



CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Quarter Notes

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California Youth Symphony 2010-2011

CYS KICKS OFF 58th SEASON

The California Youth Symphony, under the direction of Leo Eylar, is set to kick off a memorable and musically exciting 59th season in the Bay Area. The season draws excitement from the remarkably successful South America tour to Argentina and Uruguay that the Orchestra completed in July of this year. Adding to the excitement, and festivities, will be the celebration of Maestro Eylar's 20th year as CYS Music Director.

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TRUJILLO OPENS 59TH SEASON

Ray Anthony Trujillo will be the inaugural soloist for the California Youth Symphony's 59th season, opening on November 14 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center, and repeating the following Sunday, November 21, at the Flint Center in Cupertino. Ray will perform the Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 2 under the baton of Maestro Eylar.

Ray Anthony, 15, is a remarkable young violinist whose maturity and musicality belie his young age. He began his violin studies with Annette Broadsky at the age of two. He currently studies with William Barbini. Ray is the concertmaster of the Sacramento Youth Symphony and has participated in numerous other musical projects including, Sacramento State University Orchestra, California Summer Music, the Youth International Festivals and master classes with the Alexander String Quartet and the Curtis Institute. Ray has been the concerto competition winner of the Sacramento Youth Symphony for the past two years and he was a VOCE State Finalist. He has been a soloist at the Bear Valley Music Festival and is scheduled for a solo appearance with the Sacramento Symphony in May 2011.

Ray comes from an very musical family. He helps to run the family music store in Elk Grove, CA and he attends Capital Christian High School.



*November Violin Soloist,
Ray Anthony Trujillo*

Leo Eylar Celebrates 20 Years at the CYS Helm

When Leo Eylar first took the podium to conduct the California Youth Symphony in November of 1990, it was under difficult circumstances. CYS Music Director Lauren Jakey had taken seriously ill, and in fact was never able to return to conducting before his untimely death a few months later. Leo had been pointed out to CYS as a brilliant young conductor who had won an International Rotary Foundation Fellowship to study under the celebrated Otmar Suitner at the prestigious Hochschule für Musik in Vienna. Fortunately Leo was available to conduct on short notice that Sunday afternoon in November, and to the delight of CYS musicians and audiences over the past 20 years, he has conducted every CYS orchestra concert since then.

The Peninsula *Times-Tribune* called that first concert a “triumph” and “inspirational” -- words that also describe Leo’s entire tenure. In the intervening years he has directed numerous international tours, including a first place award at the International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna. In the late 90s he initiated an historic series of collaborations and exchanges with youth orchestras in Kobe and Okayama, Japan. But perhaps his most lasting impact has been here in the Bay Area where he directed the growth of CYS as it faced the challenges of a new millennium. He founded the CYS Associate Orchestra, a full symphony at the advanced-intermediate level, and oversaw the development of both the string and wind preparatory programs. Today, CYS has eight music programs involving over 450 young musicians drawn from over 100 Bay Area schools. Under Maestro Eylar’s leadership CYS has become one of the premier youth music programs in the nation.

On the eve of his 20th anniversary concert Leo Eylar remarked: "Working with CYS for the past twenty years has been the most musically rewarding experience of my career, without question. The opportunity to share great musical masterpieces with these talented young musicians always keeps me on my toes, and the ability to enrich young lives through the power of music is a phenomenal honor for me, and one which I never take for granted. The CYS organization has always been totally supportive of my endeavors to raise the orchestra to new heights, and I am grateful for the fabulous leadership of the Board of Directors and Executive Director Jim Hogan."



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2:30PM

San Mateo Performing Arts Center
600 N. Delaware, San Mateo

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2:30PM

Flint Center, De Anza College
Stevens Creek at Highway 85, Cupertino



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The concert season opens on Sunday, November 14 at 2:30pm at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. The concert is repeated on Sunday, November 21 at Cupertino’s Flint Center. The featured soloist will be the phenomenal young violinist Ray Anthony Trujillo, performing the Wieniawski *Violin Concerto No. 2*, a bravura work by a composer who was also described as the greatest violinist of his time. The piece offers fiendishly difficult pyrotechnics. Also featured will be: Richard Strauss’ famous *Dance of the Seven Veils* from the opera “Salome” -- a blazing, brilliant, and thrilling masterwork; Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera’s *Estancia*, a strikingly rhythmic depiction of “a day in the life” on a ranch on the Pampas; and *Medea’s Dance of Vengeance*, from the ballet that composer Samuel Barber had written for Martha Graham in 1946. The concert will begin with the fascinating Berlioz *Roman Carnival Overture*, one of the most famous virtuoso pieces for orchestra.

SCENES FROM CYS 2010 TOUR SOUTH AMERICA



CYS HOLIDAY CONCERT, DEC. 12

The annual California Youth Symphony Holiday Concert will take place on Sunday, December 12 at 2:30 p.m. in Smithwick Theatre on the campus of Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. Performed by the CYS Senior Orchestra and Associate Orchestra, this holiday concert is a free-of-charge gift of music to the community offering an array of classical and seasonal favorites and featuring CYS Percussion Director Artie Storch performing the timpani concerto *Raise the Roof* by Michael Daugherty.



Artie Storch

2011 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION



*2009 CYS YAC Winner,
Alex Chien*

Each spring the California Youth Symphony holds its Young Artist Competition to select soloists for the following season. The next Competition will be held on April 2, 2011, once again at Stanford University. The Competition is open to instrumental soloists under age 19. Contestants may be auditioned on the piano, or any symphonic instrument. Two artists will be chosen, by a panel of three judges, to perform with the CYS Orchestra during the November or March concert series. The application process will open after the first of the year. Keep an eye on our website in December for more information.

2nd BAY AREA YOUTH ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 3 PM
Davies Symphony Hall
San Francisco

CYS was a proud participant in the first ever Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival in January, 2009. Revered critic Heuwell Tircuit raved that CYS' performance was "semi-miraculous". Now we have been invited to participate once again in this extraordinary event which will benefit agencies who work with underserved youth in our communities. The concert will be in San Francisco's Davies Symphony Hall at 3pm on Sunday, January 16, 2011 and will feature CYS and five other outstanding youth orchestras. Tickets are available from the San Francisco Symphony box office: website www.sfsymphony.org. Please be sure to join us for this historic concert.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Leo Eylar, Conductor



59th Season

“The [CYS] orchestra played brilliantly and with a keen feeling for the composer’s style. This I consider semimiraculous. Hats off to conductor Eylar”

Renowned critic Heuwell Tircuit in “San Francisco Classical Voice”, on CYS’ performance at the first Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival at Davies Symphony Hall, January 2009

Roman Carnival OvertureBerlioz
Violin Concerto No. 2.....Wieniawski
Ray Anthony Trujillo, soloist
Medea’s Dance of Vengeance.....Barber
Estancia.....Ginastera
Dance of the Seven Veils.....Richard Strauss

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TICKETS; Adults \$15, Students and Seniors \$10

Available at the door or from any CYS member

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No children under five, please