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An Important Update from MYS

After 32 amazing years as Minnesota Youth Symphonies Artistic Directors and conductors of the Repertory and Symphony orchestras, Claudette and Manny Laureano have decided to resign at the end of the 2019-20 season. MYS is profoundly grateful to the Laureanos for their exceptional leadership, dedication to students, and focus on excellence in orchestral music. They have touched the lives of thousands of MYS students, families, and brought wonderful music to the whole community. Said Manny and Claudette of their time at MYS:

“It has been a privilege to teach young people the art of orchestral musicianship at the time in their lives when they are seeking a road for their life journey. Whether they eventually became performing artists, we are proud that we helped to teach discipline, responsibility, and accountability no matter what path they chose in life. We reveled in their successes and coached them through their failures. At MYS the students learned that music truly is life.”

We wish them all the best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives!

MYS remains committed to excellence in orchestra education and performance as we enter into a new era of leadership. During the 2020-21 season, we will hire interim conductors as we launch an extensive search process to identify a new artistic director and conductors for the Repertory and Symphony orchestras. We will seek input from all of our various stakeholders: families, students, teachers, alumni, community members, board, and staff as we focus on the hallmarks of comprehensive educational experiences and outstanding performances of orchestral repertoire that the Laureanos developed throughout their time at MYS. Building on this foundation, we believe our future is a bright one.

Best,

The MYS Board of Directors