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### **Metropolitan Youth Symphony Kicks off 2017 with an Interplanetary Musical Journey**

(Portland, OR) – Metropolitan Youth Symphony (MYS) performs their first concert of 2017 with their Symphony Orchestra at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Sunday, March 5 at 7:30 pm. Entitled *A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Planets*, the concert will feature a performance of *The Planets* by Gustav Holst and a commissioned work for choir and orchestra by Brazilian composer Ronaldo Cadeu, under the baton of MYS Music Director Raúl Gómez. Movements of Cadeu's piece will be played between each movement of *The Planets*. The audience will be guided through the music with an original script inspired by a *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. Choirs from Skyview and Cleveland high schools will perform in keeping with our March tradition of collaborating with young musicians from outside the organization.

Performances by Vivaldi Strings, conducted by Oregon Symphony violist Brian Quincey, and Symphonic Band, conducted by University of Portland professor Patrick Murphy, will also be featured.

#### **Concert Tickets**

Tickets range from \$14 - \$37 for adults, with discount prices available for students and seniors. Tickets are available online via the [Portland's website](http://Portland5.com) and by calling the MYS office at 503-239-4566 or visiting [www.playmys.org](http://www.playmys.org) to view seating options.

#### **About Metropolitan Youth Symphony (MYS):**

Metropolitan Youth Symphony educates, develops and promotes young musicians. We enroll over 500 youth, ages 5-18, from the Greater Portland Metro area and SW Washington, in 12 orchestra, band, string, and jazz ensembles each year. MYS is one of the largest youth music organizations in the country and one of the few offering a jazz program. MYS's strong tuition assistance program ensures that all interested musicians have an opportunity to join MYS, regardless of their financial circumstances.

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