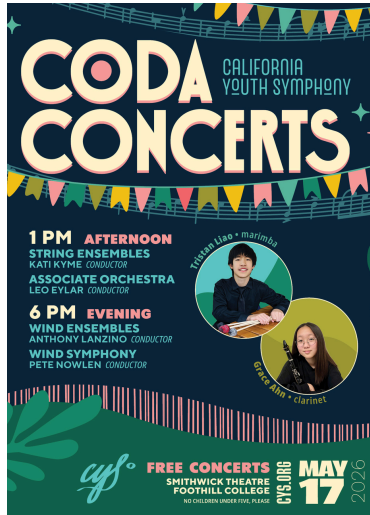




California Youth Symphony

QUARTERNOTES

MAY/2026



CODA CONCERTS - MAY 17 at 1 pm & 6 pm

On May 17th, CYS will present its final season concerts featuring both the **Virtuosi** and **Intermezzi String Ensembles** as well as the **Associate Orchestra** at 1 pm, and the **Chamber Winds**, **Wind Ensemble**, and **Wind Symphony** at 6 pm at Foothill College's Smithwick Theatre. **Maestra Kati Kyme** will conduct the Strings in works by Brioschi, Dvořák, Handel, Arriaga, Beethoven, and Schubert. The Associate Orchestra, under the direction of **Music Director Leo Eylar**, will take you on a worldwide musical tour with music from Brazil, Japan, France, Mexico, and Germany. We are delighted to present our Associate Orchestra Concerto Competition winner, **Tristan Liao**, who will perform the first movement of Brazilian composer Ney

Rosauro's Marimba Concerto No. 2. As a special treat, we also offer a cello ensemble work by the German composer Julius Klengel, featuring a collaboration between the Senior Orchestra and Associate Orchestra cellists. In the evening, **Maestro Anthony Lanzino** leads the CYS Wind Ensembles, joined by **Maestro Pete Nowlen** and the Wind Symphony for an evening bursting with color, energy, and unforgettable wind repertoire, including works by Antonio Vivaldi, Jack Loh, John Philip Sousa, and many more. **Free admission.**

SEASON FINALE - JUNE 7 at 2:30 pm

CYS will perform four of the seven works planned for the **2026 summer tour to Japan**, including Bernstein's *Candide Overture* and *Hedwig's Theme* from the Harry Potter series by John Williams. Four senior soloists are featured in the Season Finale concert. **Olivia Park** will perform the finale from Jacques Ibert's Flute Concerto, and violist **Michael Deng** will showcase the first movement of Paul Hindemith's *Der Schwanendreher*. Next, violinist **Hannah Lee** performs Vieuxtemps' virtuosic Violin Concerto No. 5, and cellist **Brandon Kang** concludes with the second movement from Sergei Prokofiev's *Sinfonia Concertante*. We will close our program with Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture*, one of the most beloved musical retellings of Romeo and Juliet. Please join us for an unforgettable afternoon of music-making! **Free admission.**

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY **Season Finale** & JAPAN TOUR SNEAK PREVIEW

BERNSTEIN
WILLIAMS
IBERT
HINDEMITH
VIEUXTEMPS
PROKOFIEV
TCHAIKOVSKY
ROMEO & JULIET
FANTASY OVERTURE

LEO EYLAR
conductor

OLIVIA PARK flute
HANNAH LEE violin
MICHAEL DENG viola
BRANDON KANG cello

JUNE 7²⁰/₂₆
2:30 PM

SAN MATEO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
FREE ADMISSION

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Featuring Graduating Senior Concerto Competition Winners

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT: Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 am

Mitchell Park Community Center: 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto



Just like a good book, let our musicians transport you to another land, all before lunchtime! Join the CYS **String Ensembles** on May 16 at 11 am in the Mitchell Park Community Center. We offer this Free Community Concert in partnership with the **Palo Alto City Library**. Due to the numerous exciting activities hosted nearby, we encourage audience members to allow extra time for parking so you can catch the full show! **Conductor Kati Kyme** will lead 65 talented young string players in uplifting performances of string quartets by Arriaga and Schubert, as well as arrangements of symphony movements by Brioschi and Dvořák. **Free admission.**

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 **Jina Han** and Assistant concertmaster **Hannah Lee** will join NYO on their tour to Europe, performing in Snape (UK), Berlin, Amsterdam, and Edinburgh. CYS violinist **Lumi Kim** and clarinetist **Terri Choi** will join NYO-2. The orchestras, brought together by **Carnegie Hall's** Weil Music Institute, will first gather and perform in **New York City, July 30th – August 1st**. Congratulations to this incredible group of musicians for their outstanding work this season and for representing CYS!

2026 Young Artist Competition (YAC) Winners

Our annual Young Artist Competition, open to Bay Area instrumentalists under the age of 19, took place at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music on March 28th. Congratulations to **Daniel Wang** who will perform Elgar's Cello Concerto in E Minor, and to **Sora Corro**, scheduled to perform Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor during CYS's 75th season next year. The non-CYS panel of judges also awarded honorable mention to violist **Colin Breshears** and CYS marimbist **Joshua Hsieh**.





JOIN US FOR OUR 4th ALUMNI READING REHEARSAL & GATHERING

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 6 pm
Almond Elementary School in Los Altos
RSVP: www.cys.org/about/alumni



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - Gaurav Rane (2015-2019)

"I grew up trying all sorts of instruments. I started with the clarinet in elementary school, then switched over to violin for a bit, but it wasn't until I stumbled on the french horn that I really found my footing. I went on a CYS tour to Austria and Italy the first time, and my second tour took me to four countries throughout the Baltics and Scandinavia. After that, I went to Stanford where I pursued a degree in computer science, but I still kept playing in the orchestra and philharmonia. There was even one rehearsal where Leo Eylar subbed in because our usual conductor, Paul, was off on a vacation! I'm 24 now and work as an engineer at Palo Alto Networks.

I still play every now and then, but it's definitely changed. It's more of a way to unwind than anything else. Other than the few times Leo has asked me to play with CYS this season, most of what I've done has been lowkey: a rendition of Ejae's "Golden" for a friend's birthday, and a couple guest appearances on my brother and his friend's YouTube channel, Reed and Bow (Chetan and Andrew - both former CYS alumni - are killing it on there). I'm only a few chapters beyond my time in CYS, but the orchestra already feels like one of those places I'll always look back on as something truly special. I'll never forget morning Eylarobics at camp, staring at the sky while Leo was sharing his passion for astronomy, or Davis You's (current cellist at the SF symphony) rap performance during the talent show. CYS really felt like a community and not just an orchestra, and I'll always cherish the memories I had there."

CYS Is Almost 75 Years Old!

CYS will celebrate its **75th anniversary** during the 2026-27 season! The 75th Task Force is exploring different alumni events and would love your feedback on the **Alumni Survey** that was emailed in April. You can also update your contact details using the **Alumni Information Form**. Both the survey and the form are accessible at www.cys.org/about/alumni.



2026 California Youth Symphony Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to all of our graduating musicians. For this year's class, we have 43% traveling up or down California for college and 57% moving out of state, including one headed across the pond. For our impressively well-rounded musicians, 45% are planning to pursue a STEM major, 18% a music-related major, 4% another arts major, 16% a social sciences or humanities major, 2% an economics major, and 16% currently undeclared or undecided. CYS wishes you all the best in these exciting endeavors, and we hope you'll come back and visit!

SENIOR ORCHESTRA

Mia Ella Antonio, Cello
Sourabh Bharadwaj, Trombone
Emerson Chang, Cello
Harvy Chang, Trombone
Yongrong Chen, Flute
Jonathan Cheng, Viola
Brian Choi, Violin 1
Claire Choi, Violin 1
Michael Deng, Viola
Michelle Fang, Cello
Thomas Gallagher, Clarinet / Bass Clarinet
Darren Gao, Percussion
Eleanor Gil, Viola
Lenel Elison Gomintong, Bass Trombone
Brandon Kang, Cello
Casey Kim, Cello
Sean Kim, Violin 1
Mohit Kulkarni, Trombone
Hannah Lee, Violin 1
Hayden Lee, Trumpet
James Junmo Lee, Trumpet
JP Lee, Cello
Kayla Lee, Violin 1
Annabelle Lin, Horn
Michael Liu, Violin 1
Jasleen Lu, Violin 2
Brendan Malveda, Clarinet
Aravind Muralidharan, Violin 2
Hongjoo (Hannah) Nam, Cello
Tyler Nichols, Bass
Jun Seo Oh, Viola
Olivia Park, Flute
Omkar Perinkulam, Bassoon
Saarthak Shankavaram, Violin 1
Jacob Shkolnik, Trumpet
Ivan Sokolenko, Trumpet
Andrew Son, Clarinet
Sola Suzuki, Clarinet

ASSOCIATE ORCHESTRA

Therese Fuentes, Clarinet
Caitlin Smith, Cello
Kathleen Wang, Percussion
Leann Wang, Viola
Alisa Wilde, Cello
Justin Yang, Trumpet

WIND SYMPHONY

Jena Chen, Flute
Max Hu, Percussion
Adhi Jeyappragash, Tenor Saxophone
Ethan Kou, Baritone Saxophone
Wisdom Li, Clarinet
James Moon, Alto Saxophone

WIND ENSEMBLE

Hayden Maleybell, Alto Saxophone

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