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## **FAYETTEVILLE SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18**

Under the parent organization of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, the Fayetteville Symphony Youth Orchestra (FSYO) will begin its 2016-2017 year with its first rehearsal on September 18. Led by Dr. Larry Wells, Professor of Trumpet and Director of Instrumental Studies at Methodist University as well as the second trumpet player in the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, and Mr. Nate Leyland, principal cellist of the Fayetteville Symphony, Tar River Orchestra and NC Opera, FSYO is a group that gives any rising 8th grader, high schooler, or college instrumental student the opportunity to perform on their select instrument in an ensemble setting outside of their school. FSYO is open to any students no matter if they attend public or private school, or are even home schooled, and no audition is required to be able to participate.

Perks of being a member of FSYO include being able to play alongside students from other schools, receive instruction from professional musicians of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, perform a joint concert alongside the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, participate in competitions and tours, receive complimentary student tickets to FSO concerts, participate in FSYO Concert Band (for woodwind, brass, or percussion players), and participate in String Orchestra (for all string players), as well as a Full Orchestra.

Registration is now open for the 2016-2017 year. Rehearsals are every Sunday from 4pm-6pm and are held at Fayetteville Academy. A parent informational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11, with the first rehearsal being held on Sunday, September 18. Applications must be received by the parent meeting on September 11. The application, along with more information on FSYO, can be found at:

<http://www.fayettevillesymphony.org/youth-orchestra>

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The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1956, is the longest standing performing arts agency in Fayetteville, NC. It is a professional, regional orchestra whose mission is to educate, entertain, and inspire the citizens of the Fayetteville, North Carolina region as the leading musical resource. Praised for its artistic excellence, the symphony leads in the cultural and educational landscape for Fayetteville and the southeastern North Carolina region.



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