



California Youth Symphony

QUARTERNOTES

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“CYS WELCOMES 2023”

Welcome to 2023 and the second half of our CYS season! The concerts that our groups have offered so far this season have been outstanding. All of our ensembles have performed brilliantly, and we are thrilled that they had the opportunity to play for both live audiences and thousands more through our live-streamed Holiday Concert. If you have not had a chance to watch it yet, please visit our YouTube Channel at “CYSMedia”.

March represents the midway point of the CYS season, and our schedule demonstrates the full depth of the CYS programs. This spring, our ensembles have the opportunity to explore exciting new venues. Especially noteworthy is the Senior Orchestra’s return after many years to **Hertz Hall at UC Berkeley Campus on March 12 at 2:30 pm.**

Our Spring Festival Concert will take place on **March 5 at 2:00 pm at Smithwick Theatre on the campus of Foothill College.** It will feature our Wind Symphony, Intermediate Strings, and Associate Orchestra. In addition, the CYS Wind Ensemble will perform under the direction of our Interim Wind Ensemble Director, Anthony Lanzino. Anthony will be filling in for the rest of the season following Rosita Amador’s retirement in December. He is currently the Band Director at La Entrada Middle School in Menlo Park. Previously, he was the director of bands at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in Chicago and associate director of bands at James Logan High School in Union City. Mr. Lanzino is a graduate of San Jose State University, where he studied trombone with Robert Szabo.

I also would like to congratulate Rosita Amador on her retirement. Rosita is a special person whose presence always made CYS a welcoming place. As Director of the Wind Ensemble since 1998, Rosita has had a tremendously positive impact on the lives of thousands of students. We offer her our most heartfelt congratulations as she embarks on her next steps in life.

Thank you for being a member of our CYS community, and I look forward to seeing all of you on March 5 and 12!

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY *cys*
A Festival afternoon
 Featuring OLIVIA PARK FLUTE, MICHELLE LIU VIOLIN
 Concerts Competition Winners

INTERMEDIATE STRINGS ENSEMBLE CONDUCTOR KATE WYTHE
 WIND ENSEMBLE CONDUCTOR ANTHONY LANZINO
 WIND SYMPHONY CONDUCTOR FITE HOWLEN
 ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR LEO EYLAR

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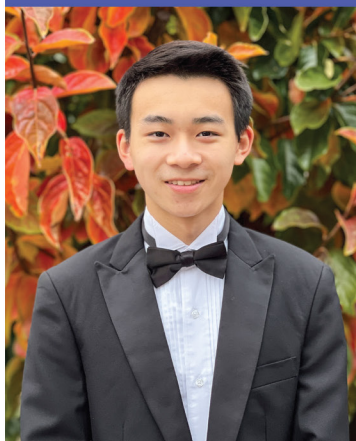
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 Winner of the CYS Young Artist Competition

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CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY SOLOIST SPOTLIGHT



JESTON LU PIANO
SPRING CONCERT, 2:30 PM

Jeston Lu, 17, is a senior at Valley Christian High School in San Jose. He studies piano with Professor Hans Boepple. He is the California state winner and the Southwest Division alternate at the 2022 MTNA Senior Piano Competition. Inducted to the MTAC Young Artist Guild, he received first place at the 2022 MTAC California State Concerto Competition and second place at the CAPMT Concerto State Finals. Competing locally, nationally, and internationally, Jeston was awarded Honorable Mention at the 2022 National YoungArts Competition. In 2021, he won the Ross McKee Piano Competition, the Celia Mendez Young Pianists Beethoven Competition, and the Pacific Musical Society Competition. He also won other top awards and scholarships including the Kaufman Music Center International Youth Piano Competition, Seattle International Bach Festival, the Chopin San Francisco Piano Competition, and the Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition.

Jeston is an active pianist in his school's Conservatory of the Arts. As the Conservatory Honors Fellow, he helps promote and share the joy of music to students and the public through school events.

He also participated in the Southeastern Piano Festival, Indiana University Summer Piano Academy, Music at the Mission's ChamberFest, and C'est Bon Chamber Music Camp. Jeston fosters his love of music collaboration through participation in his school's Chamber Ensemble and is the founder and co-president of the Love Through Music Club. Besides piano, he enjoys playing violin at his local church

orchestra, and loves composing, writing, reading, running, and hiking.

Olivia Park is a freshman at Archbishop Mitty High School where she splits her time playing the flute in the Wind Ensemble and alto sax in the Jazz Band, performing at various school events including galas, performing arts shows, and athletic events. She also plays both instruments in the Pit Orchestra for musical performances throughout the year.

Prior to high school, Olivia was an All-State Junior High Symphonic Band member. She also played at the 2022 CMEA State Solo Festival and received the Superior/Exemplary rating in all categories for her outstanding performance. At her middle school graduation, she was awarded the John Philip Sousa Band Award, a nationwide school band award, for her musicianship and leadership in the band.

Olivia started playing the flute with Ms. Jiwon Lee when she was in 3rd grade. Since then, she has played for the KAMSA and HopeBox youth orchestra in addition to our own CYS Wind Symphony and Associate Orchestra as the principal flutist. She also participated in the C'est Bon Chamber Music Camp and performed in a master class with Dr. Chin-Fei Chan. Currently, she studies with Ms. Jooyoun Shin and plays with the Bello and MUSE ensembles, holding charity concerts to raise funds to help the community in need. On the stage, Olivia recently won the 2022 American Protégé Music Competition as well as KAMSA, Silicon Valley Music Competition and US International Open Music Competition. In addition to flute, Olivia plays piano and was invited to play at the 2022 MTAC State Convention upon receiving the branch and state honors at the advanced level Certificate of Merit test.

Outside of music, Olivia is an avid Taekwondo athlete with a second degree black belt. She has won several California State and USAT National Championships in the past, and often volunteers as a junior leader at her studio to promote a healthy body and a positive, resilient mind.



OLIVIA PARK FLUTE
FESTIVAL CONCERT, 2:00 PM



MICHELLE LIU VIOLIN
FESTIVAL CONCERT, 2:00 PM

Michelle Liu, 13, is in the graduating class of 2027 at Basis Independent Silicon Valley. She first began her musical studies at the age of 5, and played piano for two years before switching to violin. She began her violin study under Ms. Zhao Wei in 2017. She started playing in CYS with Intermediate Strings in 2021. She attended the intensive music summer camp *Music at Tateuchi* in the summer of 2022. She is a very active member of Market Youth Musicians, which is a youth musician group that provides music to local Farmers' Markets to raise money for charities such as UNICEF. Besides music, she enjoys playing video games.





INTERIM WIND ENSEMBLES DIRECTOR

Mr. Anthony Lanzino

We are delighted to announce **Mr. Anthony Lanzino** as Interim Wind Ensembles Director for the remainder of this season. Mr. Lanzino is a San Jose State University graduate, where he studied Trombone Performance with Robert Szabo. He has been a music educator for over 20 years and joined the La Entrada Middle School music department in 2015, where he runs the instrumental music program. Prior to his present teaching position, he also taught for several years at James Logan High School, Saratoga High School, and at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in

Chicago, where he served as the Director of Bands and the music department's performing arts chairperson. Mr. Lanzino also works with the 20-time DCI (Drum Corps International) world champion Concord Blue Devils A Corps as a co-curriculum designer and ensemble coach. Beyond the teaching realm, Mr. Lanzino is a horn arranger and plays trombone and bass guitar in various bands throughout the Bay Area, serving as bassist for *Kissing Sabrina* and horn arranger for the professional dance band *The Cheeseballs*.

CYS Musicians Receive County and State Honors

CYS congratulates our many musicians chosen to participate in the 2023 County and California All-State Honor Bands and Orchestras. 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

2023 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OR SANTA CLARA COUNTY HONOR BAND

Theo de Swiet*	Charlotte Lucas
Alona Ding	Sid Mandava
Apple Gao*	Eric Miao*
Nate Jones	Kazutada Nakao
Eliane Juang*	Kyla Son*
David Kim*	Anna Wilsen*
Aryaditya Lankipalle*	Asher Wong
James Lee	Elliot Yang
Katelyn Lee	Henry Zhao*

2023 CALIFORNIA ALL-STATE HONOR BAND OR ORCHESTRA

Sophia Bian	Brandon Kang	Zane Panizza
Avery Chen	Vivian Kao	Chelsea Park
Christina Cheng	Serena Kher	Lindsay Park
Olivia Cho	Dana Kim	Olivia Park, Viola
Claire Choi	Lumi Kim	Olivia Park, Flute
Dylan Chow	Subin Kim	Veronica Qiu
Dylan Chua	Arisa Lee	Anastasia Savastio
Max Dai	Gregory Lee	Mihir Shankar
Jaimie Deng	Hannah Lee	Alanice Tam
Alon Doitel	Royce Lee	Raiden Tan
Adam Erlebacher	Zing Li	Claire Wang
Emily Guan	Jaehyun Lim	Evelyn Wang
Harry Guan	Katherine Lin	Julian Wilsen
Jina Han	Mia Liu	Cathy Yang
Sean He	Michael Liu	Rachel Yim
Matthew Hong	Owen Lu	Paul Yoon
Jiatong Hou	Isabelle Ly	Richie Yu
Soolynn Jin	Uliana Orlova	

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A FESTIVAL AFTERNOON

4 Ensembles, 4 conductors, 2 soloists, a lot of great music

March 5, 2023 | 2:00 PM Concert

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills

On **Sunday, March 5 at 2:00 pm**, in the **Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills**, CYS presents its marathon Festival Afternoon. As our audition season is now open, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience the full range of the California Youth Symphony's rich and varied musical program. At this concert our new Interim Director of the Wind Ensemble, Maestro Anthony Lanzino will lead the Wind Ensemble in works by Eric Whitacre and Gustav Holst. Maestro Pete Nowlen will lead the Wind Symphony in an ambitious program including works by Marquez, Maslanka, Yi, and selections from *Encanto* by Lin-Manuel Miranda (of *Hamilton* fame). The CYS Intermediate String Ensemble led by Maestra Kati Kyme will feature works by C.P.E. Bach and Joseph Haydn. Maestro Leo Eylar leads the Associate Orchestra with works by Benjamin Britten and Camille Saint-Saëns. The concert also spotlights our Associate Orchestra Concerto Competition winners Oliva Park and Michelle Liu. Miss Park will perform the *Fantasie for Flute and Orchestra* by French composer Georges Hüe, and Miss Liu will showcase her virtuosic prowess with the sparkling *Introduction and Tarantella* by the great Spanish violin virtuoso/composer Pablo de Sarasate. Don't miss it!

SPRING CONCERT

Wagner, Strauss, Price, Beethoven, and Rachmaninov in Berkeley

March 12, 2023 | 2:30 PM Concert

Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley

Following our ensembles Festival Afternoon concert, on **Sunday, March 12, at 2:30 pm** CYS will make its second appearance in Hertz Hall on the beautiful campus of the University of California, Berkeley. The opportunity to perform in this outstanding East Bay venue was made possible by a special invitation from David Milnes, Music Department Chair and conductor of the UC Berkeley Symphony. CYS Music Director Leo Eylar has programmed some remarkable music for this concert, opening with the fabulous CYS brass section performing the March from Richard Wagner's 1845 opera *Tannhäuser*. The orchestra will feature the engaging and jazzy "Juba Dance" from Florence Price's Symphony no. 3 and the famous *Dance of the Seven Veils* by Richard Strauss, a tour-de-force of orchestral writing rarely surpassed in the annals of music.

Featured soloist Jeston Lu of San Jose (also a composer!), winner of the 2022 CYS Young Artist Competition, will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, the "Emperor" Concerto. Completed in 1809, the work is in Beethoven's "heroic" style and contains some of the composer's most memorable music, including a sublime second movement that takes the listener directly into the early Romantic Period.

As we approach the 150th anniversary of composer and pianist Sergei Rachmaninov's birth on April 1, 2023, the orchestra closes the program with his final orchestral composition *Symphonic Dances*. This supremely beautiful composition consists of three movements that combine Rachmaninov's signature shifting and lush harmonies with rhythmic vitality and vivacity. Quotations from his earlier works in this piece can be considered a summation of his entire composing career. Don't miss this exceptionally diverse and exciting performance!

2022-2023 PROGRAM

CYS SENIOR ORCHESTRA

SPRING CONCERT

March 12, 2023 | 2:30 PM

Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley

Strauss: *Dance of the Seven Veils* from *Salome*

Wagner: March from *Tannhäuser*

Price: "Juba Dance" from Symphony No. 3

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor" (Jeston Liu, soloist)

Rachmaninov: *Symphonic Dances*

SEASON FINALE

May 7, 2023 | 2:30 PM

San Mateo Performing Arts Center

Wagner: *Die Meistersinger Overture*

Saint-Saëns: Morceau de Concert (Paul Yoon, soloist)

Séjourné: Concerto for Marimba & Strings, 3rd mvt

(Christina Cheng, soloist)

Barber: Concerto for Violoncello & Orchestra, 1st mvt

(Jennifer Mori, soloist)

Vieuxtemps: Violin Concerto No. 5, 1st mvt (Erica Liu, soloist)

Shostakovich: Symphony No. 1

CYS ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA

FESTIVAL CONCERT

March 5, 2023 | 2:00PM

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills

with the CYS Intermediate Strings, CYS Wind Ensemble, and CYS Wind Symphony

Hue: *Fantasie for Flute & Orchestra* (Olivia Park, soloist)

Sarasate: *Introduction & Tarantella* (Michelle Liu, soloist)

SPRING CONCERT

June 4, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Location TBD

with the CYS String Ensembles

Featuring works by Rossini, Tchaikovsky, and more...

Saint-Saëns: Violin Concerto No. 3, 1st mvt (Henna Lam, soloist)

CYS WIND SYMPHONY

FESTIVAL CONCERT

March 5, 2023 | 2:00 PM

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills

with the CYS Intermediate Strings, CYS Wind Ensemble, and CYS Associate Orchestra

SPRING CONCERT

June 4, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Location TBD

with the CYS String Ensembles

Featuring works by Hisaishi, Svanoe, Li, and more...

CYS STRING & WIND ENSEMBLES

FESTIVAL CONCERT

March 5, 2023 | 2:00 PM

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills

CYS Intermediate Strings, CYS Wind Ensemble, CYS Associate Orchestra, and CYS Wind Symphony

SPRING CONCERT

June 4, 2023 | 1:00 PM Strings

June 4, 2023 | 6:00 PM Winds

Location TBD

Featuring works by Beethoven, Mussorgsky, Nagle, Smart, and more...



VALENTINES' FUNDRAISER

Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love, and what better way to do that than by showing your love for music and supporting the California Youth Symphony! We rely on the generosity of donors like you to provide our young musicians with the resources and opportunities they need to excel.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we are launching our "Show Your Love" fundraising campaign. Donate now and show your love for music and the arts. Every donation, regardless of size, will help us make beautiful music together and create opportunities for young musicians to shine.

THANK YOU CYS FAMILY!

The Board of Directors and staff here at CYS would like to thank all of you for all your support for our fall general fundraising campaign. Your generosity in the last two months of 2022 exceeded our \$15,000 board-matching goal! We had over 150 individual donors and about 40 with corporate matches. For those of you whose company also matched your gift, thank you for tripling your impact. Your tax-deductible contributions help the California Youth Symphony continue its legacy of developing talented youth and presenting great music for us and our children in the communities we serve.

WAYS TO GIVE

- **DONATE TO OUR ANNUAL FUND OR SET UP A MONTHLY DONATION**

A cash gift to CYS helps where it is needed most. A donation can be given to celebrate a milestone like a birthday or anniversary, or to honor the memory of a dear friend or relative as a tribute. Monthly contributions are a convenient and easy way to provide a reliable source of support for CYS. Each month, we will automatically charge your card for your desired donation amount. You may opt out of monthly gifts at any time.

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Through your tax-deductible contributions, you ensure that young people will continue to have the opportunity to share in the joy of music, as they have since 1952. Thank you for investing in the future of music and the next generation of leaders!

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AUDITIONS ARE OPEN FOR CYS 2023-2024!

The California Youth Symphony is dedicated to the artistic development of a new generation of musicians and to building audiences to support them. CYS members receive invaluable training and have wonderful opportunities to enhance their musical growth, experiment and study new works, develop leadership skills, and perform great repertoire at the highest level of excellence. CYS offers seven programs: two levels of string ensemble, two levels of wind ensemble, Wind Symphony, Associate Orchestra, and Senior Orchestra. We welcome you to register to audition with us by March 26. Final audition video recordings are due on March 31. For complete audition and registration information, please visit our website – www.cys.org/auditions.



YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Each spring the California Youth Symphony holds its Young Artist Competition to select soloists for the following season. The competition is open to pianists and instrumental soloists under age 19. A panel of three judges will choose two young artists to perform with the CYS Orchestra during the November or March concert series of the 2023-24 Season. Competition details will be available in March. Visit cys.org/yac for information.