

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS



LEO EYLAR *Music Director*
75th Season

WELCOME

Celebrating 75 Years of the California Youth Symphony!

Established in 1952, CYS has long served as a premier training ground for the Bay Area's most talented musicians and future innovators, fostering a vibrant community of music enthusiasts. Today, our programs support more than 400 gifted young performers from nearly 150 schools across the region. CYS provides a unique environment where dedicated students develop their artistic voices, cultivate rigorous discipline, and enrich our local cultural fabric. Beyond our local impact, our award-winning international tours continue to garner critical acclaim, and we remain dedicated to providing high-quality performances to our community with no admission fees.

THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

(Senior Orchestra) is our most advanced ensemble—a professional level symphony orchestra conducted by **Leo Eylar**.

THE CYS ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA

is an advanced/intermediate level symphony orchestra under the baton of **Leo Eylar**.

THE CYS WIND SYMPHONY

is the flagship ensemble of the CYS Wind program and provides young talented musicians a professional-level wind symphony experience under the direction of **Pete Nowlen**. Mr. Nowlen is Director of Bands at UC Davis, an award-winning French horn soloist, and director/conductor for several prominent groups. Mr. Nowlen has been closely connected with CYS for over 30 years, serving as Summer Camp Director, Assistant Conductor, and regular brass coach.

THE CYS STRING PROGRAM

offers two ensembles under the direction of **Kati Kyme**. Ms. Kyme has a master's degree from Yale University and frequently appears as soloist and concertmaster with the world-renowned Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra.

THE CYS WIND PROGRAM

offers two ensembles under the direction of **Anthony Lanzino**. Mr. Lanzino has a B.A. in music from San Jose State University. He is a music educator at La Entrada Middle School and also worked with the 21-time DCI (Drum Corps International) world champion Concord Blue Devils A Corps.

THE CYS PERCUSSION PROGRAM

is under the direction of **Artie Storch**. Mr. Storch has a master's degree from The Juilliard School and appears regularly with the San Francisco Symphony and other local orchestras. He is also the Percussion Director at Chabot College.



The 2026 Season Opener celebrates **Leo Eylar's 36th year on the podium**. A highly esteemed educator and Professor Emeritus of Music at California State University, Sacramento, Eylar is also an internationally

recognized composer and a distinguished conductor.



75^{cys} OUR NEW SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The California Youth Symphony proudly celebrates its **75th Anniversary** with a spectacular **Diamond Season**—a year of extraordinary music, remarkable young artists, and unforgettable performances.



This landmark season features two outstanding **Young Artist Competition** winners performing beloved masterpieces of the concerto repertoire: **Sora Corro** in Grieg's magnificent Piano Concerto, and **Daniel Wang** in Elgar's deeply moving Cello Concerto. Audiences will be swept away by the grandeur and opulent scoring of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, and join us in commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with Charles Ives's spirited Variations on "America."

We are also delighted to welcome back acclaimed Steinway artist **Natsuki Fukasawa**, returning to the CYS stage for a thrilling performance of Gershwin's exuberant Variations on "I Got Rhythm" for piano and orchestra. The season culminates in one of orchestral music's most spectacular showpieces—Respighi's breathtaking *Pines of Rome*.

Our Diamond celebration extends beyond the concert hall with a series of special alumni events, bringing together generations of CYS musicians to honor 75 years of artistic inspiration and community.

Throughout the season, our Associate Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensembles, and String Ensembles will present a variety of works by Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Mozart, and many other beloved composers.

Join us as we celebrate **75 years of musical excellence** with a season of passion and brilliance—a fitting tribute to the remarkable legacy of the California Youth Symphony and an exciting look toward its future.



The Valley
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2026-2027 SEASON SCHEDULE



PERFORM-A-THON FUNDRAISER

February 6, 2027 | 12:00PM

Trinity Presbyterian Church, San Carlos

Participation Open to All CYS Members
and Alumni



**SORA
CORRO**
Piano



**NATSUKI
FUKASAWA***
Piano



**DANIEL
WANG**
Cello

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CYS SENIOR ORCHESTRA

SEASON OPENER

November 1, 2026 | 2:30 PM

San Mateo Performing Arts Center

Adams: *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*

Grieg: Piano Concerto (Sora Corro, soloist)

Prokofiev: Excerpts from *Romeo and Juliet*

HOLIDAY CONCERT

November 29, 2026 | 2:30 PM

San Mateo Performing Arts Center

Gershwin: Variations on "I Got Rhythm"

(Natsuki Fukasawa, soloist)

Spoehr: "Adagio-Allegro" from Clarinet Concerto
No. 1 (Brandon Lin, soloist)

Plus, Classical and Seasonal Favorites by the
CYS Orchestras and CYS Wind Symphony

SPRING CONCERT

March 14, 2027 | 2:30 PM

Chabot College Performing Arts Complex,
Hayward

Elgar: Cello Concerto (Daniel Wang, soloist)

Ives: Variations on "America"

Rimsky-Korsakov: *Scheherazade*

SEASON FINALE

May 30, 2027 | 2:30 PM

San Mateo Performing Arts Center

Bartok: Dance Suite

Creston: *Ceremonial* (Percussion Section)

Respighi: *Pines of Rome*

Plus, additional works by CYS Graduating
Senior Concerto Competition Winners

CYS ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA & WIND SYMPHONY

WIND SYMPHONY at UC DAVIS

November 21, 2026 | 2 PM

Mondavi Center, Davis

HOLIDAY CONCERT

November 29, 2026 | 2:30 PM

San Mateo Performing Arts Center

with the CYS Senior Orchestra

FESTIVAL EVENING

March 7, 2027 | 6 PM

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College

CODA CONCERT

May 16, 2027

12 PM – Associate Orchestra & String Ensembles

6 PM – Wind Symphony & Wind Ensembles

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College

CYS STRING & WIND ENSEMBLES

FALL CONCERT

November 22, 2026 | 1 PM

Cañada College Theatre, Redwood City

FESTIVAL AFTERNOON

March 7, 2027 | 1 PM

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College

STRING ENSEMBLES COMMUNITY CONCERT

May 15, 2027 | 11 AM

Palo Alto

CODA CONCERT

May 16, 2027

12 PM – String Ensembles & Associate Orchestra

6 PM – Wind Ensembles & Wind Symphony

Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College

SUPPORTING CYS

Thank you for investing in the finest musical training, the opportunity for personal growth, and the next generation of leaders. CYS supports **arts access** by offering tuition assistance to families in need and by providing free outreach programs to all young musicians in the community.



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CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF CYS ALUMNI!

Update your contact information at www.cys.org/alumni or info@cys.org to stay up to date about upcoming events.



SAVE-THE-DATE:

The Alumni Homecoming Celebration will take place
over Memorial Day weekend 2027.

Plus Alumni Reunion at the Holiday Concert!



2026-2027 CYS SENIOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1

Ryan Bao
Olivia Chen
Vivien Chen
Olivia Cho
Felix Chuang
Jina Han
Chloe Jeon
Soolynn Jin
Yun Jo
Lumi Kim
Hailey Lam
Henna Lam
Michelle Liu
Eric Ng
Jisoo Park
Kaito Porter
Kevin Yang
Madelyn Zhu

VIOLIN 2

Daniel Ding
Ethan Fei
Helen Gan
David He
Ashley Lee
Logan Lee
Xiaoyu Lin
Yufei (Molly) Lin
Jia Park
Vivian Pei

Yu Rong

Jiyu Shin
Justin Tien
Audrey Tu
Alexandra Vee
Felix Wang
Yicen Wang
Lumi Yaida

VIOLA

Elin Choi
Jiayuan (Flora) Fu
Olivia Hsu
Seoyoon Hwang
Jenna Jin
Danna Kim
Darren Kim
Jiwoo Lee
Xiran (Ivy) Sun
Meagan Wang
Angel Yang
Jason Yang
Ella Zheng
Joey Zhu

CELLO

Bronwyn Burnside
Matthew Hong
Ansel Huang
Adam Kim
Aiden Kim
Chloe Lee

Clement Lee

Matthew Li
Renee Li
Annie Liu
Edwin Ma
Haoxuan (Kevin) Mi
Jiho Noh
Brendt Pyo
Essie Wang
Shujun (Margaret) Wang
Kenny Yang
Kaitlyn Yoon

BASS

Chi-Hsia (Sharleen) Ho
Jaeho Lee
Indira Sundaresan
Raiden Tan
Yiqin Tang

FLUTE

Jessica Cao
Tiffany Chou
Adeline Fam
Amber Kuo
Emma Ng
Erika Song
Ryan Wang

PICCOLO

Jessica Cao
Emma Ng

OBOE

Jacob Kong
Penny Nah
Kayla Park
Yoon-Jae Park
Delal Sen
Asher Wong

ENGLISH HORN

Jacob Kong
Kayla Park
Yoon-Jae Park

CLARINET

Terri Choi
Andrew Jun
Ryan Kim
Brandon Lin
Hanyi Yuan
Siqi Zhang

BASS CLARINET

Owen Tsai

BASSOON

Joshua Cho
Zoe Ferring
Ben Frantzen
Ethan Lee

HORN

Colin Chien
Orion Koo
Benjamin Li
Asher Mehta
Ariana Yi

TRUMPET

Maxwell Bashkin
Taito Kerman
Ethan Kim
Eojin Lim
Mihir Shankar
Andrew Xie

TROMBONE

Neal Arribas-Hidas
Connor Yi

BASS TROMBONE

Vihaan Adoni

TUBA

Cameron Strahs

PERCUSSION

Emily Ding
Kellyn Hu
Jaeyoon Kim
Kevin Ou
Michael Sun

HARP

Valarie Wang

PIANO

Zenryu Yee

