

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Leo Eylar, Music Director



Holiday Concert

featuring

WIND SYMPHONY
PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA
and
SENIOR ORCHESTRA



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Pete Nowlen, Wind Symphony Director

Artie Storch, Percussion Ensemble Director



CYS WIND SYMPHONY

Pete Nowlen, Conductor

Suite for Band Timothy Mahr (b. 1956)

I. *Leaning Forward*

II. *Looking Back*

III. *Lifting Spirits*

Tundra Nubia Jaime-Donjuan (b. 1984)

A Vaughan Williams Christmas Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) | arr. Douglas Wagner

Concert Suite from The Polar Express . . . Alan Silvestri (b. 1950)/Glen Ballard | arr. Jerry Brubaker

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CYS PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Artie Storch, Conductor

Dance on 3 Legs Andrew Balent (b. 1934)

Featuring percussionists of the Wind Symphony and Associate Orchestra

Escape Artist Eric Rath (b. 1978)

Featuring percussionists of the Senior Orchestra

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CYS ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA

Leo Eylar, Conductor

West Side Story: Selections for Orchestra . . . Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) | arr. Jack Mason

The Moldau Bedřich Smetana (1824-1884)

“Polovtsian Dance” from Prince Igor Alexander Borodin (1833-1887)

CYS SENIOR ORCHESTRA

Leo Eylar, Conductor

Concerto for Flute and Orchestra. Jacques Ibert (1890-1962)

I. Allegro

Yongrong Chen, flute

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)

White Christmas Irving Berlin (1888-1989) | arr. Robert Russell Bennett

Christmas Favorites Traditional | arr. Bruce Chase

“Waltz of the Flowers” from *The Nutcracker Suite* Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

A Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson



YONGRONG CHEN, *flute*

Yongrong Chen has been playing the flute since the fourth grade, and he couldn't be happier about performing on stage. Studying with Grace Lai, the source of most of his progress, he got into the CBDA All-State Honor Band three times, won a Junior Bach competition, and first joined CYS's Associate Orchestra in his junior year. In his senior year, he moved up to CYS's Senior Orchestra, where he will perform the first movement of Ibert's Flute Concerto, a piece with which he originally won the Concerto Competition as a member of the Associate Orchestra and is excited to finally perform it this season.



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2025-2026 CYS WIND SYMPHONY

FLUTE

Ayelet Dickman,
Principal 1st^{JM}
Owen Bowie^S
Sophia Doan^V
Jena Chen,
Principal 2nd
Chloe Hsu
Angela Kong
Jasmine Sim
Sarah Zhu

PICCOLO

Sarah Zhu

OBOE

Leo Nguyen,
Principal 1st
Stella Shankar,
Principal 2nd^S
Seozin Baek^V

ENGLISH HORN

Leo Nguyen

BASSOON

Joshua Cho^V
Connor Hsu^M

CLARINET

Anna Byun,
Co-principal 1st^M
Hanyi Yuan,
Co-principal 1st^{JS}
Grace Ahn
Jenna Lee^V
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^{JV}
Ethan Cao,
Principal 2nd^M
Megan Berger^S

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Tomoka Hatanaka
Adhi Jeyappragash

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Ethan Kou

TRUMPET

Cruz Cortez
Arlo Ray Perlmutter
Mihir Shankar*
Jacob Shkolnik*

HORN

Orion Koo,
Principal
Megan Chu
Ailsa Chan

TROMBONE

Dylan Ladhakhoy
Jaime Parada
Harvy Chang*

EUPHONIUM

Noah Lee

TUBA

Bryce Ye,
Principal^{JMS}
Varun Ganesh^V

HARP

Valarie Wang*

BASS

Raiden Tan*

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Emily Shi
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Kevin Ou*

Principal Players

M - Mahr
J - Jaime-Donjuan
V - Vaughan-Williams
S - Silvestri/Ballard

* Extra Musician



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VIOLIN 1

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

VIOLIN 2

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

VIOLA

Seoyoon Hwang,
Principal
Ella Zheng
Leann Wang
Olivia Hsu
Kevin Ho
Aayush Kothari

CELLO

Matthew Li,
Co-principal
Jackson Hardy,
Co-principal
Ansel Huang
Brendt Pyo
Bronwyn Burnside
Jiho Noh
Christina Wu
Eloise Xia
Derek Ng
Alisa Wilde
Caitlin Smith
Sejin Cho
Chi-Hsia (Sharleen) Ho
Elise Nguyen
Steven Ji
Larisa Wang

BASS

Alisa Arzamastseva,
Principal
Sachi Yu-Yang
Raiden Tan*
Yiqin Tang*

FLUTE

Adeline Fam,
Principal 1st
Emily Guan
Emma Ng
Erika Song,
Principal 2nd
Annabelle Lo
Sarah Shim
Koushani Halдар

PICCOLO

Emma Ng

OBOE

Jayden Fan,
Co-principal
Jacob Kong,
Co-principal
Delal Sen,
Co-principal

ENGLISH HORN

Junkang Jayden Fan

CLARINET

Brandon Lin,
Principal 1st
Ryan Kim
Alvin Xin
Tai Tan-Ang,
Principal 2nd
Therese Fuentes
Claire Hou

BASSOON

Ben Frantzen,
Principal
Zoe Ferring

HORN

Benjamin Li,
Principal
Alexander Chen
Alice Chang
Aiden Shankar
Colin Chien*

TRUMPET

Justin Yang,
Principal 1st
Andrew Xie,
Principal 2nd
Eojin Lim

TROMBONE

Mateo Aguilar,
Principal
Siddharth (Sid) Pula

BASS TROMBONE

Jaime Parada

TUBA

Perry Pei

PERCUSSION

Tristan Liao
Eden Shen
Evan Vanderhaegen
Kathleen Wang
Sherlock Zhou

HARP

Valarie Wang*

* *Extra Musician*



Save the Date



CYS PERFORM-A-THON!

Join us on **Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 12 pm** at Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos for our musical marathon fundraiser featuring CYS musicians and alumni! Every dollar raised will support CYS's tuition assistance and education programs. This event will also be livestreamed, making it possible for you to share your artistry with friends, family, and relatives in the Bay Area and beyond. Visit **www.cys.org/fundraiser** for more information.

2025-2026 CYS SENIOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1

Kayla Lee,
Co-concertmaster
Jina Han,
Co-concertmaster
Michael Liu,
Asst. concertmaster
Hannah Lee,
Asst. concertmaster
Claire Choi
Michelle Liu
Henna Lam
Lumi Kim
Eric Ng
Saarthak Shankavaram
Kaito Porter
Sean Kim
Brian Choi
Matthew Zhang
Felix Chuang
Soolynn Jin
Olivia Chen
Sarah Jiang

VIOLIN 2

Ryan Bao,
Principal
Vivien Chen,
Asst. principal
Olivia Cho
Chloe Jeon
Yun (Clara) Jo
Hailey Lam
Ethan Fei
Madelyn Zhu
Xiaoyu Lin
Jisoo Park
Felix Wang
Yicen Wang
Jia Park
Ashley Lee
Yu Rong
David He
Aravind Muralidharan
Jasleen Lu

VIOLA

Eleanor Gil,
Co-principal
Michael Deng,
Co-principal
Jonathan Cheng
Meagan Wang
Angel Yang
Jason Yang
Jun Seo Oh
Taelin Kim
Xiran (Ivy) Sun
Jia Lee
Elin Choi
Jenna Jin
Danna Kim
Jiayuan (Flora) Fu

CELLO

Brandon Kang,
Co-principal
Aiden Kim,
Co-principal
Matthew Hong
Clement Lee
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Haoxuan (Kevin) Mi
Xinrui (Renee) Li
Michelle Fang
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Annie Liu
Emerson Chang
Kaitlyn Yoon
Shujun (Margaret) Wang
Mia Ella Antonio
Edwin Ma

BASS

Tyler Nichols,
Co-principal
Raiden Tan,
Co-principal
Yiqin Tang
Jaeho Lee
Akalya Rajasekar

FLUTE

Olivia Park,
Co-principal 1st
Ryan Wang,
Co-principal 1st
Yongrong Chen
Tiffany Chou,
Principal 2nd
Amber Kuo
Jessica Cao
Iris Hsiung

PICCOLO

Iris Hsiung,
Principal
Jessica Cao

OBOE

Asher Wong,
Principal 1st
Penelope Nah,
Principal 2nd
Kayla Park

ENGLISH HORN

Kayla Park

CLARINET

Sola Suzuki,
Co-principal 1st
Terri Choi,
Co-principal 1st
Brendan Malveda
Andrew Son,
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Siqi Zhang
Elaine Dai

BASS CLARINET

Owen Tsai
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BASSOON

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Co-principal

HORN

Annabelle Lin,
Co-principal
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Asher Mehta
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TRUMPET

James Lee,
Principal
Mihir Shankar,
Asst. principal
Ivan Sokolenko,
Asst. principal
Hayden Lee
Jacob Shkolnik
Michelle Park

TROMBONE

Sourabh Bharadwaj,
Co-principal
Harvy Chang,
Co-principal
Neal Arribas-Hidas
Mohit Kulkarni

BASS TROMBONE

Lenel Gomintong

TUBA

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PERCUSSION

Emily Ding
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