



## SYMPHONY NEWS & UPDATES

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### New String Specialist & Conductors

**Sheryl Saupe Frey** is our new String Specialist. She recently retired after nearly 30 years as an Orchestra Teacher in Fairbanks, Alaska, working at more than 10 different schools. Her High School Orchestras won accolades and highest honors at multiple music events. In addition, Ms. Frey has taught Private Violin and Viola lessons to both children and adults. She was very honored to be named the Alaska Music Educator of the Year in 2015.

Ms. Frey received her Bachelor of Music in Music Business from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington and a Masters' in Violin Performance from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. As a violinist, Ms. Frey played for nearly 40 years in both the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra and The Arctic Chamber Orchestra.

Relatively new to Phoenix, Sheryl is playing in multiple orchestras and quartets, and has recently begun playing electric violin in a jazz duo called ComfortZone. She also enjoys learning different art forms, including jewelry making, silver-smithing, silk scarf painting, watercolor classes, and Ukulele.

**Richelle Shultz** is our new Concert Orchestra conductor. She graduated from Northern Arizona University with a bachelor of music education and a bachelor of violin performance. She enjoys performing classical music as well as music of the Celtic tradition, and has performed with numerous quartets and small ensembles. Mrs. Shultz currently performs with West Valley Symphony and has also performed with the Symphony of the Southwest, Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra, and Musica Nova.

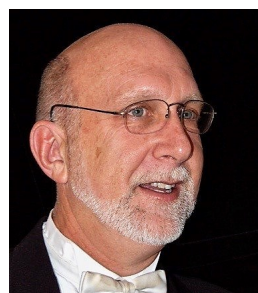
In addition, she has extensive experience in teaching and working with students. During her time teaching in Mesa Public Schools, Mrs. Shultz's work with her students has been routinely singled out for praise and respect from fellow music teachers. Her students frequently earn positions in honor orchestras, and her school orchestra received the rating of Superior with Distinction 2014-15. Currently, as a new mother, Mrs. Shultz is enjoying raising her son and building her private lesson studio.



*Strings Specialist*  
**Sheryl Frey**



*Concert Orchestra Conductor*  
**Richelle Shultz**



*Chamber Orchestra Conductor*  
**Robert Nichols**

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### Upcoming Schedule

- Auditions—Monday 8/5, Monday 8/7 4-8 pm, Saturday 8/10 8 am-5pm
- Parent Meeting—Monday 8/19
- First Rehearsal—Monday 8/26 Tuition & Contract due
- Labor Day-No Rehearsal—Monday 9/2
- Board Meeting—Monday 9/9 at 5:30pm—Parents welcome to attend

### Summer Auditions

All EVYS musicians are required to audition for the new 2019-20 season. Auditions (\$25) will be offered in August—Mon 8/5, Wed 8/7 and Sat 8/10. Watch for upcoming signup! If you know of anyone who is interested in joining EVYS, please invite them to audition —go to [www.evysaz.org/audition-request/](http://www.evysaz.org/audition-request/). For questions, email [auditions@evysaz.org](mailto:auditions@evysaz.org).

### Much Thanks to Laura Reed

*Saying farewell to our prior Concert Orchestra Conductor —*

With much gratitude we recognize Laura Reed for all the service she has given to develop our EVYS musicians and provide so much support to our organization since 2012. She has worked side by side with our youth to help them reach their greatest potential and teach them the art and passion of music performance. We thank you and will miss you Ms. Reed!



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**Robert R. Nichols** is our new Chamber Orchestra conductor. This year will be his 38th year teaching orchestra to Arizona students. He recently retired from full time teaching in Mesa Public Schools, where he was the Director of Orchestras both at Mesa High (19 years) and then subsequently at Dobson High (16 years). In addition to orchestra, he taught marching band, concert band, choir, guitar, and music theory. He graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor of Music Education and pursued a Master of Music in Cello Performance from Arizona State University. Also, he is currently Director of Orchestras at Benjamin Franklin since 2016.

Mr. Nichols has had leadership positions with Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association (ABODA) and served as President of the Arizona Music Educators Association (AMEA). He received the AMEA George C. Wilson Leadership Award; the "Distinguished Professional and Community Service Award" from NAU; the AMEA O.M. Hartzel Award for Excellence in Teaching Music; and was named the AMEA "Music Educator of the Year" in 2015. This past year he was honored again to be named Teacher of the Year for Benjamin Franklin High School.

As a professional cellist, he has performed with the Mesa Symphony, Flagstaff Symphony, Ventura (CA) County Symphony, Tempe Symphony, Sun City Symphony, and the Scottsdale Philharmonic. He was Conductor of the Scottsdale Philharmonic Orchestra 2014-2018.

His hobbies include fishing, camping, woodworking, bird watching, spending time with my wife, and binge watching Netflix. He has four children ages 31, 29, 19, and 16 who all play a stringed instrument.

Mr. Nichols comments: "I am very excited to work with the students of the EVYS Chamber Orchestra as conductor, and I look forward to a fun and exciting year of music making experiences."



### Open Board Positions

*Help make your young musician's experience the best it can be —*

We are filling the following positions:

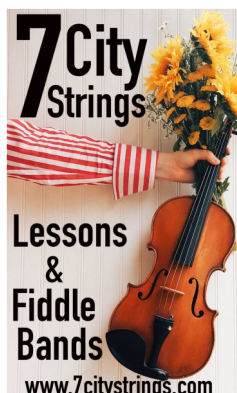
**Secretary, Fundraising Director, Concert Director**

We welcome the following new board members:

Loriann Johnson (VP), Tami Messenger (Social Media/Website Director), Cheri Tropp (Auditions Director). Looking forward to an amazing season!

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