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Rapsodie espagnole Maurice Ravel (1875 – 1937)

I. *Prélude à la nuit*

II. *Malagueña*

III. *Habanera*

IV. *Feria*

Flute Concerto Carl Nielsen (1865 – 1931)

I. *Allegro moderato*

Krishan Kumar, Flute

Trombone Concerto Gordon Jacob (1895 – 1984)

I. *Andante maestoso - Allegro molto - Andante maestoso*

II. *Adagio molto*

III. *Vivace alla Marcia*

Avner Kreps, Trombone

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Poème for Violin and Orchestra Ernest Chausson (1855 – 1899)

Isabella Costanza, Violin

The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Benjamin Britten
(1913 – 1976)

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Alyssa Yuyuan Chen
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Joseph Chang,
Co-principal
Hanlin Wang
Alyssa Ilano
Catherine (Heeyeon) Kim

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Kaitlyn Shih
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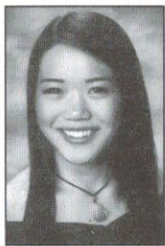
TAVOR BAHARAV has played in CYS for 2 years. He has participated in varsity wrestling, Vex Robotix, and the Science Alliance Club at Gunn High School. He is an Eagle Scout, a National Merit Scholar, and has received the UC Berkeley Regents' and Chancellor's Scholarship. He will attend UC Berkeley to major in electrical engineering and computer science.



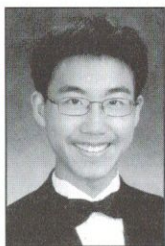
KAI BANKS has been with CYS for 3 years. He attends Menlo School where he is an honors computer science and biology student/co-teacher. He is also the principal trumpet in the school orchestra. His awards include National Merit Finalist, Menlo Honors Student, Menlo Outstanding Biology Student, Menlo Outstanding Music Student, AP Scholar With Honor. He will attend Washington University in Saint Louis to major in computer science and engineering.



KATHERINE CHANG has been with CYS for 7 years. At Mission San Jose High School she is concertmaster of the orchestra and is a member of the Green Club, the cross-country team, and MSJ VAMS. Her awards include National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholar Finalist, numerous violin competitions, AP Scholar, and 6 Command Performances from CMEA. She will attend either Tulane or UC San Diego in bioengineering.



ANGELA CHEN has been a CYS member for 4 years. She has participated in student government, marching band, and service clubs at Mission San Jose High School. She is a National Merit Finalist. She will major in physics at UC San Diego and hopes to pursue a career in biophysical or astrophysical research.



DANIEL CHIEN has played with CYS for 3 years. He is home schooled. He has participated in Team Policy Debate, the Homeschool Honor Society and private tutoring. His many awards include AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Commended Scholar, Henry Schwab Violin and Viola Competition Grand Prize Winner, and CMTANC Best Chinese Music Award. He will major in computer science at UC Berkeley.



FELIX CHOW has been a CYS member for 7 years. He attends Monta Vista High School where he participates in the Model UN Club, the tennis team, and the cross-country team. He is also the secretary of the Operation Smile Club. He plans to attend UC Berkeley to major in microbiology.



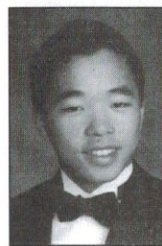
ISABELLA COSTANZA (see bio on page 11)



KELLY HONG has played in CYS for 4 years. At Monta Vista High School she is principal cellist in the chamber orchestra. She is the founder/president of E-Cycle South Bay, as well as a CSF and Musician's Society member. She has received an award from the Chinese Music Teachers' Association and a scholarship from the Chinese American Semiconductor Professional Association. She will pursue a double major in Computer Science and Statistics at UC Berkeley.



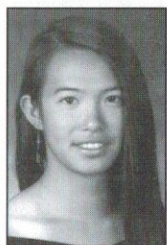
ALVIN HU is completing his 2nd year with CYS. He attends Monta Vista High School. He will attend Purdue University in the fall where he will major in computer engineering.



IRWIN HUI has played with CYS for 2 years. He is treasurer of the Forte Music Club at Cupertino High School, where he is also a member of the marching band and the track and field team. He has been selected as a member of the Santa Clara County Honor Band, the All State Honor Band, and the Sound of America National Honor Band. He will major in music (flute performance) at UCLA.



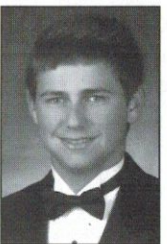
ARIELLE ILANO has been a CYS member for 6 years. While at Gunn High School she has been an intern at the Veteran Affairs Hospital, an elementary math tutor, and a member of the Tri-M Honor Society. She has won both Gold and Silver awards in the National Spanish Exam. She will attend UC Berkeley and major in molecular and cellular biology.



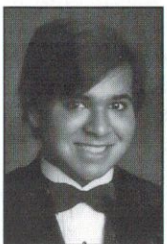
STEPHANIE JUANG has been a CYS member for 3 years. She attends Lynbrook High School. Her activities at school include varsity soccer, track & field, Model United Nations, Alliance of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and Aspiring Musicians and Producers. She will attend Parsons The New School of Design to major in visual communications design.



JEE-YOUNG KIM has been a member of CYS for 6 years. She is a student at Monta Vista High School and participates in DECA, from which she won a 3rd place International Award. She also won a Top 10 Essay Award from Creative Communication and was chosen as a National Merit Scholar. She will attend Georgetown University to major in international political economy.



AVNER KREPS (see bio on page 10).



KRISHAN KUMAR (see bio on page 9).



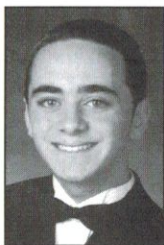
DORA LI has been a CYS member for 2 years. At Mission San Jose High School she has been involved with DECA, marching band, hiking, and she has done an internship at Institute of Medicinal Biotechnology. She will be attending the DECA International Career Development Conference later this year. She will attend the University of Michigan. She is undecided on a major, but is interested in chemistry, physics, and engineering.



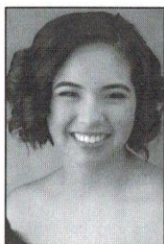
JOHN LIM has been a CYS member for one year. He is concertmaster of the school orchestra and president of the JETS Club at York School, where he is also on the FIRST Robotics and tennis teams. His music honors include the Young Musician's Award from the Carmel Bach Festival and winner of the Youth Music Monterey Concerto Competition. He has also received the President's Volunteer Service Award. He will major in biomedical engineering at Cornell.



JOSHUA LU has been a CYS member for 2 years. He attends Mission San Jose High School. He is an editor at Writer's Block, a club geared towards helping other students with their writing skills. He will attend Brown University and major in English.



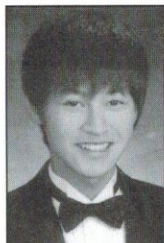
DANIEL SANTOS has been a CYS member for 1 year. At Valley Christian High School he is a member of the jazz Ensemble, jazz combo, and symphony orchestra. He has been awarded scholarships to both the Manhattan School of Music and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He will attend the San Francisco Conservatory to major in classical trumpet performance.



MELANI SHAHIN has been a CYS member for 1 year. She attends School for Independent Learners and is an equestrian team member. She is a volunteer tutor at St. Andrew's School as well as a volunteer for the San Jose Public Library. Her music awards include the 2014 All-State Orchestra, 2013 All-State Wind Symphony, and principal bass of the 2013 CODA String Orchestra. She also won a Silver Medal on the National Latin Exam. She has won the Loyola Merit Scholarship to attend Fordham University and major in theology.



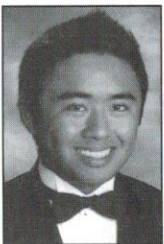
ANGELA SO has been with CYS for 3 years. She attends Presentation High School and participates in Mu Alpha Theta, Leadership Academy, and Community Involvement. Her awards include the Bronze, Silver and Gold Presidential Service Awards, and the Bronze and Silver Congressional Service Awards. She will attend the University of San Francisco in pre-med.



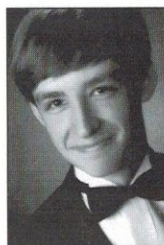
WEI-CHI SU has been with CYS for 7 years. He attends Los Altos High School. He is president of the Micro Lend Club, and a member of the varsity swim team, the National Honor Society, DECA, and the California Scholarship Federation. He was also selected as an AP Scholar. He will attend Boston University and hopes to pursue a career in hospitality.



FREDERICK SUN has been a CYS member for 2 years. He has participated in the band, the yearbook and the newspaper at Bellarmine College Preparatory. He will major in psychology at UCLA.



KEVIN TOM has been with CYS for 3 years. At Lowell High School he is vice president of both the robotics team and Strings for Seniors. He also participates in Shield and Scroll, California Scholarship Federation, and Lowell Dragonboat. He will attend the University of Michigan and major in mechanical and software engineering.



JASON TWOHY has been a CYS member for 4 years. He plays in the wind ensemble Burlingame High School and is also a member of the Google Science Club. He was chosen for the California All State Symphonic Band in 2013 and 2014 and he received a Burlingame Music Boosters' scholarship. He will attend Pomona College and has yet to decide on a major between economics, physics and cognitive science.



DORA WANG has played with CYS for 3 years. Her activities at Prospect High School have included volleyball, orchestra, and art. She will attend UC San Diego and major in interdisciplinary computing and the arts.

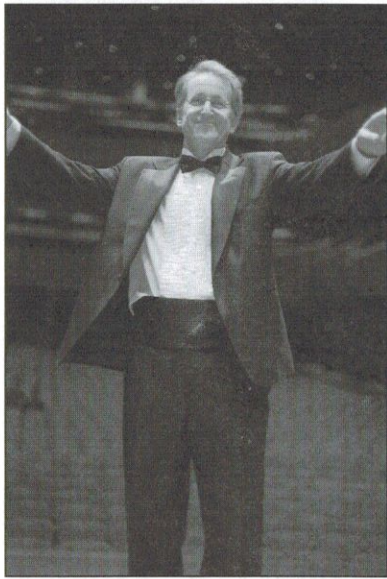


RAFAEL ZEPEDA has played with CYS for 4 years. His musical activities at Abraham Lincoln High School have included chamber orchestra, pit orchestra, jazz band, and wind ensemble. He plans to attend Chapman University to major in music (bass performance).



AMY ZHAO has been a CYS member for 4 years. She is president of the Key Club, president of DECA, captain of the varsity swim team, and trombonist in the marching band at Milpitas High School. Her awards include AP Scholar with Distinction, Jefferson Award, and member of both the Santa Clara County Honor Band and the California All-State Honor Band. She will major in economics at Harvard and pursue a career in the public sector.

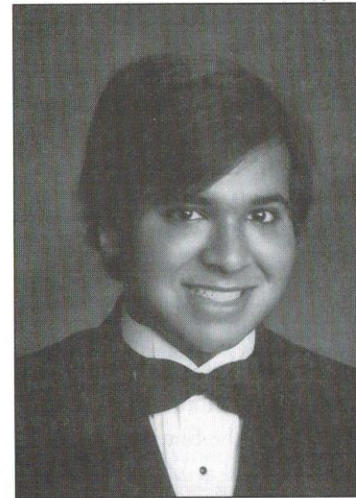




Eylar is also a composer of international stature. His compositions, which blend a rich, coloristic neo-romanticism with elements of jazz and driving Eastern European rhythmic vitality, have been performed in Carnegie Hall, as well as in England, the Netherlands, Japan, Germany and Austria. His original works have been commissioned by the Dutch contemporary orchestra "De Volharding", the San Francisco ensemble "Earplay", and the prestigious German "Ensemble8", among others. In 1993 *The Temptation of St. Anthony for Horn and String Orchestra* was performed by the California Youth Symphony, and was acclaimed by the press as a

"symphonic gem." In 1994 the Seattle Symphony, along with well-known trumpeter Jeffrey Silberschlag, recorded Eylar's *Dance Suite for Trumpet and String Orchestra* on the Delos label, which received plaudits from the press. Also in 1994 his *Variations on a Troubadour Theme for String Orchestra* was performed by the San Luis Obispo County Symphony. In 1995 Eylar's *Rhapsody for Orchestra*, which was subsequently nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, was performed by the California Youth Symphony and recorded in Japan the following year. In 1997 he conducted the world premiere of his Violin Concerto, *An Orpheus Legend*, in San Luis Obispo with noted violinist Ralph Morrison as soloist. *An Orpheus Legend* was featured by CYS during its Spanish Tour in the summer of 1998, and recorded in Spain with violin soloist Kenneth Hsu.

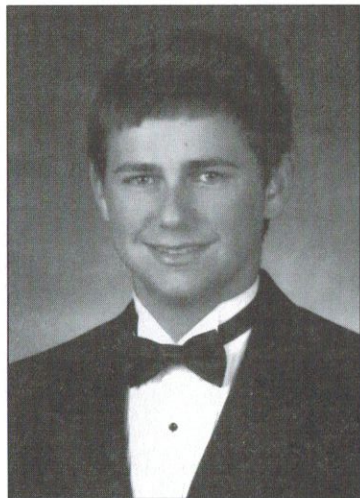
The world premiere of Eylar's *Concerto for Harp and String Orchestra* took place in 1998. In 2004 the internationally recognized German string bass virtuoso Christine Hoocht recorded Eylar's *Suite in Three Movements for Bass and Piano* as the leading work on her debut CD. Recent commissions have included an octet for the German contemporary group "Ensemble8", a 14-minute orchestral work titled *Tonescapes* to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the California Youth Symphony, and a Sonata for Bassoon and Piano dedicated to well-known bassoonist Frank Forst. Eylar recently completed a large-scale percussion quartet, *Percussive Enigmas*.



FEATURED SOLOISTS

KRISHAN KUMAR, FLUTE *Carl Nielsen – Flute Concerto*

Krishan Kumar is the principal flutist of the California Youth Symphony and the Harker School Orchestra. He first picked up the flute at the age of seven and began his musical studies with John Huang, former principal flutist of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Krishan played in his elementary and junior high school bands since he was in third grade, but he first gained exposure to orchestral music as a freshman at the Harker School. His love for this music was further augmented when he began studying under Maria Tamburrino, principal flutist of the Symphony Silicon Valley, who has been his teacher for his entire high school career. He is grateful for all the profound musical insight and inspiration she and her husband, conductor George Cleve, have provided him over these past four years. Since freshman year, Krishan has performed a concert tour spanning New Zealand with CYS and at the London New Year's Day Festival and Chicago International Musical Festival with Harker. He spent the past summer learning and performing music for three concerts with the inaugural Stanford Youth Orchestra in the university's new Bing Concert Hall with guidance from Stanford faculty and San Francisco Symphony musicians. Krishan will be attending Stanford University in the fall.



AVNER KREPS, TROMBONE
Gordon Jacob -
Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra

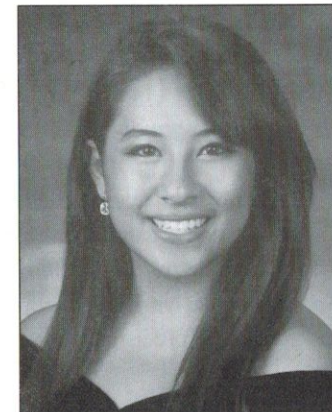
Avner Kreps started playing the trombone at age ten, having started on piano at age six. He has since been taught privately by Phil Zahorsky, Don Couch, and McDowell Kenley, as well as Austin Chung on piano. In the past he has been selected as a member of the California All-State Honor Band and has participated in the Summer Brass Institute and Festival at Menlo, where he received private instruction from

Tim Higgins, Michael Mulcahy, and Paul Welcomer, among others. Avner is currently a senior at Gunn High School, where he has been a member of the wind ensemble for three years and a member of the jazz band for four years, winning the 2014 Semper Fidelis Marine Corps Award for Outstanding Senior Musician, as well as the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. He also plays in a brass quintet with his friends. In his free time, Avner also composes and arranges music for his quintet and other ensembles. In the fall, Avner plans to attend the University of Chicago, where he will study economics and music.



ISABELLA COSTANZA, VIOLIN
Ernest Chausson -
Poème for Violin and Orchestra

Co-concertmaster Isabella Costanza began her violin studies at age four in Chicago. She is a senior at Henry M. Gunn High School and she studies violin with Robin Sharp. Isabella was also a member of the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) for five years.



Isabella is first violinist of the Chiaroscuro String Quartet, coached by Susan Bates. The quartet was named winner of the Inaugural Galante Prize for best pre-college chamber ensemble at the 2014 Yehudi Menuhin Chamber Music Festival & Seminar. Isabella's honors and awards also include: Semi-Finalist for the Mondavi Center Young Artists Competition (2013); two-time winner of the PACO Concerto Competition (2007 & 2009); Honorable Mention in the Fremont Symphony Young Artists Concerto Competition (2010); and Winner of the Palo Alto School District Music-Teachers' Scholarship Audition (2008). Isabella also received an AP Scholar's Award in May 2013, after achieving two perfect scores on Advanced Placement exams.

In addition to her musical activities, Isabella enjoys traveling, creative writing, fashion, hanging out with friends, and practicing yoga. She aspires to attend one of the nation's top music conservatories next year.