

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Leo Eylar, Music Director



Coda Concerts

Featuring

Afternoon - 1:00 PM

STRING ENSEMBLES & ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA

Evening - 6:00 PM

WIND ENSEMBLES & WIND SYMPHONY



MAY 17, 2026

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

May 17, 2026 | 1:00 PM
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Leo Eylar, Music Director
Kati Kyme, String Ensembles Director



CYS INTERMEZZI STRINGS ENSEMBLE

Kati Kyme, Conductor

- “Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” from Solomon George Frideric Handel (1685–1759) |
Arr. Stephen Levintov
- “Allegretto grazioso” from Symphony No. 8 in G Major Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)
- “Allegro” from Sinfonia No. 90 in G Major Antonio Brioschi (c. 1725–1750)

***** SHORT PAUSE *****

CYS VIRTUOSI STRINGS ENSEMBLE

Kati Kyme, Conductor

- Overture to *The Creatures of Prometheus* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 –1827)
- “Scherzo. Allegro vivace - Trio. Allegretto” from Quartet in G Major . . . Franz Schubert (1797–1828)
- “Allegro” from Quartet in D Minor Juan Crisóstomo Arriaga (1806–1826)

***** SHORT PAUSE *****

CYS ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA

Leo Eylar, Conductor

- Roman Carnival Overture* Hector Berlioz (1803–1869)
- Concerto No. 2 for Marimba and Orchestra Ney Rosauero (b. 1952)
- I. *Water Running in High Mountain*
Tristan Liao, marimba
- Hymnus for 12 cellos, op. 57 Julius Klengel (1859–1933)
featuring members of the Associate and Senior Orchestra Cello Sections
- A Town with an Ocean View* Joe Hisaishi (b. 1950)
- Danzón No. 2* Arturo Márquez (b. 1950)

FEATURED SOLOIST

TRISTAN LIAO, *percussion*

Tristan Liao is a 14-year-old marimba player who attends William Hopkins Middle School in Fremont. He began studying percussion at the age of nine under the guidance of Tammy Chen, whose mentorship helped him discover a deep passion for the marimba and for expressive music-making.

Tristan has been a member of the California Youth Symphony (CYS) for four years. He spent his first two seasons performing with the Wind Symphony and currently plays with the Associate Orchestra. During the 2023–2024 season, Tristan was named the Wind Symphony Solo Competition winner and appeared as a featured soloist in the season finale concert.

Since winning the International Young Artist Competition and making his solo marimba debut at Merkin Hall of the Kaufman Music Center in New York City in 2022, Tristan has continued to earn many recognitions for his musical achievements. His honors include First Place in both the Young Artist and J. S. Bach categories at the United States International Music Competition (USIMC) in 2023, Second Place in the same categories in 2025, Silver Awards at the International Young Artist Competition from 2022 to 2024, and First Place at the Golden Classical Music Award Competition in 2023.

Tristan also had the privilege to study in master classes with many renowned percussionists, including Gordon Stout, Weichen Lin, Svet Stoyanov, Anthony J. Cirone, Twincussion, Adam Tan, and Ming-Hui Kuo.

In addition to his musical pursuits, Tristan's interests extend from skiing on snowy slopes to well-loved books to the disciplined practice of wushu.



2025-2026 CYS INTERMEZZI STRINGS ENSEMBLE

VIOLIN 1

Sophia Zhiyao
Chen
Zoe Farh
Wenfei He
Alyssa Lyovin
Emma Hu
Winston Wang
Ziggy Van Buer
Leila Salamy
Othrom Estrada
Lily Law
Irene Ping
Isabella Feng
Kyla Lin

Joanna Liu
Jennifer Kim
Ben Zheng

VIOLIN 2

Kona Kinoshita
Gabriel Balucan
Charlie Zhang
Hannah Lou
Meng Yuan
Irene Park
Alex Wang
Katherine Fang
Lisa Yaida

Alison Sixian Jiang
Grace Liang
Suyun Kim
Shaun Lin
Alice Hu
Kyle Lan

VIOLIN 3

Maisie Iong
Vivien Vo
Haha Zhang
Yi Xin (Ethan)
Zhou
Lua Choi

Andrew Chau
Demi Hu
Melanie Lim
Divya Sthanikam
Tzu-Yu Lo

VIOLA

Leticia Cheng
Brock Chin
Ian Shim
Kayla Zan
Elena Liu

CELLO

Victoria Lin
Valerie Chen
Jeremy Liu
Cameron Sun
Ryan Ahn
Aiden Vo
Kaitlyn Wang
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Nicholas Gu
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Max Chen
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2025-2026 CYS VIRTUOSI STRINGS ENSEMBLE

VIOLIN 1

Madeleine Wei
Masato Nishi
Vikram Devaru
Jessica Lou
Sian Galvan
Kiersten Low
Colin Shi
Chengxi Bai
Roger Ko
Samuel Fung
Kiera Maben

VIOLIN 2

Allison Ren
Erin Kim
Chloe Kim
Myra Sidhu
Owen Reid
Derek Zou
Paxton Lee
Alex Komatsu
Aaron Ko
Isaac Miyachi
Eric Gu

VIOLIN 3

Kaylin Yi
Camille Nguyen
Zoey Wang
Lena Park
Sidhant Khurana
Yunshuo Li

VIOLA

Jasper Yoon

CELLO

Felicia Lin,
Co-principal
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Co-principal
Tanya Liu
Stella Yang
Sunny Li
Joshua Lam
Olivia Young
Jiho (Julia) Kim
Sean Shen
Justin Chen
Kaitlyn Kim
Aditya Sistla



REGISTER TODAY FOR 2026 CYS STRING CAMP

- July 27 - July 31, 2026, 9 am - 3 pm (3:30 pm on Friday) at Monta Vista High School
- \$695 after March 15
- For beginning- to intermediate-level strings students (violin, viola, cello, and bass)
- Open to CYS and non-CYS musicians
- Full ensemble rehearsal, sectionals by instrument, chamber music, musicianship, and bonding activities!

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Justin Tien,
Concertmaster

Lumi Yaida
Kelly Zhu
Jiyu Shin
Alexandra Vee
Shua Cheon
Anne Cong
Shawn Zheng
Matthew Fang
Yufei (Molly) Lin
Audrey Tu
Daniel Ding
Helen Gan
Michael Li

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Lucas Chang,
Principal
Nora Chang,
Asst. principal
Logan Lee
Katie Chen
Owen Chen
Chloe Law
Lucy Liu
Vivian Pei
Hanyu Zhou
Yeeun (Sarah) Park
Isadora Qi
Minkee Cho
Ethan Chen
Ryan Cheng
Ava Geng
Anchen Wan

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Principal

Ella Zheng
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Oscar Yañez*

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Emily Guan
Emma Ng

Erika Song,
Principal 2nd
Annabelle Lo
Sarah Shim
Koushani Haldar

PICCOLO

Emma Ng

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Jacob Kong,
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Jayden Fan

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Pete Nowlen, Wind Symphony Conductor



CYS CHAMBER WINDS ENSEMBLE

Anthony Lanzino, Conductor

The Four Seasons Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) | Arr. John Stout
Rest Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)
Quest M.J. Roth (b. 2005)

***** SHORT PAUSE *****

CYS WIND ENSEMBLE

Anthony Lanzino, Conductor

Fanfare for a New Era Pinkzebra (c. 1990)
Northern Lights Yukiko Nishimura (b. 1967)
Hope Ahead Brian Balmages (b. 1975)

***** SHORT PAUSE *****

CYS WIND SYMPHONY

Pete Nowlen, Conductor

Fantasy on American Folk Songs Dwayne Milburn (b. 1963)
Adagio from Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K622 W.A. Mozart (1756-1791) | Arr. Sungok Cho
Grace Ahn, clarinet
Canton Folk Suite Jack Loh (c. 1987)
The National Game March John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)



FEATURED SOLOIST

GRACE AHN, *clarinet*

Grace Ahn is an 8th-grade student at Crittenden Middle School. She began her musical journey in an elementary school music class, where she first discovered her love for the clarinet. Drawn to its expressive sound, she has studied the B-flat clarinet for four years. She studies with Daniel Magay and has been a Merit Scholar at the Community School of Music and Arts since 2024. Beyond her studies, Grace enjoys sharing her music with others. As both a soloist and ensemble member, she has participated in community outreach performances since 2024, including performances at senior living communities. Outside of music, Grace enjoys creative writing, digital art, and playing badminton with her friends.



2025-2026 CYS CHAMBER WINDS ENSEMBLE

FLUTE

Kelli Chou
Raphael Hondl
Yena Im
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Ellis Lan
Sophia Law
Julie Lim
Grace Liu
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CLARINET

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TENOR SAXOPHONE

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TRUMPET

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HORN

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TROMBONE

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EUPHONIUM

Julian Perez*

PERCUSSION

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Neil Butko
Sean Ding
Ayushman Gulati
Ayan Maru
Albert Yang
Raymon Yang
Serena Yang

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2025-2026 CYS WIND ENSEMBLE

FLUTE

Sahana Bhashyam
Zane Ding
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Jason Jin
Claire Wang
Allison Zhang

PICCOLO

Sahana Bhashyam

OBOE

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CLARINET

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BASS CLARINET

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TRUMPET

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2025-2026 CYS WIND SYMPHONY

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Chloe Hsu
Angela Kong
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Hanyi Yuan,
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Grace Ahn^{MI}
Jenna Lee^S
Ryan Kim,
Co-principal 2nd
Jayden Lee,
Co-principal 2nd
Hannah Hyun
Ze Yuan Li
JuAn Kim,
Principal 3rd
Ethan Cui
Zhiguang (Wisdom) Li

BASS CLARINET

Colin Tsai

SOPRANO SAXOPHONE

James Moon

ALTO SAXOPHONE

James Moon,
Principal 1st
Ren Kuei (Kendrick) Tsai^S
Ethan Cao,
Principal 2nd^L
Megan Berger^{MO}

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Tomoka Hatanaka^{LMO}
Adhi Jeyappragash^{SMI}

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Ethan Kou

TRUMPET

Cruz Cortez^{SL}
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Sihoo Kim
Sofia Liste*
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HORN

Orion Koo,
Principal^{LMI}
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L - Loh

MI - Milburn

MO - Mozart

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