



# California Youth Symphony QUARTERNOTES

FEB / 2025

## FESTIVAL CONCERTS - March 9

The California Youth Symphony is thrilled to present our highly anticipated March Festival Concert series, featuring two performances at the **Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College**. Join us at **1:00 PM** to experience the **Intermezzi Strings**, led by **Maestra Kati Kyme**, featuring works by Bach and Haydn, and the **Virtuosi Strings**, performing works by Mendelssohn and Mozart. **Maestro Anthony Lanzino** will conduct the **Chamber Winds** in a performance of music by Balmages, Sheldon, and J.S. Bach, as well as the **Wind Ensemble** in pieces by Dorn, Swearingen, and Ticheli. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to enjoy the outstanding talent of our ensembles.



We then invite you to return at **6:00 PM** for an eclectic program presented by the **Associate Orchestra** under the direction of **Music Director Leo Eylar**, and the **Wind Symphony** under the direction of **Maestro Pete Nowlen**. The Wind Symphony will feature works by Percy Fletcher, Sruthi Rajasekar, and Joe Hisaishi. The Associate Orchestra will play a wonderfully varied program featuring two winners of the Associate Orchestra Concerto Competition, **violinist Yun (Clara) Jo** and **clarinetist Terri Choi**, along with works by Jean Ahn, Aram Khachaturian, and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

## SPRING CONCERT - MARCH 30



CYS returns to **Hertz Hall at UC Berkeley** at **2:30 PM** with the **Senior Orchestra** conducted by **Maestro Eylar**, performing a stellar program that features the **world premiere** of Ukrainian composer **Sergei Golovko's Colombian Marimba Concerto**. We are thrilled and honored to present this magnificent work, which will be performed by **CYS's own Apple Gao**, winner of the **Young Artist Competition**. The orchestra will also feature Ravel's *La Valse*, Carlos Simon's *Fate Now Conquers*, and Respighi's *Feste Romane*. We are also pleased to feature our **CYS percussion section**, directed by **Artie Storch**, as they perform Daughtrey's *Rhyme or Reason*. Don't miss this action-packed and high-octane Spring Concert! **Free admission; reservations required.**

# SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS FOR VIOLA, BASS, AND BRASS

On two recent Saturdays, CYS held exciting **Free Workshops for Viola, Bass, and Brass** players, led by **CYS directors** and **prominent musicians**, including **bassist Bruce Moyer** and **trumpeter David Burkhart**. On January 25th, 11 players, early in their journey on Viola or Bass, learned valuable techniques to expand their confidence on these instruments. Two weeks later on February 8, a multitude of Brass musicians of all levels on Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, and Tuba had an immensely productive time developing their skills, focusing on the intricacies of their specific instruments, as well as how they blend together.



# CYS MUSICIANS RECEIVE COUNTY AND STATE HONORS

CYS congratulates our many musicians chosen to participate in numerous **2025 Honor Ensembles** offered this season. We also wish to acknowledge the indispensable role that school music programs, school music teachers, and private music teachers play in the development of young musicians.

\* Musicians who also participated in the California All-State Honor Band or Orchestra

\*\* Musicians who participated in a December CODA Ensemble

## 2025 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OR SANTA CLARA COUNTY HONOR BAND

Sourabh Bharadwaj	Jeremy Joseph	Charlotte Lucas	Kyla Son	Sola Suzuki *
Darren Gao *	Mohit Kulkarni	Mihir Shankar	Ashley Sun *	Owen Tsai *
Lenel Elison Gomintong*	Shaun Lin	Ivan Sokolenko *		

## 2025 CALIFORNIA ALL-STATE HONOR BAND OR ORCHESTRA

Ryan Bao	Jina Han	William Kwok	Derek Ng **	Saarthak Shankavaram
Yongrong Chen	Matthew Hong	Ashley Lee	Tyler Nichols **	Andrew Son
Jonathan Cheng	Yuna Hong	Hannah Lee	Jun Seo Oh	Ivy Sun
Olivia Cho	Jenna Jin	James Lee	Kaito Miyanouchi Porter	Michael Sun
Brian Choi	Clara/Yun Jo	Matthew Li	Jia Park **	Anchen Wan
Claire Choi	Eliane Juang	Annabelle Lin	Jisoo Park	Angel Yang
Terri Choi	Anthony Jung	Michael Liu	Olivia Park	Kaitlyn Yoon
Dylan Chua	Hemani Kamarshi **	Myles Loong	Omkar Perinkulam **	Shawn Zheng
Apple Gao	Danna Kim	Hannah (Hongjoo) Nam	Delal Z. Sen	



# SAVE-THE-DATE ALUMNI READING REHEARSAL

**Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 6 pm**

**Almond Elementary, Los Altos\***

\*Location to be confirmed



## Alumni Spotlight

Audrey Kwong is a collaborator who helps partners discover ways to make what may seem impossible, possible. Throughout her career, Audrey has been a go-to problem solver in the field of orchestra leadership. She is calm amidst the chaos and meticulous about helping organizations solve puzzles and connect the dots. In doing so, she provides and communicates clarity and recommends and executes creative solutions and processes to realize project successes that align with institutional goals. Her career highlights include: managing commercial recordings, digital concerts, partnerships, and domestic and international touring, producing a concert with multi-instrumentalist Kishi Bashi, and managing wide-scale production and operations for a festival spanning over 400 public events in 8 weeks.



Audrey (2007)

She is a believer of the arts as a driving force for creating community, a belief proven in her time in CYS (2001-2007), where life-long connections and her love for orchestral music began.

Audrey has held roles serving the orchestral landscape at the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Aspen Music Festival and School, and most recently the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music's Conductors-Composers Workshop in Santa Cruz, CA. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance from the University of Southern California and a Masters of Arts Management from Carnegie Mellon University.



From Left: Emily Chou (2007), Audrey Kwong (2007), Marisa Chou (2011), Warren Kwong (2011), and Maestro Eylar.

## CYS 2026 INTERNATIONAL TOUR - JAPAN

The California Youth Symphony's Senior Orchestra will embark on a 10-day trip to Japan in late June 2026, which will include multiple performances and visits to cities such as Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, and Tokyo. (CYS's last tour to Japan was back in 2008!) Stay tuned for more information. If you would like to hear about CYS's Companion Tour, please email [info@cys.org](mailto:info@cys.org).



# COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER - MUSIC IS MAGIC

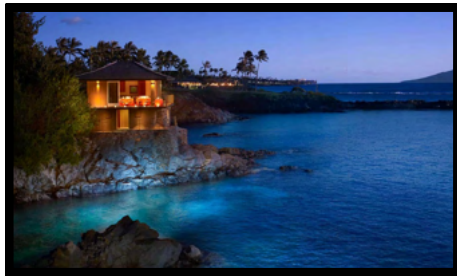
Join the California Youth Symphony as we raise funds for our tuition assistance and free educational outreach programs to **support arts access**. Enjoy food and drinks, live performances, and a swing dance lesson.

When: **Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 3 pm\***

Where: **Private Residence in Los Altos Hills**

Tickets: [www.cys.org/gala](http://www.cys.org/gala)

\*This event is intended for adults over age 18



## Maui Vacation Rental

Enjoy the picturesque waters of Maui's Namalu Bay for a week. The 3-bedroom Ocean View Residence at the Montage Kapalua Bay resort features separate living and dining areas and a full kitchen (accommodates 8 people).



## Conduct the CYS Senior Orchestra

Have you ever dreamed about conducting a full orchestra? This silent auction item includes a private conducting session with Maestro Leo Eylar and the opportunity to conduct an agreed upon orchestral work. Don't miss this chance to have a full orchestra at your fingertips!

*Mark your calendar!*

**cys** CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

**YOUNG ARTIST CONCERTO COMPETITION**

MARCH 1 APPLICATION DEADLINE  
MARCH 29 COMPETITION DAY

**2025-26 ENTRANCE AUDITIONS**

**MARCH 20** APPLICATION DEADLINE  
*\$35 non-refundable application fee*  
DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT MEMBERS  
VIDEO SUBMISSIONS DUE  
for STRINGS, WINDS & BRASS

**MARCH 22 & APRIL 6** LIVE PERCUSSION AUDITIONS

**APRIL 13** Tuition Assistance Application Deadline

**APRIL 18** AUDITION RESULTS EMAILED

**MAY 5** 2025-26 SEASON REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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