

THE VERDUGO YOUNG MUSICIANS' ASSOCIATION

a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is dedicated to providing first-rate music education in a nurturing, non-competitive ensemble setting. Members of the VYMA enhance their musical skills through professional coaching while they discover the dedication, teamwork and joy of making music together.

VYMA Orchestral Programs

All students with a minimum of one year private instruction are welcome. VYMA orchestras are inclusive, currently bringing together young musicians from over 40 different public and private schools. To keep students actively engaged, the program takes a multi-tiered approach. Repertoire is carefully selected to meet the abilities, aspirations, and educational needs of students at varying levels of musical development. All ensembles have multiple performance opportunities throughout the year. Past venues have included the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Thorne Hall, theaters, libraries and museums.



(VYO) Verdugo Youth Orchestra, Open to all instruments, is designed for intermediate and advanced players who have had orchestral experience and are prepared to explore the orchestral repertoire of Baroque, Classical, Romantic and contemporary composers.

Verdugo Youth Ensemble welcomes all young players with little or no orchestral experience. Students learn the basics of ensemble playing and how to work with a conductor while they prepare music for performance.

VYMA Chamber Music Program

In addition to orchestral settings, VYMA also offers a Chamber Music program especially designed to challenge young musicians playing beginning, intermediate and advanced repertoire. Many VYMA students choose to expand their musical horizons by participating in both Orchestra and Chamber Music programs. With the guidance of professional coaches, students work together in duos, trios and quartets, playing with the same group over an entire semester to develop the unique skills and musical sensibilities necessary to performing in small ensembles without a conductor.



VYMA chamber groups have the opportunity to perform in many venues, and have won recognition from the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) VOCE Competition and at the Southwest Youth Music Festival (SYMF).

Chamber Music Rehearsals

Chamber music rehearsals are held weekly. Time and place are coordinated with the individual schedules of the students and coaches involved.

Professional Coaching

In addition to the orchestra rehearsals, VYMA offers sectional coaching by our caring staff every week. All of our coaches are professional musicians as well as experienced educators.

Orchestra Rehearsals

All orchestral rehearsals are held on Tuesdays 4:15-6:15 pm at the First Congregational Church, 2001 Canada Bl. Glendale, CA. 91208

For more information please call
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website vyma.org

Samvel Chilingarian Music Director and Conductor

Mr. Chilingarian gained his professional experience as a Violinist / Conductor in Austria and in the United States. He has toured and performed extensively around the world.



Mr. Chilingarian holds a masters degree from the University of Missouri Kansas City, after which he continued his studies in Europe at the Vienna Conservatorium. Mr. Chilingarian has instituted and conducted numerous Youth Orchestras and Orchestral Summer Seminars both in Europe and in the U.S. such as the Linz Yugendorchester in Austria, the Kadima Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hanareum Youth Orchestra, the Glendale Youth Orchestra String Ensemble and the Verdugo Youth Orchestra. Mr. Chilingarian has served as violin professor on the faculties of the University of Missouri Kansas City Continuing Education Department, the Linz Music School Summer Seminar in Austria and most recently the Bethesda C. University in Los Angeles.

VYMA Membership and Tuition

VYMA's season runs from September through May. Minimum requirement for membership is one year of weekly private lessons, which must be continued throughout participation in VYMA. Tuition is \$275 per semester for each instrumental program. There is a \$20 registration fee for all applicants. Limited scholarships are available.

Auditions

Auditions for orchestral and chamber music programs are held for the purpose of placement only, and are conducted with the same encouraging style that characterizes all VYMA programs. Auditions are held in August and in January at the First Congregational Church, 2001 Canada Bl. Glendale, CA. 91208. Visit vyma.org for specific information.