



SOUTH COAST YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mission Viejo • Cerritos • Ontario

2018 - 19 Season

Rocky Lee, Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

Dan Robbins, Conductor

Rehearsals:

Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, (Call Time 6:45 PM)

La Paz Intermediate School, Music Room #31

25151 Pradera Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Audition Date:

Saturday, September 1, 1:00 - 8:00 PM

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Please call (626) 272-8207 to schedule an audition time

Audition Requirements:

Strings, Woodwinds & Brass

2-3 octave Major and Minor Scale (quarter notes at 100 BPM)

Perform a movement from a concerto or solo work

Percussion

Demonstrate Basic Rudiments

Musicians will also be required to sight-read

Prerequisites and Special Requirements: Previous training on your instrument and an audition with the orchestra conductor. Enrollment in school instrumental music program is encouraged if one is available. Membership in the SCYSO is not intended to replace such participation.

Tuition & Fees Policy: Tuition is \$275/semester along with a \$35/semester music fee. Tuition includes all rehearsals, workshops and performances. The music fee (due at the first rehearsal) covers the cost associated with purchasing/renting music for each semester.



Founded in 2001, the **South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra - SCYSO** is recognized as a premier youth orchestra in Southern California. The orchestra strives for musical excellence and the development of poise and confidence in each individual musician through the joy of music making. The SCYSO provides a distinguished orchestral experience designed to motivate and enhance musical talent and cultivate individual growth through the rehearsal and performance of renowned orchestral repertoire while offering unparalleled musical training and professional performance opportunities to musicians of all abilities.



SCYSO Artistic Director & Principal Conductor

Maestro Rocky Lee, is a graduate of Chapman University, where he studied conducting with Maestro John Koshak and violin performance with Mischa Lefkowitz. With more than two decades of teaching experience, he has become one of the most respected music educators in Southern California. His revolutionary approach to music education has made classical music enjoyable and simple to grasp for young musicians.

As a conductor, he has received accolades in the United States and abroad. Under his leadership, the South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra performed SCYSO exclusive concerts to filled concert halls at the Los Angeles Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall in 2012 and the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in 2014 and 2016. Internationally he has led the SCYSO, representing the United States on six international concert tours performing in Czech Republic & Austria in 2005, Italy in 2007, Spain in 2009, England, Ireland & Wales in 2011, France & Germany in 2013, Greece in 2015 and Austria in 2017. One review from the South Wales Evening Post had this to say about the orchestra: "A captivating performance, thoroughly deserving the standing ovation they were given at the end." The orchestras were received with great applause performing in the magnificent cities of Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Rome, Florence, Venice, Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Costa del Sol, Granada, Dublin, Cardiff, London, Paris, Heidelberg, Munich, Athens, Larissa and Thessaloniki. The orchestra will embark on its 8th international concert tour in 2019.

His work in conducting and education has earned him recognition from the European Cultural Initiative for the Young Generation, presented to him by Dr. Jutta Unkart-Seifert. Together with his staff of selected professional musicians, his orchestras create an environment where young musicians are challenged and encouraged to develop and refine their musical abilities. Maestro Lee inspires the musicians to achieve their highest potential from every stage of their musical development. These attributes are recognized by the enthusiasm expressed by the orchestras he conducts.



SCYSO Conductor, Maestro Dan Robbins, is a graduate of California State University Fullerton, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance in 1988 and in Music Education, with honors, in 1992. Mr. Robbins is a native of Southern California where he has taught and performed for many years.

Some of his experiences include performing in the CSU Fullerton #1 Jazz Ensemble for ten years, Disneyland for nine years, as a performer at Sea World in San Diego and the 1984 Olympics. He has traveled internationally to the World Expo in Vancouver, Canada, and has been on eight European tours, performing in Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. With the SCYSO, Mr. Robbins has toured Austria and Czech Republic in 2005, Italy in 2007, Spain in 2009, England, Ireland and Wales in 2011, France and Germany in 2015, Greece in 2015 and Austria in 2017.

Mr. Robbins spent 10 years teaching for the Mission Viejo High School #1 Jazz Ensemble. He is a member of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA), the Music Educators National Conference (MENC), Jazz Education Network (JEN) and the California Band Directors Association (CBDA). He was honored to serve as the manager of the SCSBOA Junior High Honor Band for the 1995-96 school year and has taught the award winning music program at La Paz for the past 22 years. Mr. Robbins has been honored as the La Paz and SVUSD Teacher of the Year in 2000, and in 2001, was nominated for the Disney American Teacher Award. In addition, Mr. Robbins has been honored by the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, *Phi Delta Kappa* ($\Phi\Delta K$) and was elected as Teacher of the Year. In 2009, Mr. Robbins was selected to conduct the SCSBOA middle school honor Jazz band and has also been nominated for the Grammy music educator of the year award. Mr. Robbins has two sons, Nicholas and Nolan, who are also excellent musicians.

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Tentative Season Schedule

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The following is the tentative season schedule for the SCYSO-Mission Viejo. Rehearsals begin on September 5, and are held every Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at La Paz Intermediate School, Music Room #31, 25151 Pradera Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. (Call time is 6:45 PM unless otherwise noted below)

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Attendance Policy: It is the responsibility of each orchestra member to be at all rehearsals, events and performances. If you have an unavoidable problem or conflict causing absence or lateness, it is your responsibility to contact the orchestra manager. You are responsible to have all assigned music prepared for rehearsals, concerts and/or individual exams or sectionals. Additional rehearsal times may be announced and are subject to change.

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Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

2018 - 19 Fall Semester

September Wednesday 5, 12 & 19 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 8 Workshop #1 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuition due on September 5

October Wednesday 3, 10, 17 & 24 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 27 Workshop #2 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

November Wednesday 7, 14 & 28 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 17 Workshop #3 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

December Wednesday 5 & 12 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 1 Workshop #4 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 8 Workshop #5 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

January Wednesday 16 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 12 Workshop #6 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday 20 **Season Opening Concert**
Carpenter Performing Arts Center
Performance Time - 7:00 PM
(Call time 1:00 PM)

Weekly Rehearsals:

Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, (Call Time 6:45 PM)
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2018 - 19 Spring Semester

January Wednesday 23 & 30 Rehearsals continue

Tuition due on January 23

February Wednesday 6, 13, 20 & 27 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 2 Workshop #1 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

March Wednesday 6, 13 & 20 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 2 Workshop #2 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM
Saturday 23 Workshop #3 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

April Wednesday 3, 10, 17 & 24 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 27 Workshop #4 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

May Wednesday 1, 8 & 15 Rehearsals continue
Saturday 4 Workshop #5 @ La Paz Intermediate School
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 18 **Season Finale Concert**
Carpenter Performing Arts Center
Performance Time - 7:00 PM
(Call time 1:00 PM)