

## **About National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA)**

### **Mission**

Launched in 2013, NYO-USA —the first of its kind in US history —**unites the finest young musicians aged 16–19** in the United States for a full-scholarship, two-week residency with leading orchestral musician coaches, followed by an international tour with a world-class conductor and soloist. NYO-USA shines a light on the incredible talent of young American instrumentalists, allowing them to share their gift on an international stage while offering each participant a **transformative musical and cultural experience**; fosters the leadership skills of these talented teen musicians, inspiring them to achieve at the highest level; seeks to ensure that they share their learning with other young musicians in the US and overseas; and showcases these young musicians as **cultural ambassadors for the United States**; with select concerts disseminated to audiences worldwide through webcasts, television, and radio broadcasts.

Through interacting with audiences, fellow young musicians, and the public at large, the bright young musicians of NYO-USA promote mutual understanding across cultures. When they are not engaging communities abroad, NYO-USA musicians are equally committed to connecting with communities locally through a wide variety of community engagement activities and as mentors for young aspiring musicians.

### **The NYO-USA is:**

- The first National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America in the modern era
- Comprised of the finest young musicians (16-19 year-olds)
- Conducted by a different celebrated conductor each year
- Shared with the world through an annual tour to the top music capitals around the globe
- Full-scholarship for all participants
- Reflective of the breadth, diversity, and quality of the United States
- A vibrant symbol of hope and confidence
- A musical ambassador for America throughout the world

### **NYO-USA Around the World: Previous Tours**

**Summer 2013:** The inaugural tour made triumphant debuts in Purchase, New York; Washington, DC; **Moscow; St. Petersburg;** and **London**, in sold-out concerts led by Valery Gergiev and featuring soloist Joshua Bell. BBC Proms Festival broadcasted the final performance on radio and TV.

**Summer 2014:** NYO-USA made its Carnegie Hall debut and embarked on a **coast-to-coast US tour** from Tanglewood to Walt Disney Concert Hall with David Robertson and violinist Gil Shaham.

**Summer 2015:** NYO-USA continued to break new ground with its first tour to Asia, performing in **seven cities across China** with conductor Charles Dutoit and pianist YUNDI.

**Summer 2016:** NYO-USA toured Continental **Europe**, and performed two full programs under two renowned conductors –Christoph Eschenbach and Valery Gergiev –with two extraordinary soloists –Emanuel Ax and Denis Matsuev.

**Summer 2017:** NYO-USA made its Latin America debut, touring **Guadalajara, Mexico; Quito, Ecuador; and Bogotá, Colombia** with conductor Marin Alsop.

**NYO-USA's Return to Asia: July – August 2018**

Carnegie Hall believes that Asia, with its profound passion for classical music, incredible rising talent, and young audiences, will play a central role in a coming golden age for music. We deeply value our longstanding and expanding relationship with Asia through cultural exchanges such as presenting great music and performers, sharing educational opportunities, providing professional development, and fostering international understanding.

In 2018, NYO-USA will return to Asia with conductor Michael Tilson Thomas, Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet. The orchestra is currently scheduled to perform in the following cities. *Please note, plans are subject to change:*

2018 NYO-USA Program Information

Michael Tilson Thomas, Conductor

Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Piano

TED HEARNE Brass Tacks (Commissioned by Carnegie Hall for NYO-USA)

GERSHWIN Piano Concerto in F Major

SIBELIUS Symphony No. 2

CONCERT 1: NEW YORK, NY | Thursday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Carnegie Hall; Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage

CONCERT 2: TAIPEI | Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Taipei National Concert Hall

CONCERT 3: SHANGHAI | Friday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Shanghai Symphony Hall

CONCERT 4: BEIJING | Sunday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m.

National Centre for the Performing Arts

CONCERT 5: SEOUL | Wednesday, August 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Lotte Concert Hall

CONCERT 6: DAEJEON | Friday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Daejeon Arts Center

Tour highlights include community engagement opportunities in several of the tour locations, which may include interactions with local young musicians.

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SUMMER ORCHESTRA DELIGHTS

**NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

DIRECTOR **MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS**  
PIANO **JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET**

**7.24** 臺北國家音樂廳

指揮大師麥可·提森·湯瑪斯與美國國家青年交響樂團  
鋼琴：吉恩·伊夫·提鮑德

曲目 泰德·赫恩：黃銅釘子 | 蓋希文：F 大調鋼琴協奏曲 | 西貝流士：D大調第二號交響曲，作品43