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Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras receives student financial aid boost from Kinder Morgan Foundation

CHICAGO, IL - On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, Allen Fore, Director of Community Relations at Kinder Morgan, visited Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras (CYSO) to share some good news. CYSO has received a grant of \$3,000 from the Kinder Morgan Foundation to support its student financial aid.



CYSO General Manager Joshua Simonds accepts the check from Allen Fore as CYSO Development Manager Meredith Shaner, Adele Rehkemper & Terrance Oliveras Gray look on.

The visit from Kinder Morgan came as CYSO Associate Conductor Terrance Oliveras Gray was giving a private lesson to one of CYSO's Debut Orchestra viola students, Adele Rehkemper.

"We were very excited to hear that Kinder Morgan Foundation will be helping us to provide even more financial aid to our students this year. The students work so hard to further their skills and Kinder Morgan will help us to ensure that they can continue this opportunity," Gray said.

CYSO will give more than \$60,000 in financial aid to its students this year. Allowing students to participate in CYSO's programs regardless of their family's financial situation is key to CYSO's mission of "advancing and inspiring the musical and personal development of young musicians by providing intensive training and unparalleled opportunities."

"Approximately one-third of CYSO's students receive some form of financial aid, and we are grateful to the Kinder Morgan Foundation for supporting this priority of our organization," said CYSO President Holly Hudak.

Kinder Morgan is an American energy company that, through its foundation, supports non-profit youth programs that focus on education, the arts and the environment. Each year its grants support thousands of youth in communities across North America.

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras (CYSO) has provided music education through orchestral programs and performance opportunities of the highest caliber for nearly 65 years. The organization currently serves nearly 450 Chicago-area musicians ages 7-18 through six orchestras, chamber music, music theory and composition. It also reaches 2,500 Chicago Public Elementary School students each year through its Music Pathways program, which features presentations and concerts by CYSO musicians, and training for CPS teachers on how to incorporate music into their classroom curriculum. CYSO is investing in the future of music and the next generation of leaders.

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