

**Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in Collaboration with Carnegie Hall's *Link Up*  
March 15-16, 2016**

This year, the A2SO has adopted a new format for their Youth Concert in March. They are partnering with Carnegie Hall to bring their program *Link Up* to elementary school students in the area. Orchestras all across the country are participating in this great interactive program. Students prepare in the classroom to perform with the orchestra (from their seats) at the concert as singers and recorder players. They sing along with Bizet's *Toreador*, Strauss's *Blue Danube*, and a Brazilian song called *Cidade Maravilhosa*. And they play recorder along with Mendelssohn's Nocturne from a *Midsummer Night's Dream* and a piece written specifically for the concert called *Come to Play*.

**Are you interested in assisting with this exciting musical adventure?**

The plan is to have

- Three people onstage modeling the singing and recorder playing for the kids. You would need a strong singing voice, stage presence, and the willingness to learn a couple of easy recorder parts.
- In addition, 20 "modelers" – one in each aisle – to play along with the kids.

**U-M Student Participation**

1. A meeting before the concert to go over the repertoire and the flow of the concert with Sarah Ruddy, A2SO Director of Education & Outreach. We could schedule this at a convenient time for you or your group.
2. A blocking rehearsal at 4:00 on Tuesday, March 15
3. The dress rehearsal that same evening (March 15) at 8:30 pm
4. The concerts the morning of Wednesday, March 16 (10:15 am and 12:15 pm) at Hill Auditorium.

This will be a great opportunity for you to learn about the *Link Up* curriculum which is currently being used by 300,000 elementary school kids across the country, as well as see how orchestras engage with schools and teachers in their community.

If you have any questions or if you'd like to be a part of this event, please contact Sarah Ruddy: [sarah@a2so.com](mailto:sarah@a2so.com), 734-994-4801.