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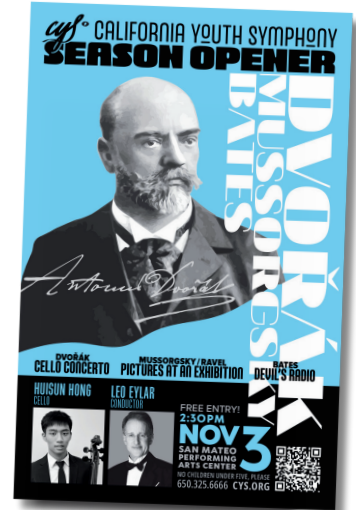
Welcome to the 73rd Season!

Sunday, November 3, 2024 - 2:30 pm

San Mateo Performing Arts Center

600 N. Delaware St, San Mateo, CA | FREE ADMISSION

Join Maestro Eylar as he inaugurates the 73rd season of the California Youth Symphony with a scintillating program featuring the award-winning and internationally recognized Senior Orchestra. Our program opens with *Devil's Radio*, composed by Bay Area superstar composer Mason Bates. Bates holds the distinction of being the second-most performed living composer, as well as being a Grammy award-winning composer and the Musical America Composer of the Year (2018).



CYS welcomes our Young Artist Competition winner Huisun Hong as he joins us to perform what is one of the most beloved cello concertos in the concert repertoire, Dvořák's Cello Concerto in B Minor. Our opening program concludes with a performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, orchestrated by Maurice Ravel. Originally composed in 1874 as a piano solo work (and one of the most difficult in the pianist's repertoire!), "*Pictures*" has been orchestrated by over twenty composers in the last 150 years. Be prepared for an aural and visual extravaganza as we feature a multimedia presentation of the work complete with a visual accompaniment to the orchestra's performance. You don't want to miss this!



SOLOIST HUISUN HONG

Performs Dvořák's Cello Concerto in B Minor

Huisun Hong, 17, is a senior at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California. He began playing the cello at the age of eight and currently studies under Eric Sung at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music's Pre-College Division. Huisun is the principal cellist of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and has been a member since 2021. In 2024, he was the runner-up in the orchestra's concerto competition and had the honor of representing the orchestra at a performance for the donors and sponsors of the Pierre Montoux Society at the San Francisco Towers.

CYS December Concerts | FREE ADMISSION

This December, CYS will showcase all seven of our impressive ensembles over two festive Sunday concerts. First, our Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 1st at 2:30 pm at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center will include the Wind Symphony and both Orchestras. Directors Pete Nowlen, Leo Eylar, and Artie Storch have crafted programs to delight audience members of all ages! Pixar lovers will rejoice in the medley the Wind Symphony is preparing. Copland enthusiasts will look forward to two orchestral pieces from the ballet *Rodeo*, and fans of percussion will enjoy a special treat from the combined sections of all three ensembles! The following Sunday, on December 8th at 1:00 pm (venue to be announced), audiences will delight in performances from the String and Wind Ensembles with almost two hundred 7-17 year olds gracing the stage throughout the afternoon! Directors Kati Kyme and Anthony Lanzino are guiding their talented young musicians through works by Stravinsky, Grainger, Fanny Mendelssohn, and Grieg. Another percussion collaboration by the Chamber Winds and Wind Ensemble sections adds to this varied concert. We hope to see you in the audience this December!

CYS Spain Tour 2024

This past summer, our Senior Orchestra completed a successful 12-day concert tour to Spain, with performances in Segovia, Castellón, Granada, and Puerto de Santa Maria. A highlight was our outdoor performance at the Cathedral of Granada as part of the internationally renowned Granada Festival! Our young musicians performed works such as Stravinsky's *Firebird*, Gershwin's *American in Paris*, living composer Pelka's *Memorias Argentinas*, de Falla's *Three-Cornered Hat*, as well as music by noted Japanese film composer, Joe Hisaishi.



Alumni Reading Rehearsal

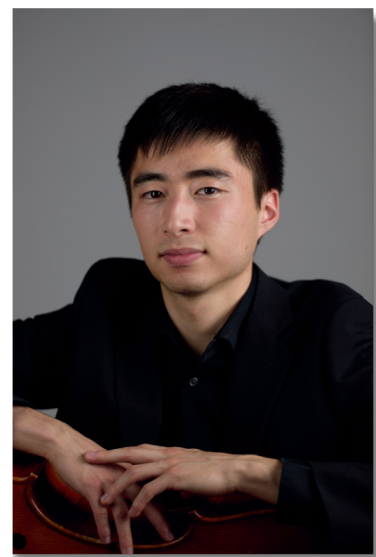
A successful evening of music-making took place in June at Almond Elementary School with 55 former (and current!) CYSers. We read through Dvořák's Symphony No. 8, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2, "Little Russian" as well as Humperdinck's *Overture to Hansel und Gretel*.

A great time was had by all, and a potluck dinner added to the enjoyment. **SAVE THE DATE** – The next alumni extravaganza will take place on Sunday, **June 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**



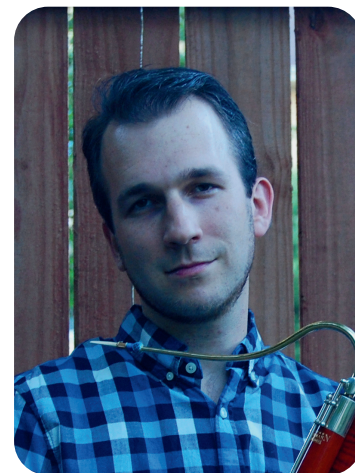
Alumni Spotlight

Davis You is a cellist and member of the San Francisco Symphony. He recently received his Bachelor of Music under the guidance of Laurence Lesser and Paul Katz at the New England Conservatory, and previously studied with Irene Sharp and Jonathan Koh. Davis has been recognized as a top prizewinner and laureate of competitions including the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, Hudson Valley Philharmonic String Competition, National YoungArts Foundation Competition, Borromeo Quartet Guest Artist Award Competition, and NEC Honors Ensemble Competition. As a performer, Davis has appeared on notable programs across the nation, including NPR's "From the Top" radio show, the San Francisco International Piano Festival, the Wellesley Chamber Players Series, the Taos Chamber Music Festival, and the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival. Davis was a member of the California Youth Symphony from 2014-2020.



Welcome New Staff

A warm welcome to Nicole Jeans who joined CYS as Administrative Coordinator in May. Before joining CYS, Nicole served as Chief of Staff at a nonprofit counseling agency that offers services to individuals and families. In June, Kiri Loehmann began as CYS's new Executive Director. A graduate of Princeton University with musical training at The Juilliard School, she comes to CYS with 20 years of experience as an arts administrator, board member, violinist, and teacher. The most recent addition to the administrative team is our Operations Manager, Brian McKee, who previously served as Program Director and an instructor of woodwinds at Youth Orchestra Salinas, and is also a professional bassoonist.



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