

2014-2015 Concerts

- 2014 November 10th Monday 7pm
Leopold Residence, Bellingham
December 15th, Monday 7pm
Holiday Concert, Leopold Residence
- 2015 March 14th Saturday 1pm
McIntyre Hall, Mt. Vernon
March 21st Saturday 2pm
Mt Baker Theatre, Bellingham
May 26th, Tuesday 7pm

Concert dates may need to be changed due to schedule conflicts-keep in touch through mbys.org

Artistic Director: Sharyn Peterson

Now in her 23rd season with MBYS, Mrs. Peterson conducts the Festival Orchestra and Youth Symphony and coaches the strings. Mrs. Peterson has premier training and experience in instrumental and choral conducting, and has taught string techniques at Universities, High Schools, and Middle Schools. She is an outstanding musician who leads with enthusiasm and skill, and frequently performs as a professional violinist and vocalist.

Assistant Conductor: Malcolm Peterson

Mr. Peterson has an extensive background as conductor and instructor of Middle School, High School, College, and Adult bands, choirs, and orchestras. He specializes in brass techniques, directs the Junior Symphonies, and coaches the brass sections of both Mt Baker and Fidalgo Youth symphonies.

A gifted professional coaching staff provides specific instruction for the instrumental groups within each ensemble.

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"I have been blessed with being a part of the MBYS team since elementary school. I love its dedication to nurturing students' musical growth as well as their personal growth as good people. This is evident in the mission statement, the manner in which coaches interact with students, and the way they expertly instruct them to become excellent musicians. The people who perform in MBYS and instruct these symphonies comprise one of the friendliest, kindest groups of people I have known. The MBYS has fed both my love of music and love of people over the years and I strongly recommend it."

Ana Hobson, Violinist and Strings Instructor



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2014-2015 REGISTRATION FORM AUDITION INFORMATION



**Mt. Baker
Youth
Symphony**

Scaling the Heights of Music



rehearsals at Kulshan Middle School

Mt. Baker Youth Symphony promotes personal growth and self-esteem while teaching the values of teamwork and excellence, through preparation and performance of musical masterpieces.

mbys.org

Membership Application/ Renewal

Name _____

Parent/Guardian names _____

Address _____

parent e-mail _____

student e-mail _____

Phones _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Instrument(s) _____

Music teacher _____

New students-include a brief paragraph of your music experience so far; pieces played, teachers, etc.

Which group do you want to enter? Circle one:
Junior Symphony Youth Symphony Sinfonette
Tuition: \$330 (\$310 for sibling)
Sinfonette Tuition: \$250 (\$225 for sibling)

We understand the financial requirements and wish to enroll in the Symphony.

Please sign below

Applicant _____

Parent _____

Please mail in fees to the P.O. Box or bring with you to the first rehearsal on Sept. 8th

New youth symphony applicants audition during Monday rehearsal times, 6-8pm through September

Check here if you would rather not have your address and phone # printed in the roster.

September 8th 6-9pm at

Kulshan Middle School, Bellingham, WA 98225

Our first rehearsal of the new season!

Auditions will be held for new members entering the most advanced group (Youth), and for current members who wish to move up from Junior Symphony into Youth.

No audition is required for returning members, Sinfonette, or Junior Symphony members.

Mail in the registration form and tuition fee to:

**MBYS
P.O. Box 5611,
Bellingham, WA. 98227**

Audition requirements for Youth Symphony:

1. 2-minute solo showing current advancement
2. Brief sight-reading
3. Scales:
Strings: 3-octave major and a 3-octave minor scale of your choice
Brass & Woodwinds: 2-octave major and a 2-octave minor scale of your choice or choose 3 octaves if your instrument has the range), and your longest chromatic scale.

Membership is open to students through age 21. College credit is available through several programs-we will work with you to find the right one.

Payment: Preferred: payment in full in September. If this is not feasible, we will design a payment plan with you.

Sinfonette: 6-7pm Directed by Ana Hobson
Open to students with at least one year of experience, this group will learn reading and ensemble skills, tone production, and basic harmonies. They will perform at MBYS concerts.

Junior Symphony: 6-7:30pm Conducted by Malcolm Peterson, this ensemble is for musicians with a minimum of two years of experience on their symphony instrument.

Junior Symphony performs symphonic arrangements which teach the musical skills needed in order to advance.

They also join with the Youth Symphony for one Finale piece per concert, creating the Festival Orchestra.

Youth Symphony: 7-9pm Conducted by Sharyn Peterson, this group consists of the most experienced players, who perform symphonic literature on an advanced level.

The Fiddlers' Troupe rehearses Fiddling tunes from around the world and performs in MBYS concerts and at community events.

In March MBYS traditionally joins with its' sister symphony, the Fidalgo Youth Symphony from Mt Vernon, to perform in two collaborative concerts.



The December Holiday Concert

Selected Chamber groups perform, with a final large-group set of light holiday pieces, and guest musicians!

This special concert is always a favorite.



Music warms the soul!
Sharyn Peterson, Conductor