



California Youth Symphony QUARTERNOTES

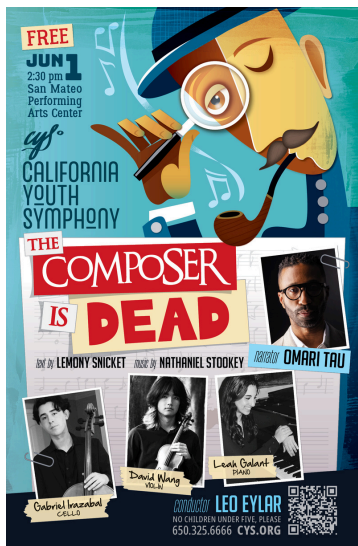
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CODA CONCERTS: Sunday, May 18 at 1 pm & 6 pm

At 1 pm at Foothill College's Smithwick Theatre, Kati Kyme will conduct the **Virtuosi** and **Intermezzi Strings** performing works by Holst, Mozart, Schubert, Fauré, C.P.E. Bach, and Haydn. The **Associate Orchestra**, conducted by Leo Eylar, will finish off its season with works from a wide range of genres and composers. We are delighted to feature our AO Concerto Competition winner, violinist **Hailey Lam**, performing Kreisler's *Praeludium and Allegro*, as well as the percussion section directed by Artie Storch in Halferty's *Street Dance*. The orchestra will also perform Hisaishi's *The Legend of Ashitaka* from "Princess Mononoke." The closing work for the season is George Chadwick's "Jubilee" from his *Symphonic Sketches for Orchestra*, completed in 1904.



At the evening concert, Anthony Lanzino leads the **Wind Ensemble** and **Chamber Winds** in works such as Frank Ticheli's *Simple Gifts*, Frank Erickson's *Peaceful Winds*, and music from John Williams' iconic masterpiece, *Jurassic Park*, as well as two pieces for Flute Ensemble. The **Wind Symphony**, conducted by Pete Nowlen, presents an eclectic and diverse program with *Arirang* and *Akatonbo* by Korean composer Chang-Su Koh, *One Magnificent Light* by Bay Area composer Mattea Williams, as well as music by John Powell from the movie, *How to Train Your Dragon*, and Mercury/Sparke's *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Solo Competition winner **Minseok Moon** will perform Handel's *Adagio and Allegro* adapted for saxophone. This will surely be a very special event – join us for a brilliant evening of music!



SEASON FINALE: Sunday, June 1 at 2:30 pm

Our Season Finale at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center is an event you definitely don't want to miss! We proudly present two contemporary American classics: Jennifer Higdon's *Blue Cathedral* and Nathaniel Stookey's *The Composer Is Dead*. *Blue Cathedral* is one of Higdon's early and most celebrated works for orchestra, composed in 1989. *The Composer Is Dead* with text by Lemony Snicket is a musical murder mystery; we are delighted to welcome back Omari Tau, who will narrate this "whodunnit" about the orchestra. Additionally, we highlight three amazing competition winners: **David Wang** (Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2), **Gabriel Irazabal** (Elgar's Cello Concerto in E Minor), and **Leah Galant** (Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2). You will be transported by the artistry of these exceptionally gifted musicians. Don't miss this wonderful season-closing concert by our Senior Orchestra led by Maestro Leo Eylar!

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT: Saturday, May 10 at 11 am

Mitchell Park Community Center: 3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto



Check out a book then check out a wonderful live performance! The CYS String Ensembles, in partnership with Palo Alto City Library, are excited to present a Free Community Concert in the Mitchell Park Community Center. Our 90 young performers, under the direction of Kati Kyme, will play a lively program, sure to delight audiences of all ages. Two masters of the Classical period provide the bookends for the concert, beginning with a movement from Mozart's String Quartet in F Major, performed by the Intermezzi Strings, and ending with a selection from Haydn's Symphony in F minor, performed by the Virtuosi Strings.

National Youth Orchestras (NYO-USA & NYO-2) CARNEGIE HALL

Four CYS Senior Orchestra members will perform with the National Youth Orchestras of the United States of America (NYO and NYO-2) on concurrent international tours this summer. Co-Concertmaster Kayla Lee and Co-Principal cellist Gabriel Irazabal will join NYO on their tour to Asia alongside violin superstar Ray Chen. CYS violinists Hannah Lee and Lumi Kim will join NYO-2 on their European debut at the Edinburgh International Festival in Scotland, with world-renowned cellist Alisa Weilerstein. The orchestras, brought together by Carnegie Hall's Weil Music Institute, will first gather and perform in New York City before departing on their tours. Congratulations to this incredible group of musicians for their outstanding work this season and for representing CYS!

2025 Young Artist Competition (YAC) Winners

Our annual Young Artist Competition was held at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music's Cha Chi Ming Recital Hall on Saturday, March 29th. Twenty young musicians competed across two rounds of performances, and the non-CYS panel of judges selected two winners. Congratulations to violinist and co-concertmaster **Kayla Lee** who will perform Erich Korngold's Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35, and cellist **Aiden Kim** who will perform Ernest Bloch's *Schelomo: Rhapsodie Hébraïque* with the Senior Orchestra in the 2025-26 season.



3rd Annual Alumni Reading Rehearsal & Gathering

Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 6 pm at Almond Elementary in Los Altos



Calling CYS Alumni! Grab your instrument – even if you have not played in years! – and join us for an informal reading session. Come and reconnect with your CYS friends, and play some great symphonic repertoire in a fun, non-stressful setting. **To sign up, visit www.cys.org/about/alumni** (This event is free to all CYS alumni.)

Alumni Spotlight: Scott Hartman, French horn

Scott Hartman is a member of Symphony San Jose and is a busy freelancer. He has performed with the San Francisco Symphony, Opera, and Ballet, and has a long list of celebrities he has backed up, from Luciano Pavarotti to Henry Mancini to big names in rock, pop, Broadway, and film. This year, close to 10% of the horn players in the California state honor bands and orchestras were his private students. Dozens of his students have performed with CYS.

Scott was an early Apple employee, acting as the technical support lead for retail software products worldwide. He wrote the internal database calculating and scripting classes, and managed teams of Apple and Windows support agents. Scott left the tech sector to focus on music in 1998.

He lives in San Jose with his wife Rachel, a professional violinist, software engineer at Adobe Inc., and award winning equestrian. He is “owned” by his dog Sunny, cats Fred and Wilma, and the puppies they volunteer to raise for Canine Companions in Santa Rosa. Scott is a past president of the Nova Vista Symphony and serves on several non-profit boards, including the Santa Cruz County Symphony. He is proud and thankful for his long association with CYS!

“My clearest memories of playing in CYS are trying to get through the famously high parts of Beethoven’s 7th Symphony and the convoluted fingerings in Dukas’ *The Sorcerer’s Apprentice* under Aaron Sten – founder of CYS. My days in CYS (1972 - 1976) formed the basis for my orchestral playing and it prepared me for the demands of my orchestral career.”



CYS 2026 INTERNATIONAL TOUR - JAPAN

The California Youth Symphony’s Senior Orchestra will embark on a 10-day trip to **Japan** from Sunday, June 28 - Tuesday, July 7, 2026. The tour will include four performances and visits to Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, and Tokyo. CYS’s last tour to Japan was back in 2008 (photo to the right). Interested in traveling with us? Please email info@cys.org to learn about our Companion Tour.



2025 California Youth Symphony Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to all of our graduating musicians. CYS wishes you all the best in your future endeavors – please stay in touch!

SENIOR ORCHESTRA

Joshua Chang, Cello
Linda Chang, Clarinet
Natalie Chang, Violin
Sophie Chi, Clarinet
Melody Chien, Harp
Leah Galant, Piano
Apple Gao, Percussion
Ryan Gao (Yanqi), Cello
Kanon Homma, Trumpet
Gabriel Irazabal, Cello
Naomi Jansson, Flute
Eulina Ji, Oboe
Jeremy Joseph, Horn
Eliane Juang, Oboe & English Horn
Hemani Kamarshi, Viola
Sanghyuk Ko, Horn
Ann Kuo, Cello
William Kwok, Tuba
Eric Lan, Clarinet
Zoe Lin, Flute
Myles Loong, Clarinet
Charlotte Lucas, Bassoon
Logan Manildi, Trumpet
Grady McCarter, Bassoon
Lindsay Park, Oboe
Catherine Qin, Viola
Dana Ryu, Percussion
Jiho Seo, Clarinet
Teddy Tak, Cello
Samuel Teo, Violin
Milan Towfiq, Bassoon
Chih-Yu Tseng, Viola
David Wang, Violin
Jaclyn (Tifi) Wang, Cello
Elliot Yang, Horn
Qia Zhang, Flute & Piccolo

ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA

Fiona Chan, Oboe
Matthew Chang, Violin
Ananya Saha, Horn
Jiaen (Amanda) Zou, Viola

WIND SYMPHONY

Tanish Bobde, Alto Saxophone
Roderick Ma, Alto Saxophone
Maximilienne Pelfrey, Clarinet
Hongda Qi, Baritone Saxophone
Andrew Yoon, Horn

VIRTUOSI STRINGS

Jessie Ko, Violin
Jacob Young, Cello

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