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YOUTH SYMPHONY APPOINTS NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

KANSAS CITY – (November 1, 2018) Youth Symphony of Kansas City has announced the appointment of Artistic Director Kirt Mosier.

Mr. Mosier began working with Youth Symphony on its Austria Tour in June 2018. He is the conductor of Academy Orchestra with Youth Symphony and the Associate Conductor of the Lee’s Summit Symphony Orchestra. He also serves on the national board of Music for All, a nonprofit focused on music and arts education.

Some highlights of his work include winning the National School Orchestra Association composition contest and the Merle J. Isaac National Composition contest. He was also a quarterfinalist for the 2016 Grammy Music Educator of the year award.

Mr. Mosier has composed pieces for orchestras all over the country. In 2017, the Kansas City Symphony premiered his holiday arrangement and earlier this year, Youth Symphony debuted his original piece, “Crossroads Fanfare.”

He taught high school orchestra for 31 years in the Raytown and Lee’s Summit School Districts. He also taught orchestration and arranging as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance.

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Founded in 1958, the Youth Symphony of Kansas City is a music education organization comprised of four student orchestras and string programs involving 450 of the most talented young instrumentalists in the Kansas City metropolitan area. In November 2018, the most advanced ensemble – Symphony Orchestra – will perform as part of the Harriman-Jewell Series at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Youth Symphony ensembles have toured regionally and internationally. This year, the organization celebrates its 60th Anniversary Season.

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