

## Our Conductors

### Grant Donnellan

Professor of violin and string pedagogy at Western Washington University and concertmaster of the Whatcom Symphony. Grant holds a Master of Music degree and Performance Certificate from the Yale School of Music. He has performed in European tours and on recordings as a member of the American Sinfonietta. As a conductor, he has directed the Whatcom Symphony, the WWU Symphony and Chamber Orchestra, the Ferndale Summer Pops Orchestra and numerous State Honor Orchestras. Grant is also Director of Western's Chamber Days summer camp.

### Morgan Schwab

Orchestra and band director at Fairhaven Middle School and Principal Viola for the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra. Morgan is a graduate of Western's Music Department and is Co-director of Western's Chamber Days summer chamber music camp.

### Coral Marchant

A graduate of Western's Music Department, Coral performs with the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra, Whatcom Chorale Sinfonia and as a freelance cellist. She maintains a thriving cello studio in Bellingham and is Co-director of Western's Chamber Days summer chamber music camp.

## For More Information:

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Three levels of orchestral experience for the advancing young musician ages 9-22

Running start credits available through Whatcom Community College and Skagit Valley College

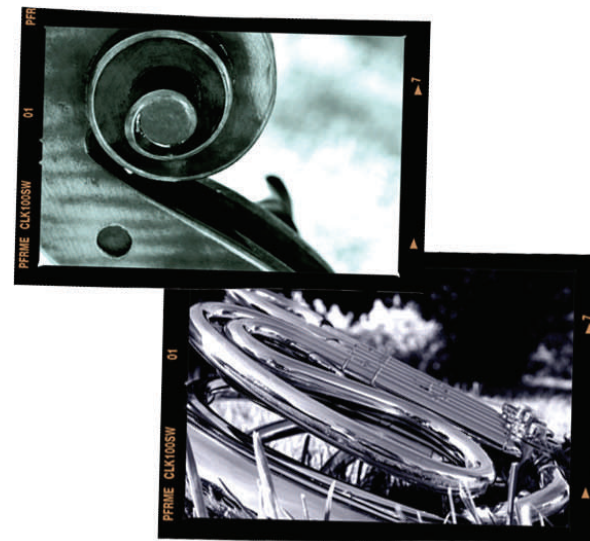
Independent Study Credit available for WWU students through Western Washington University

*"It all starts here!"*

# North Sound Youth Symphony

In Cooperation with

## Western Washington University



*Offering Excellence in Music Education*



## 2009-2010 Season

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A non-profit organization offering young musicians the opportunity to play in a full orchestral setting.

NSYS welcomes musicians between the ages of 9 and 22, or by special permission of the conductor.

## Why Play In A Youth Symphony?

Playing in a youth symphony provides the opportunity to combine instrumental players normally separated into band or string orchestra into one ensemble. The symphony repertoire is some of the greatest music ever written and affords students a broad musical experience while encouraging them to reach their full musical potential. A symphony setting teaches responsibility, commitment and leadership as each member is an essential contributor to the success of the whole symphony.

## In Cooperation with Western Washington University

NSYS works with the WWU College of Fine and Performing Arts to bring the best musical experience to our symphonic performers. NSYS Students receive additional support from the Western Intern Program, which uses Music Education Majors to provide coaching and individual instruction throughout the year.

## Symphony

The Symphony, conducted by Grant Donnellan, is designed for band students who, typically, have five or more years experience and orchestra students with six or more years. College students with similar or more experience are encouraged to join as well. Other similarly advanced players may be admitted by audition. Running Start and college students may apply for independent learning credits. Internships are available for music education students.

## Philharmonia

The Philharmonia, conducted by Morgan Schwab, is designed for band students with three or four years playing experience and orchestra students with four or five years. Students with similar ability may also be admitted. Most Philharmonia students are in middle school or are beginning high school.

## Sinfonia

The Sinfonia, conducted by Coral Marchant, is designed for music students with one to two years of experience who wish to accelerate their instrumental learning and further develop skills in ensemble playing and leadership.

## Rehearsals

As a benefit of our cooperation with Western Washington University's College of Fine and Performing Arts, all rehearsals and concerts take place in the Performing Arts Center at WWU. Rehearsals are held from 6:00—8:15 p.m. on Monday nights. Rehearsals are split into three trimesters with a concert at the end of each. Students are encouraged to participate in all three trimesters, but may also join at the beginning of each new session following an audition for placement.

Auditions are held the first night of each trimester from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at WWU.

## Schedule

Fall Rehearsals: September 21, 28. October 5, 12, 19, 26. November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.  
Concert: Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Winter Rehearsals: December 14. January 4, 11, 25. February 1, 8, 22. March 1, 8.  
Concert: Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Spring Rehearsals: March 22, 29. April 12, 19, 26. May 3, 10, 17, 24. June 1.  
Concert: Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

## Tuition

Tuition for all levels is \$330 per year. Payments may be made in one, two, or three installments. This fee reflects approximately seventy percent of the actual costs to operate NSYS.

Private/ Corporate donations and fund raisers supply remaining support. We welcome and appreciate your tax-deductible donations.