Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra

JOAN WINTERS, DIRECTOR

Coordinators:

Gautam Batra

Mohan Kala

Patty Hyder

Pam Ward

Cherri Ashbey

Charlene Wright

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra (ECSYO) strives to bring motivated and dedicated musicians challenging and rewarding opportunities to perform the highest quality literature. Students will develop advanced ensemble and performance skills that will promote artistic and personal musical growth. Our student musicians will work under the direction of exceptional professional conductors, musicians and coaches. The Youth Orchestra is directed by Joan Winters, Orchestra Director of Clark Lane Middle School and Waterford High School Orchestra.

Students in grades 8-12 (or younger based on playing ability) rehearse weekly on Monday or Tuesday evenings from September through May at Clark Lane Middle School in Waterford, CT. In addition to the December and April concerts, the group gives an annual performance at the Garde Arts Center, and sponsors the annual Victor Norman Solo Concerto Competition and a Kermode Scholarship for a graduating senior.

The ECSYO has served the communities of southeastern Connecticut for over forty years to enhance students' personal and school orchestral experiences. As a non profit organization, the group is funded by community grants, donations and membership dues.

Auditions:

Auditions will be held Monday, September 12, 2011, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Clark Lane Middle School in Waterford, CT. Students should prepare the following: scale of your choice and Musical Selection of your choice.

Special arrangements can be made if there is a conflict. For audition information and other questions, contact Joan Winters at 860-691-0849.

For a Rehearsal Schedule click here.

Program for younger students in grades 4-8:

Eastern Connecticut Youth String Ensemble.

A LITTLE ABOUT THE DIRECTORS ...

JOAN WINTERS serves as the Orchestra Director at Clark Lane Middle School and Waterford High School since 1986, and will begin her 24th season as Principal 2nd Violin with the ECSO. Mrs. Winters was recently named the 2010 Connecticut Middle School Music Educator of the Year, and will conduct the 2011 Massachusetts Music Educators Association Southeastern District Junior Music Festival Orchestra. Joan has also directed the 2010 CMEA Southern Region MS Orchestra Festival Orchestra, the CT ASTA Summer String Fling Orchestra, the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth String Ensemble, the Rhode Island Jr. Division All-State Orchestra, the Rhode Island String Teachers' Association String Festival Orchestra, and the Western MA District String Jamboree. In 2008 she was 1 of only 6 educators nationwide to be awarded the Heifetz International Music Institute Pedagogy Fellowship. Mrs. Winters resides in East Lyme with her husband Shane and children Chris and Jess.

KARIN CARLSON has been a high school music teacher for the past 13 years. She is currently the East Lyme High School Orchestra director and guitar teacher. Karin is also a freelance violist who performs at weddings and other events. Karin performs on her viola with the ECSO and began directing the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth String Ensemble last year. Ms. Carlson is the proud mother of her 4 year old son William.

Program for younger students in grades 4-8:

Eastern Connecticut Youth String Ensemble.