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INTER SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS OF NEW YORK RECEIVES NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL FUNDING

The InterSchool Orchestras of New York is proud to announce that it has received generous funding from New York City Council Member **Mark Weprin** (Queens District 23) for its 2012/2013 programs.

Council Member Weprin is providing critical support for ISO's newest group, the Queens East Orchestra, with a \$10,000 grant. This new orchestra for entry-level players will be conducted by **Joseph Seifers**, a noted bass player and a music teacher at P.S. 203Q in Oakland Gardens. The orchestra will rehearse at P.S. 115Q in Glen Oaks, thanks to the generous support and participation of Assistant Principal **Kathleen Sciortino** and Principal **James Ambrose**. Queens East joins ISO's three other orchestras for musicians aged 6 to 10, who are just beginning their lives as orchestra players.

"I am so pleased to bring the ISO to Eastern Queens. Participating in the ISO is a wonderful opportunity for some of our most talented young musicians," said Council Member Mark Weprin.

"This extraordinary support makes it possible for InterSchool Orchestras to serve many more children," said Executive Director Waddy Thompson. "We are especially excited to open up ISO's programs to a new community of children in eastern Queens under the direction of such a talented conductor."

About InterSchool Orchestras of New York

The InterSchool Orchestras of New York, founded in 1972, brings instrumentalists aged 6 to 19 together for top-level music making in a nurturing and friendly atmosphere. ISO groups include seven orchestras and symphonic band ranging in ability level from beginners to advanced students. More than 300 students rehearse in those ensembles weekly, September through May. Players have many performance opportunities in major concert halls, schools, and community settings.

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