

## Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony 2011-2012 Fact Sheet

**Mission:** The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony (CVYS) provides a unique opportunity for area youth to develop and showcase their artistry in the symphonic tradition while enhancing their lives and the cultural environment of the communities they live in.

**What is CVYS?** The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony is a non-profit 501 (c) (3), volunteer run organization with a Board of Directors. This year, it will be going on its 31<sup>st</sup> season. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is a strong community partner and provides in-kind rehearsal and concert space for our use. A Music Director and Section Leaders representing community musicians and UW-Eau Claire Faculty and students make up the educational staff. The Chippewa Valley Symphony, another community partner, works closely with the director to nurture artistic opportunities.

**Youth Involved:** Musicians in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade may audition to participate. Musicians are selected based on their playing ability and the need of instrumentation to create a balanced orchestra. The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony does not discriminate based on sex, race, religion, disability or national origin.

**Demographics:** Our musicians come from the Greater Chippewa Valley.

**Communities represented:** Approximately half of our students are from Eau Claire. The rest come from the following communities:

Boyd, Cadott, Chippewa Falls, Colfax, Eleva, Elk Mound, Hudson, Menomonie, New Richmond, Osseo, Rice Lake, Wilson.

**Schools:** CVYS is comprised of 68 student musicians. Fifty one students are from high schools in their communities, eleven are in middle school. We also have six home schooled youth in our program.

**Financial:** The CVYS feels strongly that no musician should be denied access to the youth symphony based on financial concerns. Of the 68 youth participating this year, six have requested financial scholarships from CVYS. We pay their complete registration of \$200 per year enabling them to participate in this enriching opportunity.

**Music Director:** CVYS is very pleased to announce the second year of Dr. Peter Haberman as the music director. 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. (More is attached).

**Past Music Directors:** 1980-2006

Ivar Lunde, Jr.

*Professor Emeritus,*

*Department of Music and Theater Arts  
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire*

2006-2010

Eugene Power

*Director of Bands,  
North High School*