

BYSO

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

Federico Cortese, Music Director

2021

IMPACT REPORT





OUR MISSION

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' (BYSO) mission is to encourage artistic excellence in a nurturing environment by providing the highest quality orchestral training and performance opportunities to qualified musicians, grades K-12, while making its programs accessible to underrepresented youth through financial aid and outreach.

EXCELLENCE: BYSO believes high-quality music experiences have a long-lasting impact on young musicians and audience members. Quality is at the heart of BYSO's programs, supported by the finest musicians in the area who serve as our coaches and conductors.

ACCESS: BYSO makes quality music experiences available to all young people, regardless of social or economic disadvantage. Our Intensive Community Program (ICP) offers rigorous string and winds training to Boston's underserved communities, preparing students for competitive auditions into BYSO orchestras. BYSO provides use of an instrument, weekly lessons and support for participation in the orchestras from the time a student joins the program (age 5 or 6) until they graduate high school. The program serves 80-90 students annually.

INSPIRATION: Alongside training young musicians, we are dedicated to cultivating young audiences. Each year, BYSO presents more than 20 performances in some of Boston's finest venues including Symphony Hall and Sanders Theatre at Harvard University. Through our free ticketing programs and community concerts, BYSO welcomes thousands of young community members annually. BYSO's partnership with Boston Symphony Orchestra, BYSO/BSO: Partnering for the Future, sees children as young as 3 years old enjoy the magic of classical music.

A NOTE FROM FED

For reasons that we know all too well, the 2020/2021 academic year has been a uniquely challenging one. I will not indulge in explaining the difficulties BYSO had to face, which are easy to imagine and not too different – if not worse – from those that most educational and performance organizations had to face. A youth orchestra is, by definition, a collective activity of a large group of students with the goal of performing for a large audience: both the preparation and the concerts were made impossible by the virus.

We decided to use all the possibilities that technology could offer to transform our usual rehearsals into remote intensive training and productions of videos. The choice of the repertoire assigned to the various ensembles was aimed to offer to the students the opportunity to learn challenging music and to offer “remote performance” videos to a larger community. The final videos, whose completion required a substantial effort from the artistic and administrative staff, have been and will be used now and in the future as educational tools to reach out to children of all backgrounds, and to be shared with communities often less served by classical music. Very young performers certainly add an invaluable personal touch to a musically already excellent performance, which will make them enjoyable for large audiences.

We are very proud of all our videos: from the very festive ones of our younger orchestras to the educational ones of BYS. I would like to mention in particular the touching video ICP and BYSO produced and presented in conjunction with the Museum of African American History and WGBH in order to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I cannot even begin to thank everyone, administrative and music staff, board, supporters and – most importantly – all the students for the enormous efforts to keep the invaluable role of BYSO alive in our community even under these terrible circumstances. This incredible display of hard work, love and support made possible the miracle of turning a potentially impossible year into a great success. The virtually perfect attendance every Sunday (almost 100%) of our students was extraordinary and went beyond our most optimistic expectations. It is the best testament of what we can call a little miracle.

Now we are very much looking forward to what we hope will be a return to a more normal routine. We are sure that, despite the long hiatus in the habit of playing together in person, the hard work of last year will pay off and we will have orchestras not too distant from our usual standards. We are planning to return to major repertoire for all orchestras including our yearly opera concert production with BYS. We hope you will be all with us in this new beginning!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Federico Cortese". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Federico Cortese
Music Director

CONNECTING VIRTUALLY

Although we were unable to host in-person concerts and events, we were able to come together throughout the season virtually:

An evening with

BYSO

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras



featuring Alex Yin, BYSO
and alumnus Chad Polk, '17

BYSO hosted its first public virtual event on December 17, 2020 through Groupmuse, a virtual and in-person platform connecting classical musicians directly with audiences.

For the second year in a row, the annual Gala was held virtually. Over 350 attendees came together on March 6, 2021, to celebrate the accomplishments of our students this season, and the hard work of our artistic staff, conductors, and coaches. More than \$230,000 was raised through the generosity of our supporters.

BYSO
Tutti!
Gala 2021
ALL TOGETHER AT HOME

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 6, 2021**

7:00 - 8:00 pm



OPEN STUDIO WITH JARED BOWEN

GBH Executive Arts Editor Jared Bowen sat down for an in-studio interview with Music Director Federico Cortese on April 9, 2021 as part of the "Open Studio" series to discuss the ways in which BYSO found success during a time when many arts organizations could not.

BYSO students had the incredible opportunity to work with world-renowned cellist Steven Isserlis during a public masterclass on May 9, 2021, with attendees joining virtually from all over the world.



CONNECTING BY VIDEO

In lieu of in-person concerts, students shared their work with audiences this season through audio and video projects.

BYSO videos were viewed over 100,000 times across all of our social media platforms, were featured on several media outlets such as WCVB, Boston.com, and WGBH, and were shared widely online including at schools, children's hospitals, and senior living communities.



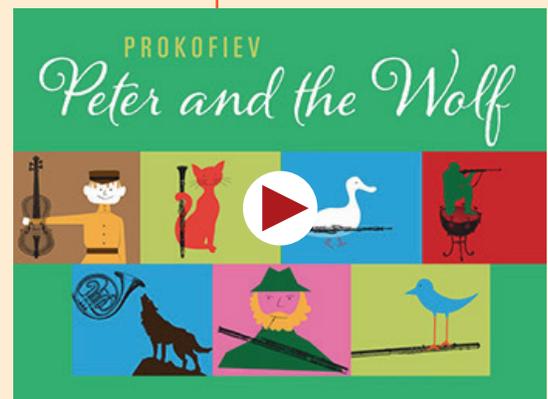
Students from the Repertory Orchestra (REP) released their rendition of "Sleigh Ride" right before the holidays on December 16, 2020.

The Boston Youth Symphony (BYS) also spent the fall working on "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, Op. 34" by Benjamin Britten, released on December 18, 2020 – featuring about 20 minutes of music, and BYSO's most ambitious video project to date.



Students from the Intensive Community Program (ICP) performed as part of "A Day of Celebration in Honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." in partnership with the Museum of African American History and WGBH on January 18, 2021. Several ICP alumni also served as speakers for this event.

BYSO students have been performing Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" annually since 2012, and for the first time our musicians put together a video performance. The video will be released publicly during the 2021–2022 season.



CONNECTING TOGETHER

Students come to BYSO for musical excellence, but it's the strong sense of community that keeps them coming back, year after year.



"I feel really connected to BYSO. I have best friends, cousins, siblings, and other people here – in a way they're like my family. And everyone is so supportive – when I was with other people and I made mistakes, I'd feel a little embarrassed, but when I'm with my teachers at BYSO, it feels like it's okay, they're here to help me, and those are mistakes that make me better."

–Gisele, Age 9, PE, Double Bass



"When I first moved to Massachusetts, it was hard for me to find a community at my school, and I felt kind of lost. But when I got into BYSO, immediately I felt that sense of community and a drive that hadn't been there before. It really changed the direction of my life, and it led to a lot of other successes in my life."

–Alex, Age 18, BYS, Trombone

A young woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, is playing an oboe. She is looking down at her instrument. In the background, other musicians are visible, including one playing a flute.

"The community has been one of the most special aspects of my time at BYSO. In a place where everyone is bonded through their common love of music, it took almost no time before I met some of my best friends. The conductors and coaches have been incredibly supportive without exception and provided me with a multitude of perspectives that have helped me grow both as a musician and as a person."

–Liv, 18, BYS, Oboe

“BYSO is more than simply a music organization, I think it’s a family to me. Their values and the people that are at BYSO have shaped who I am and have inspired me to continue playing music.”

–Elie, '20, Cello



“You get so much support at BYSO – they tell you ‘you can do it!’ It’s all because BYSO looks out for their kids – our babies. You’re supporting us and helping us, assuring us that we can do it.”

–Marielyn, BYSO Parent



“It’s a privilege to develop bonds with these students in rehearsals and 1-on-1 private lessons. Sometimes I will work with the same students for over 10 years, which is really something special that many other educational settings do not have.”

–Nicole Cariglia, Artistic Director, Intensive Community Program (ICP)

BUDGET

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

REVENUES	FY21
Tuition and Fees	\$1,232,514
Ticket Sales	\$0
Program Book Advertising	\$0
Merchandise Sales and Other Earned Revenue	\$4,383
Foundation Support	\$702,347
Government Support	\$135,400
Corporate Support and Sponsorships	\$101,400
Individual Support	\$389,944
Special Event	\$253,811
Donated Goods and Services	\$314,666
TOTAL	\$3,134,465

EXPENSES	
Concert Production	\$0
Online Orchestra Operations	\$1,087,084
Intensive Community Program (direct cost only)	\$350,538
Camp	\$25,141
Financial Aid	\$80,400
Administrative Salaries and Benefits	\$845,745
Other Administrative	\$494,419
Marketing	\$6,923
Fundraising (includes special event costs)	\$66,370
TOTAL	\$2,956,620

Net **\$177,845**

Additional Funds from
Paycheck Protection Program Grant \$266,255

Investment in Online Programming

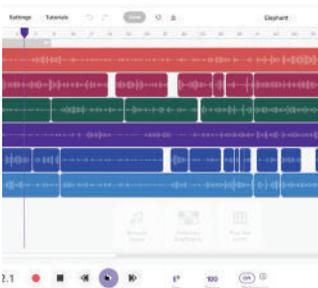
BYSO's online curriculum, "BYSO Connects" was created to keep our students on their pathways to music excellence remotely. BYSO invested funds in new technology (both hardware and software), increased faculty engagement, and worked hard to meet the connectivity needs of each and every one of our students.



Every BYSO student this season received a Bumblebee microphone, improving sound quality for every student and helping enhance their virtual learning experience.



In order to ensure that our student technological needs were met, we purchased 20 laptops for students in need.



Through MusicFirst software, students were able to submit virtual assignments, access extensive music libraries, practice ear training and music theory, and record into a digital audio workspace (DAW), all from home.

Budget Notes

- BYSO was the recipient of a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) grant that allowed the organization to not only continue 100% employment, but increase hours for artistic staff.
- With no in-person programming, BYSO was able to save on significant concert production expenses that are ordinarily offset only slightly by ticket sales.
- Many of the significant costs associated with new technology needed for online programming were generously supported by local foundations and corporations, as well as individual donors.
- BYSO's FY21 surplus provides a much-needed cash reserve for uncertain years ahead.

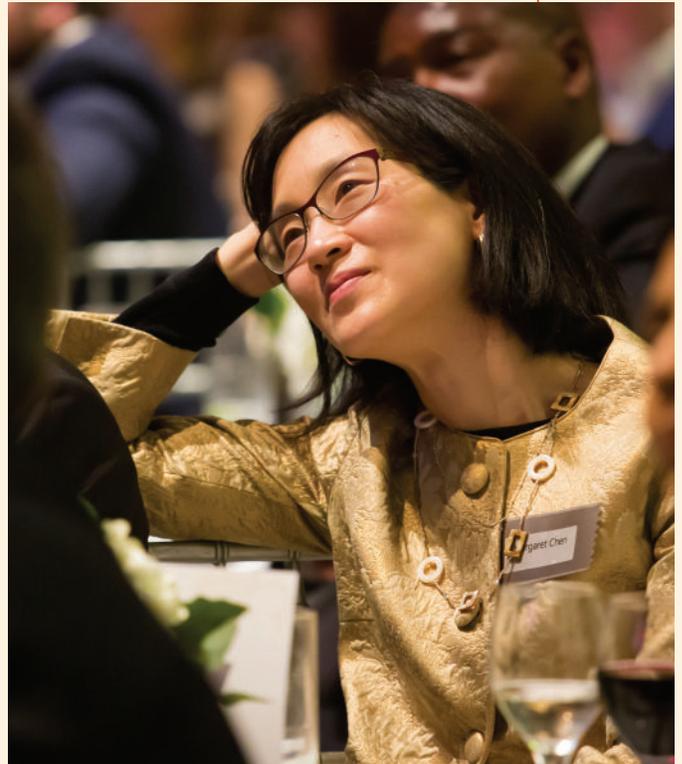
THANK YOU

The 2020–2021 BYSO season wraps up my first year serving as the President of the BYSO Board of Directors, and what a journey it has been. I recall that day in March 2020 when BYSO made the decision to shift to virtual learning – not knowing how long we would be online, or how our students would fare in this new setting, but knowing that it was the right thing to do.

As we entered uncharted territory with a virtual learning curriculum for the 2020–2021 BYSO season, our BYSO musicians adapted to a completely novel format that included online weekly rehearsals and demanding and ambitious audio and video projects. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our artistic staff and Operations team, we were able to utilize technology to best foster the musical and personal growth of our students.

I'm pleased to report that despite many uncertainties, we exceeded all expectations for the 2020–2021 BYSO season. Artistically, BYSO completed a remarkable year, and we had more student musicians in our programs than ever before. We reached new fundraising milestones and received generous support from all areas of the BYSO community. We managed the budget with the utmost care. We communicated effectively with students, parents and other BYSO constituents throughout the school year. Above all, we remained true to our mission and understood the well-being of our student musicians was a top priority during this pandemic year. BYSO was an important anchor in our students' lives, providing a source of stability and an opportunity to express themselves through music.

Thank you for your incredible generosity, and for your commitment to BYSO's pursuit of musical excellence. I am deeply grateful for all of the ways you've supported us during this year, and for the meaningful impact BYSO has had on our many communities.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret Chen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Margaret Chen
President, BYSO Board of Directors

OUR SUPPORTERS

BYSO is deeply grateful to our community supporters for these gifts made between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORTERS

\$100,000 and above

Boston University,
College of Fine Arts
Klarman Family Foundation
Linde Family Foundation
William Randolph Hearst
Foundation

\$50,000 to \$99,999

Anonymous
Massachusetts Cultural Council
National Endowment
for the Arts

\$25,000 to \$49,999

Bain Capital Children's Charity
Ltd.
Cabot Family Charitable Trust
League of American Orchestras
Liberty Mutual Foundation
Rowland Foundation
Richard and Susan Smith Family
Foundation

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Breckinridge Capital Advisors[^]
City of Boston, Mayor's Office of
Arts and Culture
Deborah Munroe Noonan
Memorial Fund, Bank of
America, N.A., Trustee
First Republic Bank
John Hancock, MLK Scholars
Program
KPMG LLP[^]
MassMutual Foundation
McKinsey & Company[^]
Orville W. Forte Charitable
Foundation
Rea Charitable Trust

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Douglas R. Moore Family
Foundation
Eaton Vance[^]
Fuller Foundation

Hamilton Company Charitable
Foundation
Peregrine Group LLC[^]
Ramsey-McCluskey Family
Foundation
Ropes & Gray LLP[^]

Up to \$4,999

Albert O. Wilson Foundation
Bessie Pappas Charitable
Foundation
BPS Arts Expansion Fund at
EdVestors
East Boston Savings Bank

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Boston University, College of
Fine Arts
Boston Latin School
Brimmer and May School
Eastman Music Company
Dennis C. Haley Pilot School
Noble and Greenough School
Johnson String Instrument

MATCHING COMPANIES

Abrams Capital
Bank of America Matching Gifts
Berkshire Partners
Breckinridge Capital Advisors
Comcast Corporation
DTCC Giving Program
Eaton Vance
Google Gift Matching Program
Liberty Mutual Insurance
Microsoft Corporation
MSCI Inc.
Nvidia
Oracle Corporation
Sanofi US Services Inc.
The Baupost Group LLC
U.S. Bancorp Foundation
Employee Matching Gift
Program
Vertex Pharmaceuticals
VMWare Foundation

IN-KIND GIVING

Traci Battle and Rawi Abdelal
Kenneth and Carol Bello
Bobbi & Chip Benson, North
Bridge Antiques, Concord, MA
Boston Harbor Distillery
Boston Lyric Opera (BLO)
BYSO Board of Directors
BYSO Council
Margaret Chen and Tony Fogg
James Cooke, Boston Symphony
Orchestra
Federico Cortese
Frank M. Costantino Watercolor
Arts & Illustrations
Joshua Csehak, Magic Goggles
deCordova Sculpture Park
and Museum and
Samuel Adams '05
Melissa Druley
E-Fish & Jeff Tedmori
Mary Ferrillo, Boston Symphony
Orchestra
Foodie's Urban Market
Ashleigh Gordon
Hammetts Hotel
Harpoon Brewery
Erin and Davide Ianni
Institute of Contemporary Art
Young Kwon
Little Free Library
Brian MacArthur
Main Street Hospitality
The McCabe Family
Eileen McNulty
New England Aquarium
New England Revolution
Charitable Foundation
Ocean House
Tom Oesterling
Chef Kevin O'Donnell and
Giusto, Newport
Cecilia O'Keefe
Radius Ensemble
Ropes & Gray
Adrienne Rosenblatt, Percussion
'08
Jill Rosenwald Studio
Katie Schindall
skoah South End
Sweet Tooth Boston

Stephen Wagner '08
Walden Local Meat Co.
Emily Walz
John Williams
Kevin Winebold, BYSO 2020
Preseason Facilitator

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

Anonymous (53)
Kaleb and Charlene Abebe
Dr. David Abraham
Meg and Seth Abramowitz
Susan B. Abrams '80 and
Protik Majumder
Alexandre Adamczyk '14
Emily Adler '12
Carol Agocs
Robb Aistrup and Nicola Payne
Fred Aldrich
Reed Alexander and
Doris Jurisson
Christine Altieri
Lindsay Miller and Peter Ambler
Stephen Ansolabehere and
Laurie Gould*
Matt Applebaum and
Julie Cochran
Hildegard Arras
John and Terry Avallon*
Lloyd Axelrod M.D.
Jack and Prina Axelrod
Martha M. Babcock
Yun Bai
Joyce Rasmussen Balint '66
Bob and Barbara Balliett
Ms. Traci Battle and
Dr. Rawi Abdelal*
Nada Batu
Beard Family Charitable Trust
Robert Beaser '72 and
Kati Agócs
Rose Bellini '97 and James Holt
Ken and Carol Bello*
Mr. and Mrs. Eric A. Berg
Joe and Candy Bergantino*
Robert Berger
Geoffrey Bergler '76
Michael and Ellen Berk*
Mr. Clark Bernard
Adam and Betul Berrey*
Jean-Marc Berteaux*

Jane Bestor
John and Sophie Bilezikian in
honor of Sally Everett '61
Joseph Blute
Garen Bohlin and
Diana Sorensen
Alison and Patrick Bomberg*
Peter K. Bonney '95*
Hyun Yung Boo '10
Elizabeth S. Boveroux
Ben Brady and
Colleen Brannen*
Elizabeth and Aaron Brady
Jo-Ann Branco
Joseph Brand
Heidi Braun-Hill and
Richard Whitacre Hill
Jean Kessler Brenner '72
Ginette Bretous
Karen Britton
Alan Brock*
Mayetta Brown, '69
Samir Bukhari and Lynette Sholl
Katie and Paul Bittenwieser*
Paola Cano and Juan Cano
Joanna Carey
Nicole and David Cariglia
Susan L. Carney '69
Debra Ruf-Carson, Kevin Carson,
Benjamin Carson
Julia Cash
Dorrit and Tom Castle
Vattanee Chaisiriwatanasai
Jamie Chang and Sharon Wu
Shun-Chiao Chang
Cecilia Chao and
Mike Schoenegge*
Tony Wenchun Chao and
Bo Chao
Zhong and Shi Wen Chen*
Jessica Chen
Shiqiu Cheng and Hong Zhang
Lucy Chie and Justin Campbell*
Paul and Wendy Chieffo*
Lisa and David Chin
Valerie Chisholm '74
Sean Jang
Ellie Choi and Kendrick Chow*
Eric and Annie Chun
Kimberly (Skidmore) Ciccarella '87

[^]indicates an event sponsor

*denotes members of BYSO's leadership giving society, the Bravo Circle

Mirza and Nora Cifric
 Raymond E. Claffin, III '73
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Clements
 Cobas Family
 Grandpa & Grandma Cobas
 Peter and Abby Coffin*
 Tim Coffin
 Dana Cohen '72
 Peter Cohen and Karen Wood
 Christine (Casey) Cohen '70
 Janine and Douglas Cohen
 Theresa Cohen
 Elaine Connell
 Anthony Consigli and Susan Consigli*
 Amy Cook
 The Label, LTD*
 Bethany, Jude, Kaveri and Darin Correll*
 Eric Cortell '82 and Julia Wong
 Federico Cortese
 William J. Coukos, '72
 Ted Craft
 Rob Cunjak and Susan Dunn
 Oliver and Cynthia Curme*
 Liza Curtis and Randy Curtis
 Ina Daci and Ethan Thurow
 The Phillips Family Foundation
 Clara Davis
 Louise Davis
 Brian Day
 Emilia De Leo '14
 Ellen Delany
 Hugo Delgado and Carmen Perlata
 Dr. Yongqi Deng & Ms. Li Zhen*
 Corinne DeNucci and Michael DeNucci*
 Richard A. DiMambro '74
 George Ding and Renee Bai
 Larry and Lana Dobkin
 Ryan Dombroski
 Mady and Bruce Donoff
 Friends of Cecilia O'Keefe
 Tom and Ellen Draper
 Ann Drinan '68
 Missy and David Druley*
 Yu Duan
 Rob Dulaney
 Bethaney Duncan
 James Durning and Joyce Durning
 Robin W. Dushman
 Alan and Lisa Dynner*
 Peter and Azelene Edouarzin
 Jackie Eggers
 Eran Egozy '89 and Yukiko Egozy*

Nicholas Elfner
 Joan Ellersick '76 and Tom Berryman*
 Lorraine Emanuel and Robert Emanuel
 Anat Engel In Memory of Steve Engel '73
 Doris Epstein
 Andrea and Alyce Erdekian, '94
 Emmanuel and Karine Ernest
 Darin Ernst and Mary Chen
 Yves & Dominique Manigat-Estimphile
 Mark Ethier and Claire Cheney*
 Sarah Eustis
 Daniel and Cheryl Farley*
 Edmund Feingold
 Emily Cheng
 Daniel Fenton and Kyoko Okamura
 Robert Fernandez
 Lynda S. Ferrari
 Joia Findeis '20
 David A. Fine
 Lynn and Joe Finn
 Elizabeth Firmin '15
 Peter Firmin
 Robert Fishman
 Anthony Fogg*
 Kevin Foster and Nadia Chamblin-Foster
 Alix & Ian Fox
 David Frankel
 Meryl French
 Raymond and Ida Fridmann
 Philip Friedel
 Ariel Friedman, '04
 Drs. Sari Friedman and David Epstein
 Doris and Mike Fritz
 Elizabeth Gates and Holly Gates
 Mildrid Gedeon
 Khurram Gillani
 Tracy Gleason and David Kaiser
 Rachel Goldstein and Dr. Allan Goldstein
 Wenjie Hu and Xiaopeng Gong
 Cassandra Gordon
 Nancy Gorecki
 Robert Green and Noelle Givler
 Mark Greenman
 Kyle Grimes
 Matt Grosshandler and Brenda Grosshandler*
 Donna Guiliano
 Mrs. Kate Gutierrez and Brendan Albert
 Dr. Joanna Haas*
 Susan and Bill Hadge

Mr. Thomas Hadley, '83
 Mark and Nancy Haines
 Suzanne Hamill and Sourena Ansari
 Jay Tang and Luning Han
 Stacy Handler
 Elizabeth Harding
 Sean C. Harlow
 Ronald Haroutunian '74
 Aria Harris and Family.
 Ann M. Harris
 Christine Hauswirth and Joseph Hauswirth
 The C. Heard Family
 Richard and Gabrielle Henken
 Naiquisia Hensey
 April Heppelmann
 Gloria Herrera
 Tamar Herzog and Yuval Erlich*
 David Hildebrand, '62
 Sean and Nancy Hill
 Lisa Ford Hirayama, '77
 Phyllis Hoffman
 Hoffmann Family
 Jenna Hong '15
 Janet Houser
 Sarah Houston
 Nelson Howard III
 Laura Howenstine and Joseph DiLazzaro
 Jianing Hu and Lucy Wang
 Sandra Hu and David Wang*
 Pingjun Hu
 He Huang
 Charlie and Marcella Huggard
 Arthur and Marguerite Huggard in honor of Cecilia O'Keefe
 Pamela and John Humphrey*
 Giampaolo Huober and Judith Huober, '74
 Yoonjung Hur and Jinhaeng Cho
 Kaede Ishidate '19
 Naoko Ishidate and Takao Ishidate
 Tashna Jackson and Rodney Jackson
 Susan L. Johnson
 Celia Elizabeth Jones '65
 Anne Rogers Jones '87 and Lawrence Jones
 David Jones '85 and Cindy Vreeland*
 Ms. Wanda Jones
 The Kahler Family
 Sarah Kahler, '05
 William Kaiser*
 Albert and Mami Kaminuma
 Michika Kato
 Mr. Robert Katuska

Krysten Keches '06
 The Ianni Family
 Mary O'Keefe Kellogg '67
 Abigail Kellogg and Joe Arangio
 Judy Kelly and James Cremer
 Wendy Williams Keyes '73
 Patricia Iervolino Kilroy '60
 Caroline Choi Kim '92 and Howard Kim
 Caroline Kistin and Romel Ortega
 Martin Kistin and Sydney Kistin
 Phyllis Klein
 Bernard Klinger '67
 Marilyn Bone Kloss, '60
 Glenn Knickrehm, Constellation Charitable Foundation*
 Anna and Peter Kolchinsky*
 Tamara Kremer Macabell
 Charles Kronauer
 Hank and Patricia Kucheman*
 Adrienne and Justin Kung
 Katharine and Thomas Kush*
 Ron and Linda Kutka
 Emilia Lacy
 Cristina Lacy and Stephen Lacy
 Mark Larson
 Steve Laven and Cynthia Meyers
 Philip W. Leach '60
 Mary Susan Leahy '66
 Charles Learoyd '63
 Eric Lee '04
 Young Lee and Young Ju Rhee*
 Eugene Lee and Sally Park
 Barry J. Lee
 Junghwa Lee and Dohoon Kim
 Donna Lee
 Ji Young Lee
 The Leeb Family
 Katherine Leen
 Ronan Lefkowitz, '70 and Chan Lefkowitz
 Daniel, Lisa, Hillel, Elie and Shira Lehmann*
 Jean Tibbetts and Richard Lenz
 Dr. Lorenzo Lepore '70
 Jonathan Levi '72*
 Dr. Joseph Levy and Family
 Dr. and Mrs. Stan Lewis
 Ruo Ding Li and Joy Shen*
 Huifang Li & Wei Zhang
 Ye Liu and Jinsong Liang
 Joshua Lieberman and Marcia Okun
 Ms. Lucia Lin and Prentice Pilot
 Meng Lin and Liang Chen
 Dr. David Lincicome*
 Marie Lindahl
 Wendy Lindquist

Ms. Julianne Lindsay and Richard O'Connor*
 Robert B. Linke
 Mark Littlefield '85
 Ling Liu and Francis Li
 Elli and Adorlee Nicholas*
 Bo Liu*
 Qian Liu and Hongqiang Guo
 Tony Loeser, '87
 Caithlin Lopes and Peter Lopes
 Arthur Lord and Rose Marie Lord
 Nancy and Richard Lubin*
 Jeanne Gonzalez Luethke
 Shaoying Luo
 Lutkevich Family
 The Lyczkowski Family
 Lisa Lynch and Fabio Schiantarelli*
 Tammy Lynch
 Donald and Akiko MacDonald
 Kelley and Donald MacDonald*
 Curtis Macomber '70
 Charlotte Malin '10
 Dr. Jon Malinowski
 Sharon and Brad Malt
 Stephen Manchester
 Weiyu Hua & Hongye Mao
 William Margolin '63
 Marielyn Marte
 Elliot Matz, '73
 Liliane Maurice
 James Mayer
 Mary Mazzio '78 and James Manson
 Paula McCarty '75
 Mr. and Dr. Peter McCormack
 Elizabeth McCormack
 Patrick McCurdy and Jamie McCurdy
 Melissa McMorrow*
 Megan Mctiernan
 Tsz Huen and Susan Zuo
 Ralph and Elizabeth Metcalf
 Jeff Metivier, '87
 Drs. Klemens B. Meyer and Laura Perlo Meyer*
 Christina Michelon, PhD
 Helaine Miller
 Mark and Susan Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. John D. Miller
 David and Tien-Yi Miller
 Bruce Miller
 Sarah Mitchell
 Yoshiko Mizukami
 Ulrich Mok and Megan Zorn
 Olivia Moorehead-Slaughter
 Beverly Morgan-Welch
 Alex Morgan-Welch '10
 Melody Morris '09 and Heejae Kim

Anne Morriss and Frances Frei*
Charles Morriss
Karen Morrissey
Jane and Robert Morse*
Elissa Moy '17
Christine Mrakotsky-Ladendorf
and Mark Ladendorf*
Munir Alam & Samira
Rahmatullah*
Senthil Muthiah*
Susan H. Myerow '72
Stephen and Linda Nathanson
Edward Naughton and
Maria Roxas-Naughton
Gerald Neuman and
Carol Jones Neuman
Phillip Newell
Thao Nguyen and Kim Do
Diane Nicholeris '78 and
Daniel Baciocco*
Mirai and Tomi's Family
Weihong Niu
Judy Norsigian
Femi and Nicole Obi*
Lisa Ochs, '79
Debra and David Odeh*
Cecilia O'Keefe*
Devin & Catherine O'Keefe
John and Mary O'Keefe
Ms. Elizabeth O'Keefe
Sally Zimmerman and
Allen Olsen
Ken and Karen Omahen
Karl L. Oppenheimer
Tatiana Oreshina
Karen Kotkow and
Donald Oster*
Christine Osterwalder
John and Sandra Owens
Aparna Pahooja and
Vikram Pillai
Barbara E. Palant
Laura J. Palermino
Janis Palmer
Anna Park '18
Nyssa Patten '97
Howard and Cynthia Pedlikin
Ross and Anne Perry
Andrew Wilson and
Margaret Phillips
Rebecca Pierce
Susan R. Playfair
Wendy Shattuck and
Sam Plimpton in honor of
Pamela Humphrey*
Chad Polk '17
Janet Prince '75 and
Peter Bergh*
Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn

Ralph I. Rabin and
Carol L. Willett
Janet Raciti '69*
Amy Ramnarine
Meg Ramsey
Sarah S. Raux and
Geoffrey M. Raux*
Peter and Suzanne Read
Jane Reed
Alan Reef and Barbara Reef
Eric and Virginia Reiner
Frank
Hong Ren and Long Ma
Maureen Rezendes and
Mark Findeis
Rheault & Krumrine Family
Dan Richards and Lynne Pepall
The Parents of Joss Richman
Farrah Ridore '12
Bonnie Anderson Rising '81 and
Curtis Rising
Liz and Fred Robbins
Brett A. Robbins
Alexander Robinson '69
Martha Robinson*
Lawrence and JoAnn Robinson
Peter and Amy Rockett
Elizabeth Rogers
Steven and Alex Rohall*
Wendy Rolfe-Dunham '75*
Toby Romer
Felicia J. Rose
Robert Rose
Jeffrey Rosenblatt and
Debra Byers
Adrienne Rosenblatt '08
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Rosenthal
George '70 and Lynn Rowan
Tom Ruby*
Lisa & Gary Rucinski
David and Catherine Rude
Kathryn Rudolph
Nancy Ruggiero
Alexander Russell
Eriko Hironaka and Mark Russell
Frederick Ruymann
Lucille Sampson
Prow Sarns
Michael Schick and
Katherine Hanson
Mr. and Mrs. David Schreiber
Greg and Nancy Schwanbeck
Aire Maija Schwann
Ms. Sylvia Schwartz, '05
David A. Schwartz '61 and
Cheryl Ann Schwartz
Evan Schwartz
Gretchen Seaver, '00
Rani Sellers, '83

Laura Sen*
Jinah Seo and Young Park*
Laurel Shader MD '77
Rose Shao
Alayne '75 and Jeff Shapiro
Patricia M. Shea
Laura Siegel Shechter '99
Malcolm and Barbara Sherman
Wenhua Shi and Jia Wu
Harris Shilakowsky
Drs. Ryan Shipe and
Shivani Reddy*
Philip Silberberg
Rachel and Brian Silver
Dr. and Mrs. Philip Simon, '65
Robert Simonds '94
Mr. Peter Skerry and
Martha Bayles
Rob and Jody Collins Skinner*
Paul R. Skinner
Bill Skulley '63
Philip J. and Ann Smith*
Wenjing Song and Yunlong Sha
A. Joseph Soucy, '00
James Spidle
Mr. Matthew D. Stansfield and
Tai O.ONEY
Dr. Patricia Stapler '67
Jesse Starks
Alan Stern and Lori Tenser
Walter and Mimi Stern
Adam Stern
Carol Stevens, '69
Perry Stoll and Karyn Wang
Noah Stone '19
Jordan and Sarah Stone*
Harris and Esta-Lee Stone
Francis Strong '64
Barbara Stein and Jin Suk*
Sophie Suo and Linghai Ma
Susan Hughes and Erik Surface
Marilyn, Kerren, and
Drew Swinger
Anne Szymchych*
Ruhina Tahir and
Dr. Naeem Tahir
Jacob Taylor and Jean Park*
John Temple and Ann Miller
Timothy Terranella
Caitlin Theall
Debbie Thompson '67
Christopher and
Simonida Thurber
Marilyn Thurber
Charles Tillen and
Bonnie Lee Tillen
Gerardo and
Hannelore Tramontozzi
Laura Trust and Alan Litchman*

Angela Tseng
Qi Tu and Mingzhi Dou
Ann Turley
Peter and Paula Tyack
Janet Underhill
United Way of Massachusetts
Bay
Sandra Urie and Frank Herron
Grandma Uveges
Dr. Steve Vacchi '86
Leslie Van Derpoel
COL (Ret) Gregory O. Varo
Dante and Leonora Velasquez
Brian Vieira, '68
Stephen Wagner '08 and
Lillian Wagner*
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wagner*
Dian Wallace
Kendra and Nate Walton
Martha Walton
Emily Walz
Eleanor Chen Family
The Wang Family
Haobing Wang and Xinyu Ji
Ruisheng Wang
Helen M. Waters
Larrine Watson
Michael Weinfield-Zell
Timothy and Catherine Weiskel*
Charles Weitz and Isabel Chiu
David M. Welch and
Lisa Onorato*
Susan Wellington
Andy and Megan West*
Amanda & Ryan West
Megan West
Mr. and Mrs. Paul White
Priscilla White
Deborah Willard Coogan
Shirley Williams and
Ziv Williams
Helen Williams in honor of
Rebecca Lanier-Williams
Jessica A. Winiecki '85
Paul, Pamela, Daniel '14, Evan
'14, and Ethan Wood*
Chris Woodward and
Helen Woodward*
Stephen R. Woolf, '58
Jim Wright and Jennifer Lynn*
Althea Wright*
JoAnne Wright
John Wright
Wendi Yajnik and Vijay Yajnik*
Aya and Takeshi Yamaguchi
Mr. Stanley Yamane
Grace Yang and Chris Yang
Ning Yin and Mingjin Fan*
Satoshi and Yumi Yoda

Mr. and Mrs. Fredric Young
Scott Young '85 and Julie Young
Kyna Yu and Xing Su*
Zhao Ivy's parents*
Jackie Zhou
Wesley Zhu
Tama Zorn and Mark Zorn
Marta Žurad

MARVIN J. RABIN SOCIETY

BYSO is grateful for the generosity of our legacy donors and members of the Marvin J. Rabin Society. Members of this visionary group are forward thinking supporters of the arts, education, and community. They have made a commitment to ensure that the vitality and artistic excellence that define BYSO will continue to transform our students and audiences for years to come.

Anonymous (2)
Janet Amick, in honor of
Will Moonan
Susan Baronoff and Peter Nolan
Ken and Carol Bello
Jean-Marc Berteaux
Alan Brock
Sylvia Katzman Scholarship
Fund
Charles Learoyd '63
Sharon and Brad Malt
Cecilia O'Keefe
Gillian Rogell '64
Philip J. and Ann Smith
David M. Welch and
Lisa Onorato

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

We would like to extend a special, heartfelt thank you to all of our conductors and instructors this season!

The BYSO Connects virtual season would not have been possible without all of the amazing efforts of our artistic staff and coaches. Students were able to improve their technical and musical skills under their guidance in small groups (between 4–10 students per coaching session).

//

This year, during a time when we've all been faces with so many obstacles and challenges, BYSO faculty were eager to share their knowledge of music with us and give us opportunities to perform virtually. I can honestly say that I wouldn't be where I was today without all of the valuable lessons that they taught me."

–Iris, '21, Viola



//

I love how the BYSO conductors dig deep into the vast expanse of orchestral repertoire, and aren't afraid to challenge us."

–Alexander, '21, Cello



//

I owe a debt of gratitude to the music staff, the conductors, and the coaches of BYSO. Their work and their contribution to this institution has been, for years, invaluable. But I'm particularly grateful this year because under the very challenging circumstances of this pandemic, it made an enormous difference to have music staff, conductors, and coaches that are not just extraordinary musicians and experienced teachers, but are also generously committed to the success of BYSO and its students."

–Federico Cortese

2020-2021 TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

Margaret Chen, President
Cecilia O'Keefe, Vice President
Anthony Fogg, Vice President Jean-
Marc Berteaux, Treasurer
Ben Brady, Secretary

MEMBERS

John Avallon
Robert Beaser '72
Kenneth Bello
Michael Berk
David Chin, *ex officio*
Joe Correia
Eran Egozy '89
Melissa McMorrow
Gregory Melchor-Barz, *ex officio*
Senthil Muthiah
John Navien
Femi Obi
Tom Ruby
Sarah Schaffer Raux
Jordan Stone
Stephen Wagner '08, *ex officio*
Andy West
Catherine Weiskel, *ex officio*
Dr. Harvey Young, *ex officio*

ADVISORY BOARD

Munir Alam
Alison Bomberg
Peter Bonney '95
Cecilia Chao
Ken Chow
Peter Coffin
David Druley
David Jones '85
Young Lee
Mahmood Malihi
Cynthia Robinson Markey
Anne Morriss
David Odeh
Robert Skinner
Althea Wright

HONORARY MEMBERS

Gabriella Beranek
John W. Coffey, III
Pamela Humphrey
Philip J. Smith

PRESIDENTS EMERITI

Tom Draper
Joe Grimaldi
George Keches
Philip J. Smith
Eduardo Tobon
John Wall
David Welch

ARTISTIC STAFF

Federico Cortese
*Music Director and Conductor,
Boston Youth Symphony*

Adrian Slywotzky
Artistic Consultant

Joseph Bozich
Artistic Advisor and Conductor

Mark Miller
Conductor, Repertory Orchestra

John Holland
Conductor, Junior Repertory Orchestra

Janet Underhill
*Conductor, Preparatory Winds
Assistant Director for Winds, Intensive
Community Program*

Marta Žurad
*Conductor, Young People's String
Orchestra,
Petit Ensemble,
Intensive Community Program*

Nicole Cariglia
*Artistic Director,
Intensive Community Program*

Miriam Eckelhoef
Director, Chamber Music Program

BYSO COUNCIL

Natalie Baker
Abraham Dewing '87
Sol Jin '07
David Jones '85
Alexandra Morgan-Welch '10
Adrienne Rosenblatt '08
Stephen Wagner '08
Kathryn Wilcox

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Catherine Weiskel
Executive Director

Gabriel Cobas
General Manager

Martha Robinson
Director of Development

Erin Keegan Ianni
*Director of Marketing
and Public Relations*

Jo-Ann A. Branco
Director of Finance

Kathryn Rudolph
*Director of Operations and Community
Programs*

David Abraham
Operations Manager

Katie McInerney
Operations Associate

Saralyn Klepaczyk
Community Programs Manager

Amy Ramnarine
Associate Director of Individual Giving

Kendra Walton
Institutional Giving Officer

Jessica Chen
*Development & Alumni Relations
Associate*

Colin Keane
Development Associate

Helen Waters
Development Associate

Matthew Stansfield
Executive Assistant

BYSO

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

Federico Cortese, Music Director

BU College of Fine Arts
855 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
617-353-3348
www.BYSOweb.org

