



**The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra wishes to bring music to students in upper East Tennessee:**

**The KSO will present showings of the 2017 Young People's Concert: *Uncle Sam's Symphony* or *Once Upon a Time* or *It All Adds Up to Music!* (working titles) at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.**

**Proposed Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

**Proposed Concerts: 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Cost: \$13,000\*\***

Six Young People's Concerts were presented during the 2016-2017 season. Four concerts in Knoxville at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium served 8,037 public, private, and home school students in and around Knox County. Two concerts at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center served an additional 2,197. These concerts included students from the upper East Tennessee counties of: Carter, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Sullivan and Washington. Themes for the concerts are chosen by the KSO's Education Advisory Council made up of elementary and middle school teachers from the Knox County Public School System, with a meeting scheduled for May 3, 2017. All concerts feature young soloists and exciting visual elements to help students stay involved in the presentation. In addition, curriculum materials, including cds and lesson plans are provided for teachers in advance of the concert so that they may prepare their students for the concepts introduced through the live concert experience and so that students may create music with the orchestra through hands-on participation.

Young People's Concerts are unique educational programs, designed for students in grades three through five (we invite grades two through seven, believing that they can benefit from the music even if the presentation is not specific to their grade level). Proposed themes for 2017 are *Uncle Sam's Symphony* or *Once Upon a Time* or *It All Adds Up to Music!* (working titles). The concerts will be conducted by the KSO's new Music Director, Aram Demirjian. Aram also considered political science as a career, and so he created *Uncle Sam's Symphony* to tie two of his interests by comparing roles within the orchestra to the branches of the United States government. Students will be asked to write a letter to their legislator or to create a law and submissions may be used in the concert. *Once Upon a Time* will focus on the parts of a story (character, setting, plot, etc.) and invite students to write their own story to a piece of music. Of these submissions, two would be chosen to be narrated with the music during the concert. *It All Adds Up to Music!* will explore shared concepts between music and mathematics: fractions, sequences, grouping systems, and patterns.

\*\* As in previous seasons, the above sponsorship amount will allow students to be admitted to the concert free of charge on a first come, first served basis.