

*Celebrating The 50th Anniversary
Of The Pinellas Youth Symphony
With A European Tour*
Adopt-A-Student Tour Sponsor

The Pinellas Youth Symphony (PYS) is a non-profit organization founded in 1958 by music educators to promote the music development of children in our community. The program is open to musicians ages 5 through high school. PYS enjoys strong relationships with top music educators and instrumentalists in the Tampa Bay area and our conductors and coaches are drawn from the Pinellas County Schools and The Florida Orchestra. PYS students benefit from a qualified professional staff with a challenge to train talented young musicians in the finest techniques of orchestral and ensemble performance.

Our program includes membership for student musicians in 4 orchestras and a number of chamber ensembles. The Pinellas Youth Symphony also offers a thorough program of string instruction for violin, cello and bass.... we are the only existing organization offering this type of program in Pinellas County.

PYS will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2007-2008 season. As part of this celebration a group of 50 PYS student musicians will embark on a 12-day tour to Italy and Austria in June 2008. Our students will have opportunities to experience firsthand the cultures of Italy and Austria. They will perform concerts in remarkable venues, interact with Italian/Austrian student and professional musicians, and explore historically significant castles, museums, palaces, gardens, and cathedrals. Many of these places are associated with the early periods of music and with famous composers and musicians such as Mozart, Haydn, and Monteverdi. The trip will include tours of Rome, Florence, Venice, Salzburg, and Vienna. This indeed will be a trip of a lifetime for our students....an experience they will draw on for years to come.

Funds for this trip must be raised entirely separate from the organization's yearly fiscal budget. Group fundraising events will take place throughout the coming months and will include events such as benefit concerts, raffle drawings, the sale of advertisements for a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Tour Program and marketing of PYS tour clothing items and memorabilia. Students also will seek sponsors to contribute funds towards their own individual travel expenses, in addition to soliciting corporate sponsors to assist with funds needed to cover costs for the entire group to travel.

By sponsoring a PYS student or donating directly to the PYS Tour Fund your name (or corporate name) will be placed in our 50th Anniversary Concert Programs as well as in our Commemorative Tour Program as acknowledgement of your generous contribution.

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Dear _____:

I am a member of the Pinellas Youth Symphony and play in the _____. You can help sponsor me by making a contribution towards the cost of our tour to Italy and Austria. My cost for the tour will be approximately \$3600.

A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous support!

Student's Name: _____

Total Contribution: \$ _____

Donor's Name: _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Donor's Address: _____

Please mail to **PYS, P.O. Box 4106 Seminole, FL 33775-4106**

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