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NEARLY 200 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM CHICAGO AREA PARTICIPATE IN 2023 CHICAGO YOUTH IN MUSIC FESTIVAL AT SYMPHONY CENTER MARCH 24-27, 2023

Musicians from CYSO and CMPI Play with Musicians from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago in Side-by-Side Open Rehearsal Led by Ken-David Masur on March 27

CHICAGO – The annual Chicago Youth in Music Festival (CYMF), presented by the Negaunee Music Institute at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO), celebrates young musicians who are passionate about symphony orchestras. The 2023 festival takes place March 24-27 at Symphony Center. In the opening days of the festival, 200 young musicians from four partner Chicago Public Schools and four community music schools will convene for sectionals and side-by-side rehearsals with musicians from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, led by Kyle Dickson, Salonen Conducting Fellow with the San Francisco Symphony and the Colburn School, and Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras Music Director Allen Tinkham.

The Festival Orchestra, which includes more than 50 students from the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras, will participate in sectional rehearsals with Chicago Symphony Orchestra musicians and preparatory rehearsals with Kyle Dickson in anticipation of the culminating event of the 2023 Chicago Youth in Music Festival, a free open rehearsal on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Civic Orchestra Principal Conductor and Music Director of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Ken-David Masur will lead the open rehearsal, which features the young musicians playing alongside musicians from the Civic Orchestra in a movement of William Grant Still's Symphony No. 1 (*Afro-American*) and a movement from Dvořák's Symphony No. 8. Admission to the CYMF March 27 open rehearsal is free, but tickets are required, with more information at [csso.org](https://www.csso.org).

The 2023 Chicago Youth in Music Festival is presented in partnership with [Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras](#), as well as [Chicago Arts and Music Project](#), [Chicago Metamorphosis Orchestra Project](#), [The People's Music School](#), [Sistema Ravinia](#), Amundsen High School, Kenwood Academy, Mather High School, Northside College Prep and the [Chicago Musical Pathways Initiative](#).

About the Chicago Youth in Music Festival

The [Chicago Youth in Music Festival](#) began in 2009 and was created to support and inspire young musicians who are passionate about symphony orchestras. Each Festival is presented in partnership with local, national, and sometimes international organizations, and includes rehearsals, workshops and performances that inspire the next generation of musicians.

The 2022 Chicago Youth in Music Festival and National Pathways Summit provided an opportunity to expand this work nationally by collaborating with the National Instrumentalist Mentoring and Advancement Network (NIMAN), a national coalition that works to align, promote and develop equitable opportunities and inclusive environments to advance BIPOC [Black, Indigenous and people of color] instrumentalists to thrive in classical music. The culminating event of the 2022 Chicago Youth in Music Festival and National Pathways Summit featured CSO Zell Music Director Riccardo Muti leading an open rehearsal with 50 young musicians from 10 states performing alongside musicians from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

Patron Information

Patron Services representatives are available to assist with ticket orders by web chat at [cso.org](#) or by calling [312-294-3000](#), Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The walk-up Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. is open Monday-Saturday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Tickets for the 2023 CYMF open rehearsal on March 27 are free, but required with reservations becoming available March 13 at [cso.org](#).

The 2023 Chicago Youth in Music Festival is presented by the [Negaunee Music Institute](#) at the CSO.

The 2023 Chicago Youth in Music Festival is generously sponsored by Megan and Steve Shebik.

Ken-David Masur holds the Robert Kohl and Clark Pellett Principal Conductor Chair.

The Youth Education Program Sponsor is Allstate.

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**2023 Chicago Youth in
Music Festival**

Monday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.
Chicago Youth in Musical Festival Orchestra
Musicians from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago
Ken-David Masur, conductor

Program to include excerpts from:

STILL Symphony No. 1 (*Afro-American*)
DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 8

Tickets: Free, Reservations Required.