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## Your gift makes dreams come true!

Thank you for supporting the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF). Your gift benefits hundreds of thousands of people of all ages in our region through a variety of diverse performing arts groups. Today we'd like to share one story of how a UPAF Member Group, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO), has impacted a young man's life.

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My name is Josh, and I have been in MYSO for six years. Through MYSO, I was able to partake in a music theory class, as well as play in a small chamber group, where I discovered my passion.

Also, I was able to write a piece for an orchestra through the John Downey Creation Project, a program in partnership with Present Music. This was a significant and incredible part of MYSO that played a huge role in my desire to major in composition. When one is fortunate enough to participate in this project, MYSO provides each individual with an experienced musician or composer who will provide feedback and suggestions along the way. Few realize how rare it is for a composer to have such a close and available interaction with each of the players of an orchestra.

There are not enough words in the English language, pieces of paper on the earth, or pictures that I could paint, that would describe the impact MYSO has had on me. It has provided me with incredible

opportunities and has made significant contributions to my musical talents and personal growth.

- Josh, local high school senior

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Funding through UPAF enables MYSO to help young people like Josh find their passion. **Your donation truly makes a difference.** Thank you for supporting UPAF, which enables 15 Member Groups and numerous smaller Affiliates to help performers of all ages across Southeastern Wisconsin live out their dreams.



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