



# Princeton Symphony and Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey strengthen partnership

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“The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey (YOCJ) and the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) have announced a new partnership to advance excellence in orchestral performance and foster a greater connection between Central Jersey’s young musicians and their professional counterparts,” reads an unsigned article in Tuesday’s (8/11) [New Jersey Stage](#). “Integral to the partnership, the PSO is expanding its assistant conductor position to include leadership of the youth orchestra’s Symphonic Orchestra. YOCJ Symphonic Director John Enz is retiring after 35 years and the current PSO assistant conductor, Nell Flanders, will take over ... The partnership is the formalization of an ongoing relationship ... The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey was founded by the late Portia Sonnenfeld in 1978 and was first known as the String Preparatory Orchestra. In 1980, Ms. Sonnenfeld then founded The Little Orchestra of Princeton, which evolved into the present-day Princeton Symphony Orchestra. Beyond the YOCJ, John Enz was a cellist with the PSO for over 30 years.... YOCJ students will benefit from workshops and sectional rehearsals with PSO

musicians, as well as special access to PSO concerts ... During the fall of 2020, the two organizations will explore ways to keep students active through online instruction and engagement.”