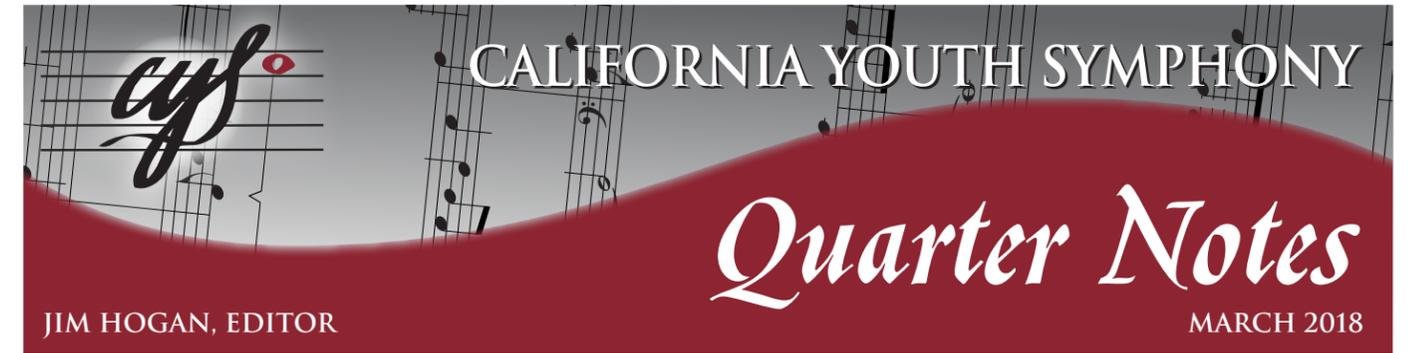


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Prelude to Spring

With the approach of spring the California Youth Symphony enters its busiest time of year. There will be three concerts in March, each featuring winners of CYS soloist competitions, and in April we will begin auditions for new members as well as hold our annual Young Artist Competition at Stanford University. Be sure to check out information on each of these events in this issue of *Quarter Notes*.

SENIOR ORCHESTRA

Our Spring Concert Series, March 11 at the Flint Center and March 18 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center, features the music of Mason Bates, universally recognized as one of the most important and widely performed living composers. We feature his *Devil's Radio*, a short tone poem for large orchestra composed in 2014. Our Young Artist Competition winner and Principal Clarinetist, Ray Wyant, will perform Aaron Copland's Concerto for Clarinet, composed for jazz great Benny Goodman. This scintillating work is characterized by both supremely elegant and romantic passages as well as jazz-inspired harmonies and snappy rhythms, with wonderful interplay between the solo instrument and the orchestra. We will round out the program with Serge Prokofiev's magnum opus for orchestra, his Symphony no. 5, described in the composer's own words as "a hymn to free and happy Man, to his mighty powers, his pure and noble spirit".



CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Leo Eylar, Conductor

Devil's Radio Mason Bates

Concerto for Clarinet..... Aaron Copland

Ray Wyant, clarinet

Symphony No. 5..... Serge Prokofiev

Sunday, March 11, 2:30 pm

Flint Center
DeAnza College Campus
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino

Sunday, March 18, 2:30 pm

San Mateo Performing Arts Center
San Mateo High School
600 N. Delaware St., San Mateo

Tickets available at the door or from any CYS member

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RAY WYANT, CLARINET SOLOIST

Raymond (Ray) Wyant, age 16, was one of the winners of the 2016 CYS Young Artist Competition. Ray began his study of music at the age of 7 on the piano under the tutelage of Kirsten Stone. At age 10 he began his study of the clarinet with Fred Rast. Shortly thereafter Ray was accepted into the San Jose Youth Symphony Chamber Orchestra. In his first three years of performing on the clarinet, Ray was honored by receiving command performance ratings each school year at the California Music Educator's Association (CMEA) Solo and Ensemble Festivals. In eighth grade, he was accepted into the top middle school band for the California All-State Music Educators Conference (CASMEC) as its principal clarinetist. Currently Ray is studying with Janet Averett, professor of clarinet at San Jose State University. This year Ray is the principal clarinetist for the California Youth Symphony Orchestra. He has been a member of the CASMEC All-State High School Wind Symphony for the past two years. He was honored in 2016 as the first place recipient of the Mission College Young Artist Solo Competition and was the featured soloist with the Mission College Symphony as well the Winchester Orchestra in winter of 2017. This past summer Ray attended the Boston University Tanglewood Institute (BUTI) and performed with the Tanglewood Young Artists Orchestra in Lenox, Massachusetts. He is a junior at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose.



A FESTIVAL AFTERNOON

CYS is delighted to present once again our highly popular March Festival Concert on Sunday, March 4 at 1:30pm in the Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, Los Altos Hills. The concert will feature our Intermediate String Ensemble under the direction of Kati Kyme, the CYS Wind Symphony directed by Chris Florio, and the CYS Associate Orchestra under the direction of Leo Eylar. The Associate Orchestra will present an ambitious program including Tchaikovsky's masterpiece *Capriccio Italien*, as well as Schubert's *Rosamunde Overture*. The Associate program will also highlight two winners of our Associate Orchestra Concerto Competition (see below). The Wind Symphony will feature works both new and old by Rimsky-Korsakov, Frescobaldi, Frank Ticheli and John Mackey. The Intermediate String Ensemble will offer works by Mozart, Fauré and Dvořák. There is no admission charge for the concert.



NEIL VAISHAMPAYAN, HORN SOLOIST

Neil Vaishampayan, 16, is a winner of our annual Associate Orchestra Soloist Competition. Neil has played the French Horn for five years and currently studies with CYS alumnus David Dufour. His interest in music started with learning piano, and he was introduced to the horn in middle school. Soon after Neil played in the All-State Honor Band at the 2015 CASMEC. Since then Neil has played in many orchestras, including the San Jose Youth Symphony Chamber and Philharmonic Orchestras, and now with the CYS Associate Orchestra. Neil is a junior at Cupertino High School where he is a member of the FRC robotics team. He is preparing to study computer science in college. In his free time, Neil enjoys reading as well as playing video games.



JASPER WANG, CLARINET SOLOIST

Jasper Wang, 15, is a winner of the Associate Orchestra Soloist Competition. He began his clarinet studies with Susan Macy and is currently studying with Mark Brandenburg. His achievements include second place in the 2017 International Golden Era of Romantic Music Competition in the American Fine Arts Festival and first place in the 2017 USIMC Young Artist Award. He had the honor of performing in Carnegie Hall in October of last year. Jasper began his music journey at the age of four when he started learning piano. Although he tried other instruments, clarinet has always been his favorite. Jasper is in his fourth year with CYS, beginning in the Wind Ensemble and then advancing to the Associate Orchestra where he is now principal clarinet. Jasper is an active Life scout in Troop 5. He has been the patrol leader and the assistant senior patrol leader for the troop. In addition, Jasper is the team leader for the Palo Alto KWHS (Knowledge@Wharton High School) investment team. He is a freshman at Palo Alto High School. Besides music, Jasper also likes to draw, play golf and trade stocks.



JOINING CYS

Auditions for new members wishing to join one of the CYS ensembles or orchestras for the 2018-19 season are scheduled April 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, and 21. Prospective members perform a 5 minute audition. The artistic staff places students in ensembles based on their demonstrated skill level and available openings. Auditions are open to school-age students who will be high school seniors or younger. Auditioners pay a non-refundable \$30 audition fee.

The deadline to apply for an audition is March 1.

Consult our website at www.cys.org for more information and to apply.



Each spring the California Youth Symphony holds its Young Artist Competition to select soloists for the following season. This year's Competition will be held at Stanford University, Campbell Recital Hall, on Sunday, April 15, 2018. The Competition is open to all pianists and instrumental soloists under age 19. Two young artists will be chosen by a panel of three judges to perform with the CYS Orchestra during the November or March concert series of the 2018-19 season. A monetary award will also be presented to the winners. The application deadline is March 25. Consult our website – www.cys.org – for more information.

INTERNATIONAL HONORS FOR CYS MUSICIANS

CYS is immensely proud of two of our musicians who have gained international recognition:

AUDREY AMBLARD



Audrey Amblard, Associate Orchestra violinist, will be one of 70 musicians from 28 countries who will comprise the 2018 "Orchestre des lycées français du monde", a symphony orchestra chosen from French speaking students from around the world. This acclaimed music program was founded 4 years ago on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the AEFÉ (Agency for French Education Abroad) and is led by renowned conductor Adriana Tanus, with support from the musicians of the Radio France Philharmonic Orchestra. The program includes performances in Paris and Madrid.

AJAY MALLYA



Ajay Mallya, Senior Orchestra violinist, was honored to have been invited by the Mehli Mehta Music Foundation to perform a 1.5 hour recital at the National Center for Performing Arts in Mumbai, India where he was accompanied on the piano by Indian National Child Award winning musical prodigy, Milen Manoj Earath. In the past, Ajay has won the local VOCE competition and has also performed at Carnegie Hall as a soloist, co-concertmaster and co-principal at the Carnegie Honors Performance Series in 2016. He returned to Carnegie Hall in 2017 as a winner of the American Protege Romantic Music Competition.

CYS MUSICIANS RECEIVE COUNTY AND STATE HONORS

CYS congratulates our many musicians who have been chosen to participate in the 2018 Santa Clara County and California All-State Honor Bands and Orchestras. We also wish to acknowledge the indispensable role that school music programs, and school music teachers, play in the development of young musicians.

2018 SANTA CLARA COUNTY HONOR BAND

Natalie Colegrove *	Amit Nag *
Emily Du *	Kristie Park *
James Edwards *	Gaurav Rane
Christina Fritschen	Wilson Skjerven
Saul Gutierrez	Miranda Song *
Nicole Kim	Michael Yang
Katie Lang *	Xiaomian Yang *
Kate Lee	Sonny Young *
Chetan Mokkalpati *	

CALIFORNIA ALL-STATE HONOR BAND OR ORCHESTRA

Hyewon Ahn	Taran Kota	Ray Wyant
Laasya Babbellapati	Alisa LeFebvre	Allison Yen
Matthew Chan	Katherine Lin	Nora Youn
Sarah Chong	Jonathan Min	Eve Zeng
Jessica Hsu	Danielle Nam	
Brian Hwang	Kevin Oh	
Selina Juang	Michelle Pugh	
Christy Kim	Kenar Vyas	
Jennifer Kim	Samuel Wong	

** Musicians who also participated in the California All-State Honor Band or Orchestra*