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*World Premiere Highlights
 New Season*

The California Youth Symphony kicks off its 65th season with a fascinating pair of concerts that feature a world premiere, an award winning soloist, and some beloved and familiar music. The season begins on November 13 at 2:30pm at the Flint Center in Cupertino. The concert will be repeated the following Sunday, November 20 at 2:30pm at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center, on the campus of San Mateo High School. Headlining the concert will be a very special piece indeed as CYS premieres *Symphony No. 2 "The Great Expanse"* by award winning composer Sunny Knable. Also on the bill: Prokofiev's superbly virtuosic and supremely melodic *Violin Concerto No. 1*, featuring CYS Young Artist Competition winner James Poe; Rachmaninov's renowned *Symphonic Dances*, which Richard Rhodda has written "shows the composer at the peak of his powers...creates a wondrous kaleidoscope of instrumental colors"; and finally, Dukas' *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, made famous in the classic Disney film "Fantasia". Be sure to join us for this very special concert.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY
November 13, 2016 2:30 PM
 Flint Center, Cupertino

November 20, 2016 2:30 PM
 San Mateo Performing Arts Center

Leo Eylar, Music Director

Dukas: *Sorcerer's Apprentice*

Featuring the World Premier of
 Knable: *Symphony No. 2 "The Great Expanse"*

Prokofiev: *Violin Concerto No. 1*
 James Poe, violin

Rachmaninov: *Symphonic Dances*



65th SEASON



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Leo Eylar, Conductor

<i>Sorcerer's Apprentice</i>	Paul Dukas
<i>Symphony No. 2 "The Great Expanse"</i>	Sunny Knable
	<i>World Premiere</i>
<i>Violin Concerto No. 1</i>	Sergei Prokofiev
	<i>James Poe, violin</i>
<i>Symphonic Dances</i>	Sergei Rachmaninov

Sunday, November 13, 2:30pm
 Flint Center, Cupertino
 DeAnza College Campus
 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino

Sunday, November 20, 2:30pm
 San Mateo Performing Arts Center
 San Mateo High School
 600 N. Delaware St., San Mateo

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Sunny Knable, composer

On the November concert series CYS will present the world premiere of a piece that CYS itself commissioned – *Symphony No. 2 "The Great Expanse"* by rising young composer Sunny Knable. A California native, Knable is a multifaceted composer who currently resides in New York City. He has won numerous awards including three "Best Composition" Awards from the Festival of New American Music, and the Iron Composers Award, for which he wrote a four-minute piece in five hours. He holds degrees from CSU Sacramento—where he received his Bachelor of Music in Composition, Piano Performance and Jazz Studies—and Queens College (CUNY), where he completed a Masters of Arts in Composition; he is currently a PhD candidate at Stony Brook University. Most recently, the Brothers Knable's opera for young audience, *The Magic Fish*, has been performed multiple times around the country. Other professional credits include his debut album "American Variations" on Centaur Records and his multiple bassoon works published by TrevCo-Varner Music. Knable serves as music director of The Church-in-the-Gardens in Forest Hills, NY, while fulfilling commissions from around the country. He wrote recently: "this piece would not have been possible without Leo Eylar, and all the hard work and dedication of the young but oh-so-talented musicians of the California Youth Symphony. I got a chance to work with them personally during their August camp, and I came away energized by their exuberance and joy for music."





James Poe, violin

James Poe won the CYS Young Artist Competition, held at Stanford University last spring, performing the Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1. Local audiences will have the chance to hear his award-winning rendition on Sunday, November 13 at the Flint Center in Cupertino and on Sunday, November 20 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. James began learning piano with Lena Grozman and violin with Li Lin when he was 5. From 2012-2015 he studied abroad in Taiwan, continuing his violin studies with Nancy Tsung. Since his return to the Bay Area he has been studying with Wei He.

James won first prizes at the VOCE Competition for Junior Strings in 2011 and the Pacific Musical Society Competition in 2012. In Taiwan, he won the Taiwan Academy of Strings Violin Competition in 2013 and 2015, and has performed numerous times with the Academy of Taiwan Strings orchestra at the National Concert Hall in Taipei. Late last year he won first prize at the Schoenfeld International Violin Competition and performed in Hong Kong. Most recently, James won first prize at the 2016 Mondavi Center National Young Artists Competition.

James is a junior at Palo Alto High School. In his spare time, he enjoys playing music at the local charity hospital to comfort elderly patients and providing music for his local church every Sunday. For his service to the community James won the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Aside from music, James also has a passion for photography and fine art, and he has received a 2016 Scholastic Silver National Medal.

New Wind Symphony Takes Off

This fall marks the debut of a new CYS ensemble – the California Youth Symphony Wind Symphony. The Wind Symphony was conceived by CYS Music Director Leo Eylar to provide advanced training and performance opportunities for talented young wind players. Leo has chosen Chris Florio to direct the new ensemble. Chris has both undergraduate and graduate music degrees from UCLA and he is the instrumental music teacher at The Harker School. The Wind Symphony will make its debut at the CYS Holiday Pops Concert on December 11 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Additional performances are scheduled at Cañada College on March 19 and May 21. Be sure to join us for one or more of these concerts by this outstanding new ensemble.



String and Wind Ensembles Celebrate the Holidays

As most of you know, CYS offers instruction and performance opportunities on all symphonic instruments, for beginners through advanced players. Our String Ensembles, under the direction of Kati Kyme, and our Wind Ensembles, under the direction of Rosita Amador, provide a vital resource for beginning and intermediate players. Please join us on Sunday, December 4 in the Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills to support these fine young musicians at their Holiday Concert. The String Ensembles will perform at 12:00 pm and the Wind Ensembles at 2:30 pm. There is no admission charge.

CYS' First Holiday Pops Concert

For quite some time many people have asked "why doesn't CYS do a Pops Concert?". Well, the long wait is over. On Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 pm at San Mateo Performing Arts Center, CYS will unveil a new concert format, combining pops with our traditional Holiday Concert. Adding to the excitement will be the appearance of our three top ensembles – the CYS Senior Orchestra, the CYS Associate Orchestra and the debut of our brand new CYS Wind Symphony. And making this a "don't miss" event – we will feature CYS Young Artist Competition winner Andrew Lee performing the stunning violin work *Zigeunerweisen*, by Sarasate. And the icing on the holiday cake...it's free admission – CYS' gift to the community for 65 years of support. See you there!

Andrew Lee, Pops Violin Soloist

Seventeen-year-old violinist Andrew Lee is a winner of the CYS 2016 Young Artist Competition. He'll perform the spectacular *Zigeunerweisen*, by Sarasate at our Holiday Pops Concert on December 11 at San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Andrew began his studies at age eight with Li Lin and is currently a scholarship student of Zhao Wei at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-College Division. Recently he was a prizewinner at the New York International Artists' Competition, receiving the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall. His other accomplishments include winning first prize at the Pacific Musical Society Competition, the Khuner Young Artist Competition, the CMTANC US International Music Competition, the Korea Times Youth Music Competition, and the KAMSA Young Artist Competition, in addition to solo performances with the Prometheus Symphony and the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra. He has played in masterclasses for acclaimed artists and ensembles such as Haik Kazazyan, Nigel Armstrong, Ning Feng, the Escher String Quartet, and the Borromeo String Quartet. He was recently accepted into the National Youth Orchestra of the USA, performing in Carnegie Hall and touring Europe this past summer. Andrew is a senior at Los Altos High School.



CYS Completes Spectacular Tour to Europe

CYS has a long standing tradition of mounting an international tour every other year. This past summer the Senior Orchestra visited Austria and Italy, presenting four concerts to enthusiastic audiences as the group journeyed from Salzburg to Rome. Planning will begin shortly for the 2018 tour.

