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Pass the Hat with Bellevue Youth Symphony!

Dear BYSO parent,

Congratulations to your student on a successful audition and welcome to the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra! We are glad to have you with us this season and truly look forward to making musical connections with all of you.

Each fall we “pass the hat” and give BYSO families the chance to support our efforts and keep our programs affordable, provide scholarships, and especially this year, explore new technology to make music possible. Tuition alone covers only 60% of costs. Along with our regular operating costs, which include office and storage space rental, paying conductors, and hiring coaching staff, we will encounter new costs this year with our online platform:

- Monthly Zoom meeting expenses to hold online sessions.
- Recording equipment and software for students to experience a recording session.
- Purchasing music that translates to an online platform.
- Professional video editing for student projects.
- Scholarships to deserving students that are financially affected by this crisis.

Our Pass the Hat goal is for 85% of our families to participate in giving, no matter the amount. All donations will help us towards our annual fundraising goal of \$15,000. Simply click the [donate](#) button at the top of our website, www.bysso.org. Another way to give that helps BYSO tremendously is automatic monthly giving from your bank or workplace – \$10 per month, or any amount that works for you. All donations are fully tax deductible and we welcome company matching from Microsoft, Boeing, Google, and many others.

Without donors like you, we simply would not be able to reopen this fall. Not only would we be unable to fulfill our mission, but the value that BYSO brings to our students would suffer. From the staff, conductors, and board of directors, BYSO applauds your courage to make music this fall, and we hope you will Pass the Hat with us. Thank you for your support.

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