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Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season

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EAU CLAIRE—The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony (CVYS) is pleased to announce the premier of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season and the addition of new music director, Dr. Peter Haberman.

The youth symphony is an auditioned music group with a diverse student population representing communities within a 60 mile radius from public, private, and home school education settings. The CVYS provides a full orchestral experience that school programs do not offer. Membership has increased significantly within the last two years from 56 to 77 student musicians.

“Coming from a small town where music isn't a very large program, CVYS has expanded my knowledge and musical experience in ways I could never have thought of,” said Nate Plass, a youth symphony musician from Cadott, WI. “I am also able to play with other musicians that really care about music and want to excel.”

The CVYS has appointed Dr. Peter Haberman as the new music director for the 2010-2011 season. Haberman is a conductor, trumpet performer, and music educator, serving as the director of bands and assistant professor of music at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He conducts the Wind Symphony, teaches courses in conducting and repertoire, supervises student teachers and coordinates the UW-EC band program. Prior to his appointment, Haberman held a similar position as director of bands at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

“I am looking forward to great concerts and rehearsals with the members of the youth symphony,” Haberman said. “We are making wonderful music and enjoying the process!”

For its 30<sup>th</sup> year, the CVYS is expanding to a five-concert season. A complete listing with locations, times and admission costs is attached.

- Fall Pops Concert, Tuesday, November 2
- Winter Concert, Sunday, December 12
- Concert Competition, Saturday, January 29
- Finale Concert, Saturday, May 14
- Benefit Concert, Thursday, May 19

Dr. Haberman said of the 30-year-old Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony, “There is a strong dedication and commitment to this organization, and a real vision for building and creating deep musical experiences for the youth of the Chippewa Valley.”

“I look forward to working with Dr. Haberman ... He is truly an amazing conductor and I cannot wait to learn from him,” said Plass. “I think that this year is off to a great start. I can't wait to see where it'll end up.”

The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony is sponsored by Wisconsin Public Radio, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley Vein Center. For more information, please visit our website at [www.cvyouthsymphony.org](http://www.cvyouthsymphony.org). The Youth symphony office is located in the Eau Claire Regional Arts Center. Office staff can be reached through email at: [info@cvyouthsymphony.org](mailto:info@cvyouthsymphony.org) or by calling 715-955-4085. Both Dr. Haberman and Nate Plass are available for interviews.

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