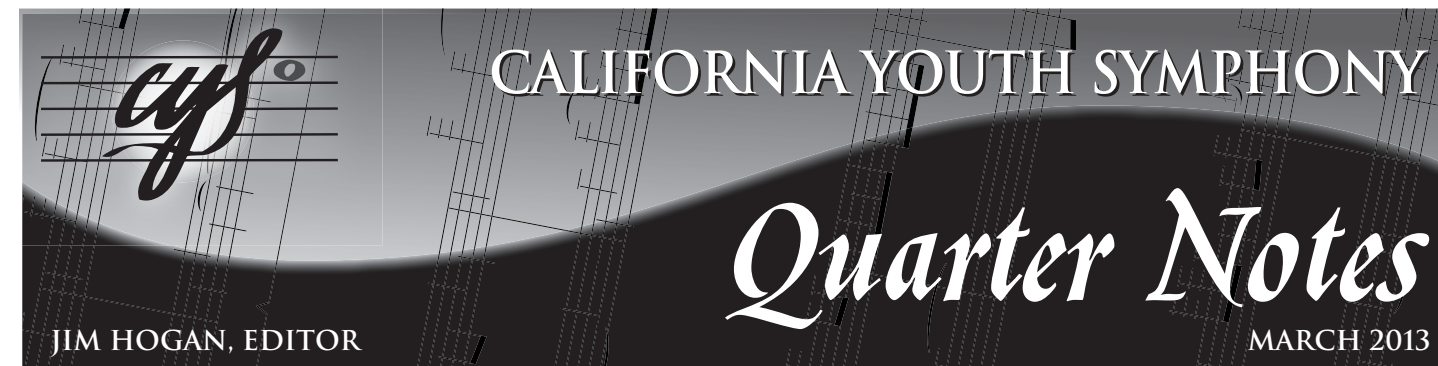


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Beethoven, Bernstein, and Bartok in Berkeley (and Cupertino)

The California Youth Symphony's March concert series begins at 2:30pm, March 17 in the familiar confines of the Flint Center in Cupertino, the South Bay's premier concert venue where CYC has performed since the hall opened in 1967. On the following Sunday, March 24, CYC will make its first ever appearance in Hertz Hall on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley, also at 2:30pm. The opportunity to perform in this outstanding East Bay venue was made possible by a special invitation from David Milnes, conductor of the UC Berkeley Symphony. CYC Music Director Leo Eylar has programmed some remarkable music for these two concerts. Featured soloist Rachel Breen of Oakland, winner of the 2012 CYC Young Artist Competition, will perform the Beethoven *Piano Concerto No. 4*. Over the years, since its premiere in 1808 in Vienna with the composer at the keyboard, it has astonished audiences and earned accolades such as "heroic", "vivid", "picturesque" and "ethereal". Also featured will be the ever popular *Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story"*, an extraordinarily powerful concert piece drawn from Leonard Bernstein's brilliantly unified, nervously jazzy score. Concluding the concert will be Bartok's *Dance Suite*, an enchanting piece inspired by the melodies, harmonies and rhythms of Eastern European folk music.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY **Leo Eylar, Conductor**

Dance Suite..... Bartók
Piano Concerto No. 4Beethoven
Rachel Breen, soloist
Symphonic Dances from West Side Story..... Bernstein

Sunday, March 17, 2:30pm
Flint Center, DeAnza College
Stevens Creek at Highway 85, Cupertino

Sunday, March 24, 2:30pm
Hertz Hall, University of California
Bancroft and College Aves., Berkeley

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

Available at the door or from any CYC member

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No children under five, please

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Plans Underway for 2014 International Tour

As long time readers know, the California Youth Symphony has been a pioneer in international touring for youth orchestras. CYC's 1963 tour to Japan was the first overseas tour ever by an American youth orchestra when it accepted an invitation from Japan's Asahi Simbun Press to tour that country. The resulting tour was a national and international sensation and paved the way for what has now become commonplace -- international youth tours. Over the following 50 years CYC has mounted 18 additional tours, returning to Japan twice, most recently in 2008. We've also visited many countries in Europe, as well as China, Australia and Mexico. Our last two tours have been to the Southern Hemisphere -- Argentina in 2010 and New Zealand in 2012. For 2014 CYC is exploring a tour to the Adriatic Sea region, with possible stops including Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The region boasts world class concert halls as well as amazing scenic and cultural attractions.





East Bay Piano Prodigy Plays Beethoven

Rachel Breen, 15 years old, is the winner of the 2012 California Youth Symphony Young Artist Competition, held at Stanford University last April. She will perform the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4 with CYS at the Flint Center in Cupertino at 2:30pm on Sunday, March 17. The concert will be repeated on Sunday, March 24 in Hertz Hall on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley – also at 2:30pm.

Rachel is a scholarship student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and studies with Sharon Mann. Until age 10, she was self-taught. She is also the first prize winner of the Mondavi Young Artists' Competition, the Music Teachers' Association of California's annual solo competition, the Etude Club's Scholarship competition, the United States Open Music Competition, the Palo Alto Philharmonic Concerto Competition, and as a result, performed the Tchaikovsky First Piano Concerto with them this past season. She also performed this concerto with the Oakland Civic Orchestra, and is a winner of the Diablo Valley Symphony competition and the Oakland East Bay Symphony Concerto Competition. She was the third prize winner of the International Russian Music Piano Competition, the second prize at the San Francisco Chopin Competition, the Pacific Musical Society Competition, and the Yehudi Menuhin Competition.

This summer, she competed in the semifinals of the Thomas and Evon Cooper International Competition with the Cleveland Orchestra. She was asked to perform for concerts for both the Chopin and Liszt International Societies, and was a featured performer seven times in the Junior Bach festival, and is specializing in the music of Bach.

Rachel is a member of the Cerberus Piano Trio. She is a student at Miramonte High School in Orinda. This year, she received the first prize on the National Latin Exam, and Third Prize in the National French Exam. She hopes to pursue a career as a performing and recording artist.

Rachel Breen, soloist

CYS YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Talented young instrumental soloists are invited to compete for the opportunity to perform with the California Youth Symphony Orchestra during the 2013-2014 Season. The CYS Young Artist Competition will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Stanford University. The competition is open to instrumental soloists under age 19. Contestants may audition on the piano, guitar or any symphonic instrument, with a piece that uses full orchestra accompaniment. Two artists will be chosen, by a panel of three judges, to perform with the CYS Orchestra during the November or March concert series. Visit our website at www.cys.org to sign up for the competition. Applications must be received by March 31, 2013

Winning Soloist Featured by Associate Orchestra



David Babanezhad, winner of the 2013 Associate Orchestra Soloist Competition

The California Youth Symphony Associate Orchestra under the direction of Leo Eylar will present its Winter Concert in the Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 10. The program will feature David Babanezhad a winner of the 2013 Associate Orchestra Soloist Competition, performing the Vieuxtemps *Violin Concerto no. 5*, one of the most demanding violin concertos in the repertoire and a true showcase for both the soloist and the orchestra. In this varied concert Maestro Eylar and the Orchestra will continue their exploration of French composer Georges Bizet that was begun at the Holiday Concert by featuring the *L'Arlesienne Suite no. 1*. For the first time the Orchestra will present selections from *West Side Story*

by Bernstein as well as the dramatic overture to *Martha* by Flotow. The program is rounded out with the always popular *Soirees Musicales* by Benjamin Britten, a set of five movements that the composer took from Rossini piano works, fashioning them into exquisite orchestral gems. Please join us on March 10. There is no admission charge for the concert.

JOINING CYS FOR THE 2013-2014 SEASON

The California Youth Symphony offers multiple programs for young musicians on all symphonic instruments -- beginning to advanced levels. To audition for a spot in one of our orchestras or ensembles, visit our website at www.cys.org and register online. Completed applications and a \$25 fee must be received by March 1 and will be processed in the order received. Auditions will be held in April at Foothill College.

Remaining 2012-13 Season CYS Concerts

CYS Associate Orchestra

March 10, 2013
Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills
2:00pm

May 19, 2013
Flint Center, Cupertino
2:30pm

CYS Senior Orchestra

March 17, 2013
Flint Center, Cupertino
2:30pm

CYS Associate Orchestra
June 2, 2013
Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills
2:00pm

March 24, 2013
Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley
2:30pm

CYS String and Wind Ensembles
June 9, 2013
Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills
2:00pm

May 12, 2013
Chabot College Theater, Hayward
2:30pm