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Launches GoFundMe Account South Florida Youth Symphony To Play Carnegie Hall



The South Florida Youth Symphony, now in its 52nd year, will perform at prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City in February, 2018. To help pay for the \$40,000 trip the Youth Symphony has opened a GoFundMe account.

The Gold Medal winning South Florida Youth Symphony (SFYS.net), one of the nation's premier youth musical organizations, will perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall National Instrumental Festival in New York City, February 23-26, 2018.

If it can raise the funds.

"There's an old joke about the musician, instrument in hand, asking a man on the street for directions to Carnegie Hall," said Marjorie Hahn, the SFYS musical and executive director. "His answer: practice, practice, practice. We'll do plenty of practicing, but we'll also have to do a

lot of fund raising, fund raising, fund raising."

As many as 30-35 musicians from the SFYS, which won the Gold Medal in January at the prestigious Heritage Music Festival in Washington, D.C., are expected to make the trip at an estimated cost of \$40,000. The trip includes staying in a Manhattan hotel, a Broadway show, a tour of either the Empire State Building or Statue of Liberty and a 30-minute performance on the Carnegie Hall stage.

Now in its 52nd year, the Youth Symphony—which has never turned away a student because of his/

her inability to pay—has opened a GoFundMe account to help raise the necessary funds for the once-in-a-lifetime trip.

"This will be an incredible experience for our kids," said Hahn, noting that most of the young musicians come from the underserved area of north Miami-Dade County. "Many of these kids have never been out of Miami-Dade County, let alone on an airplane. And to play at Carnegie Hall, the mecca of musical performance in America, is the icing on the cake."

The public can donate to the Youth Symphony's Carnegie Hall trip via GoFundMe, <https://www.gofundme.com/nmejn-carnegie-hall-performance>, email, MakeMusic@sfys.net or phone, 305.238.2729.



Members of the South Florida Youth Symphony display the Gold Medal trophy they captured at January's Heritage Music Festival in Washington, D.C. The talented musicians, many from the underserved areas of Miami-Dade County, will get the opportunity to perform at the mecca of musical performance, Carnegie Hall—if the organization can raise the funds for the trip.