

California Youth Symphony

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CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Leo Eylar, Conductor

Rhapsodie espagnole Maurice Ravel
Flute Concerto Carl Nielsen
Krishan Kumar, soloist
Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra Gordon Jacob
Avner Kreps, soloist
Poème for Violin and Orchestra Ernest Chausson
Isabella Costanza, soloist
The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Benjamin Britten

Sunday, May 11, 2:30pm

San Mateo Performing Arts Center
San Mateo High School
600 N. Delaware St., San Mateo, CA 94401

Sunday, May 18, 2:30pm

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

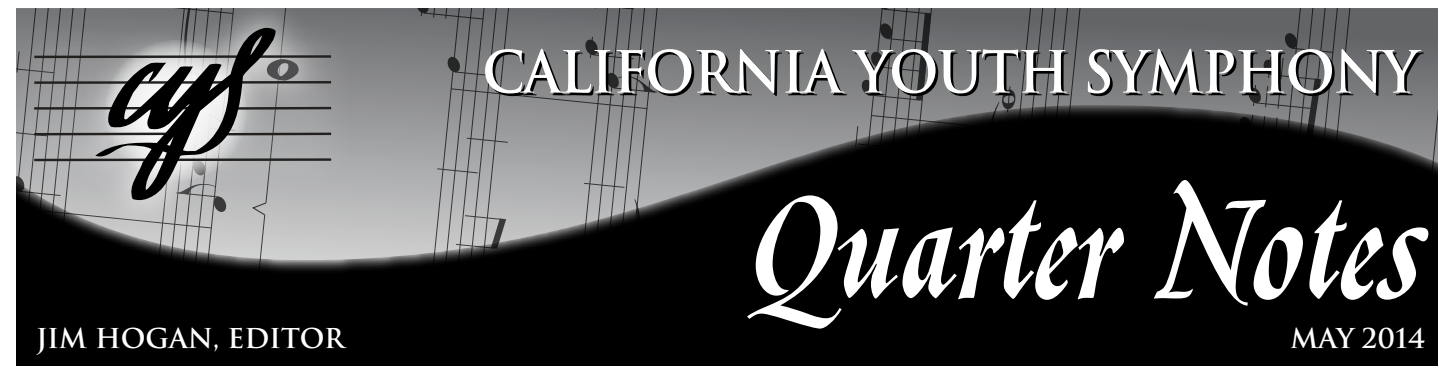
TICKETS: Adults \$15, Students and Seniors \$10

Available at the door or from any CYS member

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No children under five, please

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Five Concerts + Tour Cap 62nd Season

The California Youth Symphony's 62nd season comes to an exciting, music-filled conclusion in May and June. The CYS Orchestra, joined by three outstanding soloists, performs at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center on Sunday, May 11 and at the Flint Center on Sunday, May 18. The Orchestra then prepares for its upcoming tour to Prague and the Adriatic coast, June 24 to July 5 - with a special Tour Preview Concert for local audiences on Sunday, June 22 at Foothill College. The CYS Associate Orchestra will present its final performance on Sunday, June 1 at Foothill College and the CYS String and Wind Ensembles will give their final performances on Sunday June 8, also at Foothill College. Please be sure to join us for these concerts as we wrap up an amazing season!

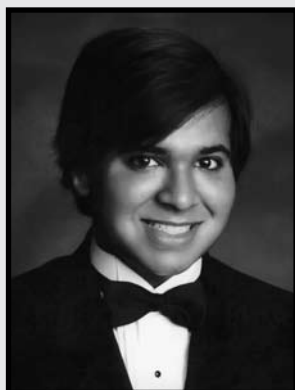


CYS Returns to San Mateo and Flint

The California Youth Symphony Orchestra will conclude its regular concert season with a pair of concerts: Sunday, May 11 at the sparkling new San Mateo Performing Arts Center and repeated the following Sunday, May 18 at the Flint Center in Cupertino. Both concerts are at 2:30pm. The concerts will feature the three winners of the 2014 Senior Soloist Competition - Isabella Costanza performing the *Poème for Violin and Orchestra* by Ernest Chausson, Avner Kreps performing the *Trombone Concerto* of Gordon Jacob, and Krishan Kumar performing the first movement of the *Flute Concerto* by Carl Nielson. The concert will open with Ravel's dynamic *Rhapsodie espagnole* and conclude with Benjamin's beloved *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*.

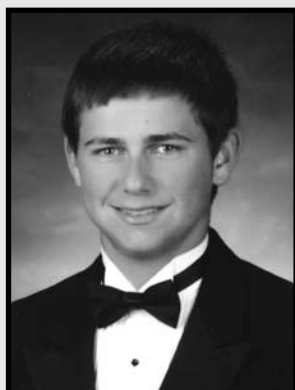
SENIOR SOLOIST COMPETITION WINNERS

This year's CYS Senior Soloist Competition winners will perform on the May 11 and May 18 concerts.



Krishan Kumar, flute
Carl Nielsen – Flute Concerto

CYS principal flute Krishan Kumar first picked up the flute at the age of seven and began his musical studies with John Huang, former principal flutist of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. He first gained exposure to orchestral music as a freshman at the Harker School, where he is now principal flute in the orchestra. He currently studies with renowned flutist Maria Tamburrino. Krishan spent the past summer performing with the inaugural Stanford Youth Orchestra. He will attend Stanford University in the fall.



Avner Kreps, trombone
Gordon Jacob – Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra

Avner Kreps is principal 1st trombone with the CYS Orchestra. He began trombone at age ten, having started on piano at age six. His teachers have included Phil Zahorsky, Don Couch, and McDowell Kenley, as well as Austin Chung on piano. He was selected as a member of the California All-State Honor Band, and has participated in the Summer Brass Institute and Festival at Menlo. Avner attends Gunn High School, where he plays in both the wind ensemble and the jazz band. He will attend the University of Chicago to study economics and music.



Isabella Costanza, violin
Ernest Chausson - Poème for Violin and Orchestra

Co-concertmaster Isabella Costanza began her violin studies at age four in Chicago. She was also a member of the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra for five years and is first violinist in the Chiaroscuro String Quartet, which was named best pre-college chamber ensemble at the 2014 Yehudi Menuhin Chamber Music Festival & Seminar. Isabella's many honors include: semi-finalist for the Mondavi Center Young Artists Competition; two-time winner of the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition; honorable mention in the Fremont Symphony Young Artists Concerto Competition; and winner of the Palo Alto School District Music Teachers' Scholarship Audition. Isabella enjoys traveling, creative writing, fashion, hanging out with friends, and practicing yoga. She aspires to attend one of the nation's top music conservatories next year.

CYS STRING AND WIND ENSEMBLES JUNE 8

The CYS String Ensembles, under the direction of Kati Kyme, and the CYS Wind Ensembles, under the direction of Rosita Amador, will present their end of season concert on Sunday, June 8 in the Smithwick Theatre on the campus of Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. The Strings will begin their concert at 2pm and the Winds begin at 4pm. A variety of classical favorites will be offered. There is no admission charge for the concert.

ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA SEASON FINALE JUNE 1

The California Youth Symphony Associate Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director Leo Eylar, will give its final performance of the 2013-14 season on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00pm in the Smithwick Theatre on the campus of Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. The concert will offer a variety of pieces including both suites drawn from the music of Bizet's opera, *Carmen*, one of the most popular operas of all time. A featured work will be the *Cello Concerto No. 1* by Saint-Saëns, with Associate Orchestra Soloist Competition winner Victor Weber. There is no admission charge for the concert.



Cello Soloist Victor Weber

Associate Orchestra cello soloist Victor Weber, this year's winner of the Associate Orchestra Soloist Competition, began playing the cello at the age of five. At seven, he moved to Japan with his family and studied with Akos Kertesz and Sojung Lee of the Hyogo Performing Arts Center Orchestra, conducted by Yutaka Sado. After returning to the US, he studied with Irene Sharp in Palo Alto for several years, and in 2013, he studied with Sieun Lin in Cupertino. He will soon start studying with Jonathan Koh. This is his first year with the California Youth Symphony. Victor enjoys sharing his music with the community, and in his spare time he is an avid golfer and loves reading and playing video games. Victor is an 8th grader at Cupertino Middle School.

CYS Embarks on 20th International Tour

As faithful Quarter Notes readers know, the California Youth Symphony was the first American youth orchestra to tour overseas when they visited Japan in 1963. This June and July CYS will mount its 20th international tour when the orchestra performs in Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, and Czech Republic. The exciting, 12-day tour begins in the picturesque city of Split, Croatia and concludes with a fourth and final concert in the world renowned Dvořák Concert Hall in Prague. In between CYS will perform in and explore one of Europe's most fascinating regions.

Tour Preview Concert June 22

Maestro Leo Eylar has selected an outstanding program to enchant our audiences on our upcoming European Tour – drawing heavily, of course, from the American repertoire, including John Williams' *Theme from ET*, Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* and Bernstein's *On the Town*. Local audiences needn't worry about missing out on this great music. We will present our Tour Preview Concert on Sunday, June 22 at 2:30pm in the Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Tickets are just \$10 and all proceeds benefit the tour. Keep an eye on our website – www.cys.org -- for more details.

Graduating Seniors

CYS would like to congratulate this year's class of graduating seniors. We wish them happiness and success in their future endeavors.

CYS Orchestra

Tavor Baharav
Kai Banks
Katherine Chang
Angela Chen
Daniel Mu-En Chien
Felix Chow
Isabella Costanza

Kelly Hong
Alvin Hu
Irwin Hui
Arielle Ilano
Stephanie Juang
Jee-Young Kim
Avner Kreps

Krishan Kumar
Dora Li
John Lim
Joshua Lu
Daniel Santos
Melani Shahin
Angela So

Wei-Chi Su
Frederick Sun
Kevin Tom
Jason Twohy
Dora Wang
Rafael Zepeda
Amy Zhao

Associate Orchestra

Ching Shih
Emily Lin

String Ensemble

Sanjana Gehlot

Wind Ensemble

Andy Cheng