

October 6, 2021

Hello!

Happy Fall! On behalf of Artistic Director Jose Luis Dominguez and Assistant Conductor/Curriculum Specialist Terrence Thornhill I am thrilled to announce that the **NJSO Training Ensemble is BACK** and more robust than ever! This year we are offering in-person and virtual programs for beginner string students grades 4-12. The in-person option for fully vaccinated students runs Saturdays 12-2:30 at The Cali School of Music at Montclair State University (transportation provided) and our virtual option runs on Zoom from 2-3:30. **Our season officially kicks off this Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Here is some more of what we are planning for this year...

**In-person students:**

- Classes, lessons and ensemble time at the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University on Saturdays (transportation is being provided)
- Saturday in-person and after-school virtual semi-private lessons.
- Saturday Rhythm and Creative Composition classes.
- Opportunities to attend live and virtual events hosted by the Cali School of Music at Montclair State.
- Opportunity to play as an ensemble for in-person showcases and concerts on the Montclair State campus.

**Virtual students:**

- Semi-private virtual lessons afterschool.
- Saturday virtual Rhythm and composition classes.
- Opportunity to participate in a virtual recital.
- Opportunity to attend virtual events hosted by the Montclair State.
- Participation in a Creative Composition project.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Please see the attached PDF for registration details and instructions. Please feel free to pass it along to any family that may be interested in our program. If I can answer any questions or be of any help in the registration process do not hesitate to contact me directly. My cell is 732-366-3694 and my email address is [smcdonald@njsymphony.org](mailto:smcdonald@njsymphony.org)

Please enjoy the links below showcasing only a portion of incredible things our students have accomplished this past year. We are so proud of all of all their hard work, resilience and dedication! I look forward to the new season and hope you will keep in touch and help us spread the word! ☺

Harmoniously,  
Samuel McDonald

[Click here to listen to the NJSO Youth Orchestras creative composition album "Our Voices"!](#)

[Click here to watch our Virtual Spring Studio Recital](#)

[Click here to watch our Spring into Music Gala- celebrating the 30th anniversary of the NJSO Youth Orchestras and featuring students throughout the Academy.](#)

[Click here to watch our Spring Showcase featuring all four ensembles in the NJSO Youth Orchestras](#)

*Experience the NJSO Youth Orchestras creative composition album "Our Voices", streaming at [www.njsymphony.org/ourvoices/](http://www.njsymphony.org/ourvoices/)!*

*How sweet it is to play live for you! Join us for the NJSO's 2021–22 season. [njsymphony.org/subscribe](http://njsymphony.org/subscribe)*