

CYSO Parents, Friends, Students:



As we accelerate into the spring concert season, we want to heartily thank each of you for your membership, support and

enthusiasm for the Cascade Youth Symphony Orchestras.

The February winter concerts were a huge success and proof that this organization is truly special and not only showcases the talent of these young

musicians, but also the hard work, time, discipline and effort of parents, students and supporters to help these students grow both musically and personally as they work towards their ambitions.

As the spring season comes into full swing, consider the impact of this organization and what it means to you, your student and this community of young musicians.

If you have already made a donation or volunteered your time, we are sincerely grateful. If you haven't had the chance to do so, this is your

chance to show your support.

Please visit www.cyso.us for more information or to donate directly, click on the link below:

<http://www.cyso.us/sites/default/files/donations.html>.

With your support, attendance and membership, the Cascade Youth Symphony Orchestras will continue to impact these students' lives as they work to achieve their goals, potential and aspirations.

Craig Gill
Chair, Board of Directors

Sign up now for Summer Sounds 2011!

Register by May 1st to receive a \$25 discount – reserve your spot for Summer Sounds 2011 before space fills up! Summer Sounds/Prep Strings is a fully symphonic orchestra experience that offers chamber music groups and professional coaching – and is open to students of all levels.

For budding string players, check out PREP STRINGS if your student:

- Will be in elementary school in the fall -or-
- Has played a stringed instrument for less than two years -or-
- CYSO Prep Strings Director or Music Director has indicated that Prep Strings is a good fit.

For orchestra/ band students, check out SUMMER SOUNDS if you or your student:

- Have been part of CYSO this year or previously -or-
- Have played in an orchestra or band for at least 3 years -or-
- CYSO Music Director has indicated that Summer Sounds is a good fit.



WHERE	WHEN	OPTIONS
Alderwood Community Church	Week 1: Aug. 1 – 5, 2011	Prep Strings:
3403 Alderwood Mall Blvd Lynwood, WA	Week 2: Aug. 8 – 12, 2011	One week \$250/Two weeks \$470
	Prep Strings (9am-12noon) Summer Sounds (9am-3pm)	Summer Sounds: One week \$350/ Two weeks \$670
*For more information call 206-417-5677 or email info@cyso.us		

<http://www.cyso.us/programs>

Winter Concert Performance Sensations

The Winter concerts were a great success with the Youth Symphony performing on February 6 and the Sinfonette Orchestra, Premiere Orchestra and Junior Symphony performing on February 13.

The Youth Symphony performance began with the Roman Carnival Overture by Hector Berlioz, featuring lyrical melodies and energetic tuttis. Brendan McMullen, clarinetist, accompanied the orchestra in the Concertino by Carl Maria von Weber. The first half concluded with the dramatic Finale of Johannes Brahms' first symphony. The second half featured the Mount St. Helens Symphony by Alan Hovhaness, with three movements presenting the various aspects of the notorious volcano.

The February 13 concert began with the Sinfonette orchestra playing "See, The Conquering Hero Comes" and "Hallelujah, Amen" from Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus." They also

played the catchy "Farandole" from George Bizet's music for the play "L'Arlesienne," and the increasingly energetic "Russian Sailor's Dance" by Reinhold Gliere.

The Premiere Orchestra performed next with the lyrical "Yorkshire Ballad" by James Barnes; Tchaikovsky's dramatic classic, "Marche Slave" and an arrangement of the popular

1950's favorite, "Rock Around the Clock."

The Junior Symphony then performed the final portion of the concert, joined by violinist Madeline Mendard, performing Possini's overture to "The Barber of Seville."

Rounds of appreciative applause ended the concert finales as the progression of winter practices culminated in resounding success.

(Photos Courtesy of Rebecca Calvo)



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Lucy Schermer Wins First Place in Horsfall Flute Competition

Lucy Schermer, co-principal flutist in the CYSO Youth Symphony, won first place in her division for the prestigious Seattle Flute Society's Frank and Lu Horsfall Competition earlier this year and performed in a concert for winning finalists at Seattle Pacific University.

To participate in the competition, Lucy created and submitted an audition recording of her interpretation of the piece *Andante et Scherzo* by Louis Ganne. The auditions were narrowed down to 18 finalists in the younger lower division for grades six through nine. Lucy was selected as the first place winner in her division.



The finalist concert took place in front of family and friends at Seattle Pacific University and featured the first through third place winners and the top honorable mentions from both divisions. As the first place winner for her age group, Lucy "really enjoyed the experience and hearing everyone perform."

Lucy joined the CYSO Junior Symphony in 2009 and then auditioned successfully into Youth Symphony at the beginning of the 2010-11 season. Starting at the age of four with a child-sized instrument, Lucy has achieved much through her musical career.

"One of my greatest achievements so far was being invited to play in the Music for Medicine Concert, which was a joint fundraiser for the Polyclinic and Seattle Young Artists," said Lucy.

Lucy is also "most proud of getting co-principal of CYSO Youth this year" and looks forward to the rest of the season.



Madeline Menard Featured in CYSO Winter Concert

Madeline Menard, violinist in CYSO Youth Symphony, was one of three concerto winners featured in the February winter concerts. Performing as a special guest with the Junior Symphony in the final portion of the concert, Madeline showcased Pablo de Sarasate's piece, "Zigeunerweisen."

Picking up the violin at the age of four, Madeline joined CYSO at the age of eight and progressed through all four orchestras. Currently a sophomore at Kamiak High School, Madeline has been in the CYSO Youth Symphony for three years and also is a member of her school's orchestra and chamber group. In addition, she has participated in the district and state solo and ensemble competitions and in the all-state orchestras.

Outside of her musical ambitions and enjoying chamber music, Madeline also spends free time horseback riding and plans to become a biomedical engineer or work in environmental engineering.

Madeline was inspired and is most proud

of the Side By Side concert with the Seattle Symphony last year. Another source of inspiration includes

Itzhak Perlman, a musician who contracted polio at a young age, "because despite his circumstances in life, he maintained an optimistic view of life and became an exceptional violinist."



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Featuring:

The Cascade Youth Symphony
The Cascade Junior Symphony
The Cascade Premiere Orchestra
The Cascade Sinfonette

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$12
Seniors: \$10
Student: \$5
Family: \$25

Ticket sales start at 2pm and are also available through CYSO by calling **206-417-5677** or by email at lianne@cyso.us.

CYSO 2011-12 AUDITIONS – REGISTER TODAY!

Register today for 2011-12 CYSO auditions, held September 7, 8, 10 & 12 and fill friends in who might be interested! CYSO requires all students to play in their school ensemble on their orchestra instrument. If your school does not have an ensemble, this requirement does not apply. All new and returning students must audition. Take the next step in walking toward your goals.

For the audition, students should be prepared to play:

- A major and a melodic minor scale (2-3 octaves) in any key you choose
- A 3-5 minute solo (no accompanist)
- Sight reading

Instrument Schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Viola, Clarinet, Flute and low Brass
Thursday, Sept. 8: Violin 4-9pm, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet and Percussion
Saturday, Sept. 10: Violin 10-2pm and Bass
Monday, Sept. 12: Violin 4-9pm, Cello and Horn

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Gerry Jon Marsh, Music Director



Spring Concert

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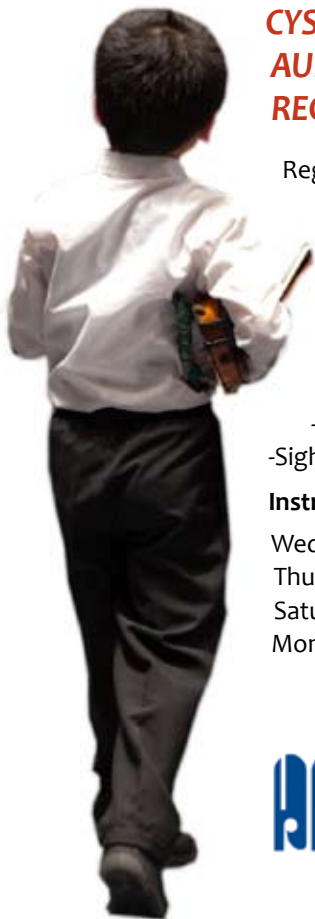
The Cascade Youth Symphony • The Cascade Junior Symphony
The Cascade Premiere Orchestra • The Cascade Sinfonette

Sunday, May 1, 2011 - 4:00 p.m.

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