

WICHITA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Young People's Concerts

January 24 – 26, 2023

Hear the Music. Write the Stories.

Music tells a story. Or, for others, it evokes an image, a memory, or a feeling. The possibilities are as endless as the stars in the night sky, and everyone's response is different. Music enriches life and broadens our horizons. Our responses to music – and even to a single piece -- will evolve through the experiences of a lifetime.

But where and how does one start?

At the Wichita Symphony's Young People's Concerts on January 24 - 26, conductor, violinist, and educator Barbara Scowcroft from the Utah Symphony leads students on an interactive adventure of discovery. With a program of colorful orchestral pieces, Scowcroft shares responses from student submissions that set examples for further creative discussion back in the classroom.

And there's one part of the adventure we can't replicate elsewhere. There is no substitute for experiencing a symphony orchestra's glorious sound than in person at a concert.

Start your student's lifetime of musical adventure with a school trip to this year's Wichita Symphony Young People's Concerts! Register your class today!

A Note to Teachers and a Small Class Project Before Coming to the January YPC

Here are three short pieces (listed below) we will perform at the January YPC concerts! (Don't worry, there will be others!) Please pick one to play for your class. Invite students to use their imaginations to write:

- a) A word that describes the feelings the music inspires (e.g., happy, sad, excited), and
- b) A brief description of a picture or memory this music might describe. (A few words or sentences are fine, and there are no wrong answers! Don't give any hints by sharing the titles of the pieces.)

Send or bring your classroom's creations to the Wichita Symphony by January 17. Please have the student write their first name only on their work, and identify the school, the grade level of your class, and which piece you listened to. If you used more than one example, please keep the responses separate and identify the music used for each batch.

Wichita Symphony
Attn: January YPC Creations
225 W. Douglas, Ste. 207
Wichita, KS 67202

We will randomly select a few submissions to read at the Young People's Concert and give a shout-out to your school and student. The objective is to encourage students to react to music creatively with their imaginations. Sharing submitted creations will broaden the possibilities and make the concert more interactive for the students.

Piece one is 3 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YohoOzkRiY>

Piece two is 2.5 minutes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLp_Hh6DKWc

Piece three is 4 minutes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKF1sj4yK_w

You can also go directly to YouTube and search for the following pieces:

1. Reinhold Gliere: Russian Sailor's Dance
2. Edvard Grieg: In the Hall of the Mountain King
3. Georges Bizet: Carillon from the L'Arlesienne Suite no. 1

We look forward to reading your student's reactions to the music. We will post some submissions on social media and the Symphony's website.