



2019-2020 IDAHO STATE-CIVIC SYMPHONY

A Storied Season

Julie Sorensen, Artistic Director & Conductor

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Amy Boese to Be Idaho State-Civic Symphony Youth Orchestra Artistic Director and Conductor

POCATELLO – The Idaho State-Civic Symphony Board of Directors has announced that **Amy Boese** has been appointed Artistic Director and Conductor of the **Idaho State-Civic Symphony Youth Orchestra (ISCSYO)**. Beginning September 2019, Dr. Julie Sorensen, who has held the position for three seasons, will step down to focus on her roles as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Idaho State-Civic Symphony, and as an Assistant Professor of Music in the School of Performing Arts at Idaho State University.

“After a great deal of consideration and thought,” says Julie Sorensen, “I have made the very difficult decision to step down as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Youth Orchestra. I would like to sincerely thank all of the very talented young musicians and their families for three years of exciting music making. I look forward to watching them continue to grow under the direction of Ms. Amy Boese. She is incredibly talented and capable of taking the Youth Orchestra to an even higher level.”

The Idaho State-Civic Symphony Youth Orchestra provides Southeast Idaho's most dedicated music students with opportunities to develop their technical musicianship by playing challenging repertoire in a professional format. Regular rehearsals and concert performances provide young musicians with important life skills needed to prepare them for future opportunities and cultivate artistic growth and excellence through enriching orchestral experiences. The ensemble rehearses Tuesday afternoons at ISU's Stephens Performing Arts Center and performs two concerts each season.

Amy Boese is the principal second violin with the Idaho State-Civic Symphony and a music educator in Pocatello. Ms. Boese spent six years abroad in Bangkok, Thailand, where she served as concertmaster for the Bangkok International Community Orchestra and Bangkok Charity Orchestra, was an active chamber musician, and taught at the International Community School. She also taught in Music for Life, a program to bring free music education to the residents of the Klong Toey community. She holds a Master's degree from Colorado State University in music education with a Kodály specialization, and a bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota in violin performance and music education.

Ms. Boese will be the primary administrator of the Youth Orchestra, and will be responsible for finalizing repertoire, rehearsals and concerts for the season. She will also be responsible for recruiting new members, acting as a liaison with

the community, Board, families, and musicians, and serving as a mentor to the students by showing them how to perform in a professional environment.

Ms. Boese will continue to build upon the established standard of excellence instituted by Julie Sorensen by challenging the ensemble to play original string orchestra literature and expand the group to a full orchestra.

The Youth Orchestra will perform November 14, 2019 at 7:30pm, April 10, 2020 at 7:30pm, and at a school concert for area fourth and fifth graders on March 4, 2020 at 9:30am and 11:00am at the Stephens Performing Arts Center. For more information, please visit www.thesymphony.us.

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