

## JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS' PHILHARMONIC INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN 2018 LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL; FIRST-EVER TOUR FOR JSYO

Jacksonville, FL (June 21, 2017) --- The Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras' Philharmonic under the direction of Principal Conductor Deanna Tham has been invited to participate in the 2018 Los Angeles International Music Festival. The JSYO Philharmonic will be one of three high school ensembles accepted to the festival. It is the first-ever tour for a JSYO group. The announcement was made by Kathryn Rudolph, the Symphony's Director of Education and Community Engagement.

The highly selective Los Angeles International Music Festival includes three high school orchestras and one university orchestra. All participants are accepted by audition for the five day program which includes performances in the Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall and Disneyland. In addition to the performances which will be adjudicated by a panel of music professors, there will be an educational workshop as well as time to visit the area attractions.

"This will be an exciting adventure for our Philharmonic members and a tremendous educational activity," said Rudolph. "I believe that this first-ever tour will put into place a regular schedule of similar trips for future years. This can only benefit our students as they are able to expand their music experience."

The JSYO Philharmonic includes approximately 75 students. Leading the group will be Symphony Assistant Conductor and JSYO Principal Conductor Deanna Tham who begins her first year this season.

"I'm honored to be able to lead the JSYO on this tour," said Tham. "It is a great opportunity to pay homage to all their hard work that has enabled them to reach this goal and will point out their potential for the future achievements."

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