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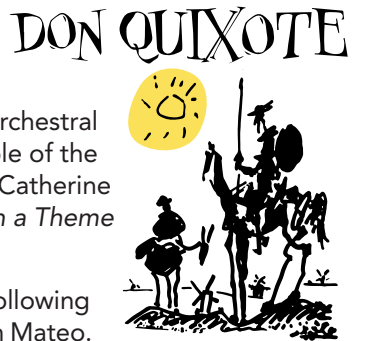


MARCH MADNESS

The month of March is always a busy one for CYS, but this year brings some added excitement. In addition to our “A Festival Afternoon” concert on March 3 that features our Associate Orchestra, our Wind Symphony and our Intermediate String Ensemble, and our March 17 Senior Orchestra concert, the Senior Orchestra will travel to Grass Valley on March 10 to perform in the renowned Music in the Mountains series. All of these concerts will feature outstanding classical music and amazing young soloists. Read the details in this issue.

SENIOR ORCHESTRA HITS THE ROAD (and plays here too!)

Our Spring Concert Series is truly exceptional in a number of ways: The California Youth Symphony Senior Orchestra has been invited to perform for the famous Music in the Mountains series at the Amaral Family Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds, in Grass Valley, CA. on Sunday afternoon, March 10. This is a wonderful honor for the orchestra, and as such, Maestro Leo Eylar has selected his repertoire appropriately. For only the second time in his 29-year tenure as Music Director, Leo has chosen to program one of the seminal, titanic works of the late 19th Century: Richard Strauss’s masterpiece *Don Quixote*. Composed in 1897 for solo cello and massive orchestra, this work is considered the last word in descriptive orchestral writing, virtuosity, and astonishing orchestral effects. Our cello soloist Davis You, playing the role of the Don himself, portrays the knight errant in his various misadventures. Our program also features Catherine Huang, our Young Artist Competition winner, performing Rachmaninov’s dazzling *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, as well as Chabrier’s wonderfully evocative *España*.



For those of us not in the mountains, please don’t worry. The concert will be repeated the following Sunday, March 17, at 2:30pm at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center, 600 North Delaware, San Mateo.

A FESTIVAL AFTERNOON

Intermediate Strings Ensemble / Wind Symphony / Associate Orchestra
Kati Kyme / Matthew Sadowski / Leo Eylar, Conductors

March 3rd – 1:00pm (New Time) Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College campus, Los Altos Hill, CA

THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Leo Eylar, Conductor

<i>España</i>	Emmanuel Chabrier
<i>Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini</i>	Sergei Rachmaninov
	<i>Catherine Huang, piano</i>
<i>Don Quixote</i>	Richard Strauss
	<i>David You, cello</i>

Sunday, March 10th – 2:30pm
Music in the Mountains
Amaral Family Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds
Grass Valley, CA | www.musicinthemountains.org

Sunday, March 17th – 2:30pm
San Mateo Performing Arts Center
San Mateo High School
600 N. Delaware St., San Mateo

Tickets available at the door or from any CYS member

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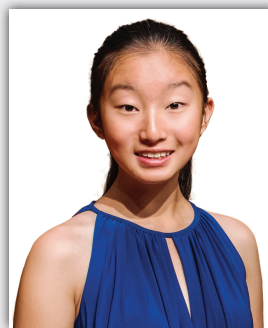
No children under five, please • For Senior Citizen Ticket Information Contact: judy@cys.org



A FESTIVAL AFTERNOON

The California Youth Symphony is pleased to continue our very popular March Festival Concert series, at which we feature our Intermediate String Ensemble under the direction of Kati Kyme, the CYS Wind Symphony under the direction of Matthew Sadowski, and the CYS Associate Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Leo Eylar. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 1:00pm in the Smithwick Theatre on the campus of Foothill College, Los Altos Hills. The Wind Symphony will perform works by Holst, Ginastera, and the evocative *Satiric Dances* by American composer Norman Dello Joio. Guest Wind Symphony Director Matthew Sadowski currently holds the position of Director of Bands at UC Berkeley. The Associate Orchestra will present an ambitious and virtuosic program including Khachaturian’s *Masquerade Suite* and the ever-popular orchestral showpiece *Capriccio Espagnole* by Rimsky-Korsakov. We will also be highlighting the program with one of three winners of our Associate Orchestra Concerto Competition. Violinist Joyce Xu will perform the first movement of *Symphonie Espagnole* by Edouard Lalo. The orchestra will also offer Mozart’s sparkling Overture to *The Magic Flute*. The concert will be opened by the CYS Intermediate String Ensemble under the direction of Kati Kyme, well known to local audiences for her outstanding performances with the award winning Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra. The String Ensemble will offer works by Beethoven, Brahms and Haydn.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the full gamut of the California Youth Symphony’s rich and varied musical program. Don’t miss it!



Piano Soloist Catherine Huang

Sixteen year old pianist Catherine Huang performs Rachmaninov's beloved *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* with CYS on our March concerts in Grass Valley and San Mateo. Catherine was a first prize winner in the 2018 CYS Young Artist Competition. Her numerous additional awards include: first prize at the 2018 Lee University International Piano Competition, first prize and the young jury award at the 2017 Arthur Fraser International Piano Competition, first prize at the 2016 International Institute for Young Musicians (IIYM) International Piano Competition at the University of Kansas, and first prize and Best Performance of a Sonata at the 2018 Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition. She is also a two-time first place winner of the MTAC State Concerto Competition (2013 and 2016) and the San Francisco Chopin Competition (2014 and 2017). Catherine studies piano with Professor Hans Boepple. She is a sophomore at Lynbrook High School. Catherine regularly organizes events and performs at senior centers and retirement homes as an officer of Lynbrook Music for Community. In November 2018, she organized a benefit concert that raised over \$4,000 to aid victims of the California wildfires. Aside from piano, Catherine enjoys dance and is passionate about STEM.



Cello Soloist David You

Celloist Davis You, 16, was a first place winner in the 2017 California Youth Symphony Young Artist Competition. He'll be the cello soloist in our March performances of Strauss' *Don Quixote*. His additional honors include winner of the 2018 Felix Khuner Young Artist Concerto Competition, honorable mention in the 2019 National YoungArts Competition, first place in the 2018 KAMSA Competition, semifinalist in the 2018 Klein International String Competition, semifinalist at the 2017 Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians, and first place in the 2016 California ASTA Solo Competition. An avid chamber musician, he plays in a string quartet as part of the Young Chamber Musicians program. Previously, as a member of Trio Sonoro, he won second prize in the 2018 Galante Competition at San Francisco State University. In the 2018 Music@Menlo festival, he performed in several chamber ensembles as a Koret Young Performer. Davis is also a member of the San Francisco division of the Bach to Bach Project, a program that reaches out to schools and presents classical music to children across the world. He currently studies with Jonathan Koh and has previously studied with Irene Sharp. He is a junior at Palo Alto High School.



Violin Soloist Joy Xu

Thirteen year old Violinist Joy Xu is a winner of the CYS Associate Orchestra Concerto Competition. She will perform a movement of Lalo's famous *Symphonie espagnole* with the Associate Orchestra on our "Festival" concert March 3. Joy has been passionately pursuing music from a very young age. She began playing the violin at age five, and the piano at age six. After several years focusing on both instruments, she eventually picked violin as her primary instrument. Joy is currently studying with Mr. Zunxian Zhou. In addition to music her other interests include choral singing, chess, reading, and traveling. She is a freshman at Palo Alto High School.

JOINING CYS

Young musicians interested in joining one of the CYS orchestras or ensembles for the 2019-20 season can audition in March. The deadline for filling out an online application is March 1. Please visit our website – www.cys.org – for more information and to fill out the application.

Christine Lee and Julia Wang Chosen for National Youth Orchestra



Each summer, Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute selects 110 of the brightest young players from across the country to form the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America. Competition for placement is intense and generally only a few players at most are chosen from each state. CYS is incredibly proud that two of our members, co-concertmasters Christine Lee and Julia Wang, have been selected. Following a three-week training residency with leading professional orchestra musicians, the National Youth Orchestra will embark on a



European tour with conductor Sir Antonio Pappano and mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato.

2019-20 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Each spring the California Youth Symphony holds its Young Artist Competition to select soloists for the following season. This year's Competition will be held at Stanford University, Campbell Recital Hall, Braun Music Center, on Sunday, April 14, 2019. The Competition is open to all young pianists and instrumental soloists under the age of 19. Two young artists will be chosen by a panel of three judges to perform with the CYS Orchestra during the November or March concert series of the 2019-20 season. A monetary award will also be presented to the winners. Application deadline is **March 31, 2019**. There is a non-refundable fee of \$55.

Please visit our website – www.cys.org – for more information and to complete the online application.

HONOR BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS

CYS is incredibly proud of our many members who have been selected for County or State Honor Bands or Orchestras:

Marcus Au	Eileen Hung	Katherine Lin	Evelyn Wang
Jamie Chang	Brian Hwang	Stanley Luo	Franklin Wang
Ernest Chau	Sayaka Iimura	Kiran Manikonda	Jeremy Wang
Natalie Colegrove	Frank Jiang	Ichiro Ng	Max Wang
Emily Du	Selina Juang	Steven Nguyen	Aaron Wong
Caroline Gong	Vivek Kamarshi	Ariel Pham	Bryan Xiong
Harry Guan	Christy Kim	Michelle Pugh	Coleman Yanagisawa
Saúl Gutierrez	Ellen Kim	Gaurav Rane	Michael Yang
Alexander He	Taran Kota	Joycelyn Sheet	Allison Yen
Jessica Hsu	Marcella Ledesma	Kenar Vyas	Sonny Young
Rori Huang	Rochelle Li	Abigail Wang	Amy Zheng