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EYO Announces 2020-2021 Concert Season
Performances include both in-person and virtual formats

GADSDEN, AL, October 12, 2020 - - The Etowah Youth Orchestras is pleased to announce its 2020-2021 Concert Season, which is the EYO's 30th Anniversary Season. The season, aptly titled "Acclimation + Adaptation = Innovation," features performances by the Etowah Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Etowah Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Etowah String Sinfonia, along with smaller ensembles and sections of the larger orchestras.

The season opens with the Fall Formal Concert, sponsored by The Daniel Foundation of Alabama and Gadsden Parks and Recreation, on Sunday, November 1 at 2 PM. The concert, which features the music of Beethoven, Berlioz, and Saint-Saens, will be held at the Mort Glosser Amphitheater. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to 210 at the Tracks.

The EYO's 2020 holiday production, titled "At Home for the Holidays," will be a pre-produced broadcast holiday special featuring the three orchestras, plus sections and ensembles from each group. "With the current climate, a production like the annual Rock & Roll Christmas show is just not feasible, nor would it be safe or responsible," noted EYO Music Director Mike Gagliardo. "This year we're creating an old-school-style holiday special, which will feature music of the season, filmed in locations across Etowah County. We're excited about this new production, and it will showcase the members of the EYO in ways that we haven't done before." The production, which is sponsored by The Exchange Bank of Alabama and Greater Gadsden Area Tourism, does not have a broadcast date "set in stone yet, but we are targeting mid-December on our YouTube and Facebook channels," added Gagliardo. Multiple broadcast dates and other channels and platforms are also in the works.

The 2020-2021 season also includes the Spring Formal Concert, sponsored by The Daniel Foundation of Alabama, on Sunday, March 21st at 2 PM at the Wallace Hall Fine Arts Center, and the EYO's first springtime version of its annual rock and roll show, scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd at 7 PM in the Mort Glosser Amphitheater. More info is available at www.myeyo.org.

The Etowah Youth Orchestras is a project of the Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, in partnership with the Attalla City, Etowah County, and Gadsden City Boards of Education and the City of Gadsden.