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NOYO Performs Spring Program

Elyria—March 26, 2017—The Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra (NOYO) is delighted to announce that their upcoming concert, titled *Landscapes*, will include the new Wind Symphony ensemble for the first time. This is the Wind Symphony's inaugural year, and the upcoming performance, scheduled **March 26, 2017 in Finney Chapel, Oberlin**, marks the first time in six years that NOYO will combine strings and winds at the middle school level.

The program also includes a new work commissioned especially for NOYO students written by Colorado-based composer Susan Day.

Andrew Machamer, executive and artistic director of NOYO, will conduct the Wind Symphony. "I'm very proud of our young musicians," Machamer said. "They come to rehearsals hungry to learn and with the best possible attitudes—the Wind Symphony has been a fantastic success and a testament NOYO's growth and influence in recent years."

Also performing this concert are the Amati Strings—another ensemble new to this year—directed by Mary Price; the Sinfonietta Strings directed by Peggie Willett; the Percussion Ensemble directed by Louis Pino; and the Philharmonia Orchestra directed by David Pope—orchestra director at Elyria High School and the interim Philharmonia conductor for this concert cycle.

Said Machamer, "It has been such a treat for our students to have the opportunity to work with Dr. Pope. His breadth of knowledge and understanding of music education pedagogy has benefited our musicians greatly."

Each ensemble will perform music evocative of landscapes, such as Sibelius's *Finlandia*, Meredith's *The Red Cape*, and the world-premiere of Susan Day's NOYO commissioned work *The Great Lakes*. The Wind Symphony will also perform *Feuerfest* by Joseph Strauss in collaboration with the Sinfonietta Strings.

Landscapes begins at **3:30 p.m. March 26, 2017**. Tickets are available at www.noyo.org or at the door. General admission door prices are \$10, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Children 3-years-old and under are free of charge. For more information, please visit **noyo.org** or call 440-775-3059.

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About NOYO

The Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra (NOYO) is a regional orchestral training program for young musicians ages 8-18 based at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. NOYO's ensembles include the Amati Strings, Wind Symphony, Sinfonietta Strings, Rhythm & Brass, and Philharmonia Orchestra, all which perform several major concerts in world-class concert halls each season.

NOYO provides unique opportunities that go beyond performing the standard orchestral literature. Our students routinely premiere newly commissioned works, appear side by side with collegiate orchestras, and participate in large scale, multi-media collaborations with organizations such as the Ohio Dance Theatre, MAD Factory, Choral Spectrum, and Oberlin Choristers. In addition to producing innovative programs, NOYO's musicians tour nationally and internationally to exchange musical and cultural ideas, form lifelong friendships, and expand their understanding of the broader world.

First concert that the Wind Symphony will perform with the other ensembles. We had a concert on February 5th for the residents at Kendal at Oberlin entitled "New Frontiers". All of the music was western themed, which fit the idea of 'new ensemble, new experiences, new friends'. This will be the first time in 6 seasons that we combine strings and winds at the middle school level. That piece is called *Feuerfest* and is a French Polka by Joseph Strauss. There is an anvil part that is particularly fun and engaging.

Dr. David Pope (bio below) is our interim Philharmonia conductor for this concert. He is the orchestra director at Elyria HS and has brought a contagious energy and enthusiasm to our students.

Music will evoke visions and feels from different types of landscapes from Finnish round-topped fells with Sibelius' *Finlandia* to Spanish coastal plains with Meredith's *The Red Cape* and back to Ohio with a newly commissioned work for our Sinfonietta Strings by composer Susan Day entitled *The Great Lakes*.

Quote: "I am very proud of our young musicians in the Wind Symphony. They come to rehearsals hungry to learn and with the best possible attitudes. It has been a pleasure to work with them these past few months and I am already looking forward to next season!"
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Groups performing:

Amati Strings - directed by Mary Price
Wind Symphony - directed by Andrew Machamer
Sinfonietta Strings - directed by Peggie Willett
Percussion Ensemble - directed by Louis Pino
Philharmonia Orchestra - directed by David Pope