

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra Educational Outreach Programs

The NBSO believes educating young people is a central part of its mission.

With innovative and exciting musical programs like *Music in the Mornings*, the *Young People's Concerts*, *SchoolsMusic!* and the *Youth Orchestra*, The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra continues to provide authentic and engaging musical experiences for the students in our local schools.

Music in the Mornings

Over the past four years, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra has implemented the *Music in the Mornings* program in over 50 schools throughout our local area. Currently 17,000 students start each school day by listening to classical music. Within the program, students listen to five minutes of a classical piece over the course of five school days while the morning announcer reads a short script each day that gives different information about the composer and the music.

SchoolsMusic!

The NBSO's newest program, *SchoolsMusic!* brings a small group of symphony musicians into the schools for an "up close and musical" concert experience. During the performance, the musicians perform excerpts that students will recognize from the *Music in the Mornings* program. In addition, the students are taught about various musical concepts, and how composers can use and manipulate them to create different effects within a musical composition.

Young People's Concerts

In 1989, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra implemented a youth program designed to introduce public and private elementary school students to classical music. Nearly 7,000 children attend the Young People's Concerts each year, which are held at the historic Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Music Director Dr. David MacKenzie, a lifelong educator, has developed specific age-appropriate programs for students in grades 2 through 6. The Young People's Concerts are often students' first experience in a theatre, as well as their first exposure to classical music.

New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra

In 2008, the New Bedford Symphony created the New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra which is comprised of student musicians from schools throughout our local area. David Prentiss, President and CEO of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra recently spoke about the concept behind the formation of the ensemble. "Creating the Youth Orchestra is an important part of the NBSO's vision to be rooted in our community and serve the next generation of musicians. It is so gratifying to see the students having fun making music and growing as musicians. We are thrilled with the progress they are making."



Dear NBSO,
I have only one thing to say... it was AWESOME!!! My favorite part was when Ms. Smith told her story that made me laugh. Also I am thinking about doing a composition just like Mr. MacKenzie. If that happened I think I could make a fortune!



Dear NBSO,
I learned at the symphony orchestra that classical music isn't as boring as most people think it is. I also think the best part was when they played the song Spring from the Four Seasons. We all believe it was a great learning experience. Thank you for being a great music teacher. Thanks again.

Dear NBSO,
The musicians: WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I felt like I was in a beautiful magical land. How many musicians were there all together? If you are wondering why, it's because I could hear real music !!!



Dear NBSO,
I learned that there are a lot of ways to make beautiful music. You can do it fast, slow, high and low. I felt a lot different emotions. I felt mysterious when you played the Pink Panther.

