year with these inspiring workshops. It is a real privilege to have Midori work with the YOSFL students," stated YOSFL Conductor, Augusto Diemecke.

ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (OSFL)

Due to the pandemic shutdown of large gatherings, the OSFL remains off-stage until further notice. In a normal year, the OSFL offers four regular season full orchestra concerts, including a side by side Youth Orchestra and professional musician collaboration, a Musicians' Choice Chamber Music Series, concerts by the Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes, several concerts by the Youth Orchestra and Junior String Ensemble, as well as smaller ensemble concerts for children. Under the guidance of distinguished Music Director and Conductor, Toshiyuki Shimada, the OSFL is a strong supporter of highlighting the musical achievements of young musicians with its own Youth Orchestra and Junior String Ensemble programs, as well as the Hertzog Concerto Competition for young artists in grades 9 - 12. The OSFL collaborates with regional cultural partners, artists, and like-minded organizations to advance our mutual artistic growth in the greater Elmira-Corning area.

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