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## Youth Orchestra Announces New Season, New Conductor

The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey (YOCJ) begins the 2021-2022 season with rehearsals and performances resuming safely in person, along with a range of activities throughout the year.

In addition, as part of its ongoing partnership with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO), YOCJ welcomes Kenneth Bean, assistant conductor for PSO, as its new Symphonic Orchestra conductor.

The partnership is the formalization of an ongoing relationship established through the PSO's BRAVO! Education Program, which encourages young musicians and their families to be exposed to extensive performance repertoire and be inspired by professional artists. Integral to the partnership, the PSO has expanded its assistant conductor position to include leadership of YOCJ's Symphonic Orchestra.

"From our first meeting with Kenneth Bean, our staff and students felt an instant connection. He brings a wealth of knowledge and youth orchestra experience; but most of all, he brings a warmth and love for students. We are so excited to have Kenny as our Symphonic Orchestra conductor and to continue our partnership with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra" said Phillip Pugh, YOCJ artistic director.

YOCJ also welcomes back David Kim, concertmaster for The Philadelphia Orchestra, who will play the Beethoven Violin Concerto with the YOCJ Symphonic Orchestra on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the Yvonne Theater, Rider University. Kim has previously collaborated with YOCJ through performances and master classes.

Master classes will be available for woodwinds, brass, and percussion as well as string players, the latter led by Kim.

Upcoming concerts are December 7 at 7 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in West Windsor, and January 23 at 3 and 7 p.m. at Rider University's Yvonne Theater.

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