

# Contemporary Youth Orchestra announces performance of Pee-wee's Big Holiday with live orchestra and film and conducts educational outreach music workshops in Lorain County and Cleveland Metropolitan School Districts

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CLEVELAND, OH – Contemporary Youth Orchestra will perform the Netflix original movie Pee-wee's Big Holiday on March 11, 2016 at 7pm at Cleveland State University's Waetjen Auditorium. The production will feature the entire film on a giant screen accompanied in real time by a 115-piece orchestra. This is a rare chance to see made-for-Netflix content on a movie theatre-sized screen.

As the orchestra prepares to perform the score of the film (written by Akron-native Mark Mothersbaugh, of DEVO), the organization is also conducting music education workshops in classrooms around Northeast Ohio as part of its program to educate under-served youth in Northeast Ohio.

CYO's annual Music and its Industry series is currently in its eleventh year. In the past, the focus has included video game music, Broadway music, cartoon scoring, and songwriting. This year, the program will focus for the first time on a full-length feature film.

Music Director Liza Grossman explains how this year's theme was chosen, "The opportunity for CYO to perform the score by composer Mark Mothersbaugh for this Netflix original film is providing an authentic dive into current Hollywood musician jobs: live studio playing. Mothersbaugh defines the essence of the contemporary Hollywood composer with his contributions to film, animation and television scores, in addition to his work in photography and with his band, Devo."

Since this program's inception eleven years ago, it has positively affected over 6,000 local area elementary and middle school students. The workshops are performed at no cost to the school districts and completely funded through CYO's grant program through the Nordson Foundation and The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. CYO engages Kulture Kids to develop our outreach education. Each classroom of students engages in a three-day workshop where the students are exposed to various components of the music industry and its processes. The educators walk the students through the process and help them produce a professional video to conclude the workshops. The classrooms also attend a matinee performance of CYO's show on March 10, 2017.

Contemporary Youth Orchestra is also performing a show with Melissa Etheridge on June 7, 2017 at Severance Hall.

Contemporary Youth Orchestra is the first and only youth orchestra in the country dedicated to the study and performance of contemporary orchestral literature. CYO was founded in 1995, is currently in its 22nd season and is in residence at Cleveland State University. CYO is composed of 115 students from 64 Northeast Ohio school districts.

Tickets for Pee-wee's Big Holiday are available at [cyorchestra.org](http://cyorchestra.org).

