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RENO PHIL YOUTH ORCHESTRA MEMBER SELECTED FOR COVETED APPRENTICESHIP

Paul Novak selected as apprentice composer for National Youth Orchestra

RENO, Nev. (March 2, 2016) — Reno Philharmonic Youth Symphony Orchestra's principal flutist Paul Novak has been selected as one of two apprentice composers for the [National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America \(NYO-USA\)](#), the nation's most talented young musicians. Novak, 17, has performed with the Reno Phil's youth orchestras since 2010 and attends the Davidson Academy.

"This is an incredible opportunity and I'm honored to represent the Reno Phil and our community with this prestigious apprenticeship," Novak said.

Novak will study under Sean Shepherd, a former YSO bassoonist and accomplished contemporary composer, for the 2016 NYO-USA season, including attending a summer program and performing at Carnegie Hall.

In addition to his active participation in the YSO, Novak directs the Artemisia Chamber Ensemble, a youth chamber ensemble in Reno comprised of the top high school musicians in Reno. The group works closely with several local composers and has performed world premieres of their compositions right here in Reno. The group is made up of nearly all YSO members or alumni. Novak is also the recipient of several awards and recognition including the YoungArts Foundation Merit winner, the National Young Composers' Challenge winner and first prize winner for the Webster University National Composition Competition.

"There is an incredible amount of talent in our youth programs," Tim Young, president and CEO of the Reno Phil, said. "Our dedicated team of instructors and motivated musicians like Paul make accomplishments such as this a true testament of the great things the Reno Phil has to offer our community."

In addition to the Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Reno Phil provides various educational programs. The [Reno Phil Youth Orchestra \(RYPO\)](#) currently serves more than 230 talented young musicians every year. The Youth Concert Orchestra (YCO), founded in 1999, is geared toward developing technical and performance skills. Additionally, in the 2014-15 school year, 191 students participated in the RPA Kids program at Title 1 at-risk elementary schools, receiving free after school violin instruction.

For more information on the Reno Phil and its educational programs, visit online at RENOPHIL.COM or call 775-323-6393.

About the Reno Phil

The [Reno Phil](#) is northern Nevada's largest performing arts organization. In its 47th season, the orchestra, led by music director Laura Jackson, is comprised of more than 80 professional musicians who perform more than 30 concerts annually throughout the Reno-Tahoe region. Musicians of the

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professional orchestra, youth orchestras, various ensembles and education programs offer more than 60 performances each year, playing to more than 50,000 people. The flagship of the Reno Phil is its concert series offering six classic music series, *Classix*, performed on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. To learn more about the Reno Philharmonic and its events, and to discover all that the Reno Phil has to offer, visit RENOPHIL.COM

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