

The logo for OPUS is displayed in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. It is set against a background image of a violin, with the body and f-hole visible in a warm, golden-brown tone. The violin is slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth.

# OPUS

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**Dear Vero Beach Orchestra Supporters,**

We are pleased to announce that the **Oslo Middle School Orchestra** has been invited to perform in the **Winter Park Ski Music Festival 2022 in Winter Park, Colorado**. This prestigious music festival will be adjudicated by professional judges from around the country. This exciting opportunity will allow these talented students to perform and compete with other school orchestras from around the world as they enjoy the beautiful snow-covered Rocky Mountains.

**The Oslo Orchestras** is consistently a **Superior rated** program by the Florida Orchestra Association and has garnered much praise both within our community and abroad. Current enrollment in the Orchestra at Oslo Middle School is around 150 students with an additional 75 in an auxiliary Ukulele program.

The non-profit Orchestra booster for Oslo Middle School Orchestra (**OPUS, Inc.**) is currently assisting with fundraising for students needing financial assistance. Oslo Middle School has students that are particularly in need as the school has been federally designated as a Title One school, with more than 76% of students living at or below the poverty level. Travel is a luxury that many students and their families cannot afford. **Our goal is to secure sufficient funding to enable ALL students who qualify to participate.** Your support will assist with travel, lodging, recreation activities, food and other expenses.

Students are requesting to perform and fundraise with local business partners with their permission near entrances and other locations where consumers would not be disturbed, but may be inclined to contribute to the Orchestra.

Donations may also be made conveniently online at [www.gotstrings.org/fundraising-benefactors.html](http://www.gotstrings.org/fundraising-benefactors.html)

We are very appreciative of community support and contributions and our students truly enjoy performing for you. Information regarding upcoming fundraising and performance events, please see our website at [www.gotstrings.org](http://www.gotstrings.org) More information about the Winter Park Ski Music Festival can be found at [www.winterparkskimusicfestival.com](http://www.winterparkskimusicfestival.com)

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**Sincerely,**

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\* OPUS is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization dedicated to the advancement of

string music in Indian River County through the support of the String Orchestra Programs at Oslo Middle School.