

MODESTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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(Rylan Post, Modesto Symphony Youth Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster)

Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra Member Named Concertmaster of Mariposa Yosemite Symphony Orchestra

MODESTO, CA – The Modesto Symphony Orchestra Association (MSOA) is proud to announce that **Rylan Post**, concertmaster of the [Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra](#) (MSYO), has been appointed concertmaster for the [Mariposa Yosemite Symphony Orchestra](#), located in Mariposa, California. He will be the fourth concertmaster in the organization’s 21-year history and the youngest at the age of 15. Conductor and Mariposa Yosemite Symphony Orchestra Founder, Les Marsden announced the appointment in early December 2024, emphasizing Post’s artistic maturity, technique, and tone quality.

Born and raised in Merced, Post began taking lessons from violinist Caitlin Hunsuck Serpa at the age of three. Post joined the MSYO at the age of 10 in 2018, and currently serves as concertmaster for the MSYO Symphony Orchestra. Post also has been featured as a soloist during the MSYO’s 2020-2021 Virtual Season.

“I’ve grown up not only as a musician, but as a person as well over the years I’ve been in MSYO. The memories, experiences, and friendships we’ve built here at MSYO are something so unique and precious, and I’m sure I’ll cherish them as long as I play music.” says Rylan Post. “I’d like to express my

gratitude to all of the parents, music educators, and MSO/MSYO staff for supporting our musical journey. I can't wait to share our beautiful selections with those who love the music as much as we do."

Post will be performing as concertmaster of the MSYO's Symphony Orchestra at their Spring Concert on February 10, 2024 at the Gallo Center for the Arts. The MSYO comprises two orchestras with students from grades 5 through 12 and is led by a deeply engaged leadership team. Their Spring Concert will feature works by Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky, and more. Learn more about the MSYO at ModestoSymphony.org/about-msyo.

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MODESTO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Founded in 1976, the Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra (MSYO) serves young musicians and their families from more than 40 public and private schools in the Central Valley. Led by a deeply engaged leadership team, the MSYO attracts a diverse group of outstanding musicians. Members are presented the opportunity to share their gift of music in an inspiring and challenging orchestral setting alongside their peers from all social, economic, cultural, and geographical backgrounds. As a program within the Modesto Symphony Orchestra Association, members have the invaluable experience of interacting with our professional musicians, conductors, and visiting guest artists through workshops, side-by-side performances, and clinics.

The MSYO serves students of varying skill levels and is made up of two full-orchestra (strings, winds, and percussion) groups:

- The MSYO Concert Orchestra (Grades 5-9)
- The MSYO Symphony Orchestra (Grades 9-12)

Both ensembles perform a three-concert series at the Gallo Center for the Arts throughout the season. The MSYO Concert Orchestra has toured San Francisco, Sacramento, and the Central Valley. Typically, the Concert Orchestra tours local elementary schools, providing free performances, and advocating for the importance of music education. The MSYO Symphony Orchestra has also performed throughout the United States and world, including performances in England, France, Japan, Eastern Europe, Canada, and China. The Symphony Orchestra has previously partnered with the Napa Valley Youth Symphony to perform in the 2012 Mahler Festival in Vienna and for the 2014 New York Phil Young Composers workshop, where they performed at Carnegie Hall and in Central Park.

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