



2024 – 2025 Announcements

Terry S. Alvey, PVYO Interim Music Director

The Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra has some exciting news to share about our 2024 – 2025 Concert Season. First, we welcome **Jon Eising** to his new position as **PVYO Wind Ensemble Conductor!** Jon brings a wealth of experience in music education and performance, as well as many years of dedication to the students of PVYO.

Second, we welcome **Kristi Licare** as our new **PVYO Concert Band Conductor!** Ms. Licare joined PVYO in 2023 as the assistant to both our Concert Band and Wind Ensemble conductors. We are excited for Ms. Licare and our musicians as she transitions into this new leadership role.

Finally, there are only 2 days left to register to audition for the upcoming PVYO Concert Season. **Please visit our website at www.pvyo.org to sign-up and submit your audition materials by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024.**

We are looking forward to an exciting year of making great music together!



*PVYO welcomes Jon Eising,
Wind Ensemble Conductor*



Jon Eising is the Instrumental Music Department Chair at James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. Blake is home to the Signature Program for the Arts and Humanities for Montgomery County Public Schools. Mr. Eising received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from The University of Oklahoma and a Master's Degree in French Horn Performance from The University of Maryland. During his undergraduate studies, Mr. Eising played professionally with The Oklahoma City Philharmonic, as well as various other professional orchestras throughout that region. In 2004, Mr. Eising began teaching at Blake and performing with The M Street Brass Quintet, a professional group that has been a staple in the D.C. metro area for over thirty years.

Mr. Eising is an active freelance musician performing throughout Maryland and Northern Virginia to include premiere venues such as The Kennedy Center and The Music Center at Strathmore. Mr. Eising has been on the music faculties of The Academy of the Holy Cross, The Academy of St. Cecilia Youth Orchestra, and Montgomery County Youth Orchestra. He is the site host for the Washington, D.C., Area Music in the Parks Festival, and has served as conductor for various Montgomery County honors bands and orchestras. In 2024 he was a quarterfinalist for the Music Educator Grammy Award and is currently a quarterfinalist for the 2025 school year. He is a member of The National Band Directors Association, Phi Mu Alpha National Music Service Fraternity, The American String Teachers Association and maintains an active private studio of the area's top young musicians.



*PVYO welcomes **Kristi Licare**,
Concert Band Conductor*



Kristi Licare is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park where she earned a Bachelor of Music in Clarinet Performance as a student of David Jones and a Bachelor of Music Education. During her final semester at UMD, Ms. Licare worked under the leadership of Jon Eising as she completed her student teaching internship. Prior to her undergraduate studies, Ms. Licare earned a certificate in clarinet performance from the Juilliard School, Pre-College Division, where she studied with Laura Flax. Ms. Licare is currently in her tenth year as the Instrumental Music Director and third year as the Content Specialist for the Fine Arts and Technology departments at Westland Middle School. In prior years, she has conducted the MCPS East All County Band and the MCPS Sixth Grade All County Band. Ms. Licare has also served as a woodwind sectional coach for various MCPS and other youth organization ensembles, including PVYO. Last year, she served as the Assistant Conductor for the PVYO Concert Band and Wind Ensemble.

Ms. Licare has performed with various musical ensembles across the DMV including the Maryland Band Directors' Band and the Capital Wind Symphony. She maintains an active private clarinet studio in which her students consistently earn spots in MCPS Honors and Maryland All State ensembles. She is thrilled to be moving into the role of Concert Band Conductor with PVYO this season.