Spring Concert 2017
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About the PYSO

For over 40 years, the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestras (PYSO) have been an integral component of the Pasadena Symphony Association’s educational programs, which have continually offered advanced musical training and personal development for young musicians throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Every spring, over 200 students from more than 45 different schools audition to be a part of this program designed specifically for students between the ages of 11 and 18. It is the aim of the PYSO to foster dedication, excellence, fellowship and passion in the development of students who are not only outstanding young musicians, but outstanding young individuals.

Philharmonic
Previously known as the Pasadena Young Musicians Orchestra (PYMO), the PYSO Philharmonic began operating under the auspices of the Pasadena Symphony Association in May, 2013. Now the most advanced ensemble of the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestras, the Philharmonic offers students vigorous musical training and personal development skills through both full ensemble and focused sectional rehearsals. This ensemble is currently made up of 80 students from over 25 different schools within Los Angeles County.

Symphony
Throughout its history, the Symphony has distinguished itself through participation in numerous competitions and performances. This talented ensemble garnered awards for Best All-Around Performance and Best Radio Broadcast for its appearance in 1989 at the International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna. Pasadena Symphony musicians were the youngest ever invited to participate in the festival. This accomplishment led to an invitation to play at Carnegie Hall in May 1991, marking that venerable institution’s centennial. In 2011 the Symphony traveled to Austria and the Czech Republic for a week-long tour and special performances at Haydn Hall, the Mozarteum and Prague.

String Orchestra
This honors all-string ensemble has steadily developed into a prestigious aspect of PYSO. The String Orchestra provides intermediate to advanced violin, viola, cello, and string bass students a unique musical opportunity to experience vital musical growth, perform orchestral arrangements, and develop ensemble playing and technical skills, such as vibrato and shifting. The String Orchestra provides a strong foundation for future orchestral playing experiences. For select pieces, the PYSO Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra combine for rehearsal and performances, giving musicians the opportunity to play within a full symphony setting.

Wind Ensemble
The PYSO Wind Ensemble made its debut in 2007. Under the direction of long time conductor and music educator Gary Yearick, this ensemble includes woodwind, brass and percussion players and provides a much-needed venue for musicians to sharpen their skills. Periodically the Wind Ensemble will partner with the String Orchestra in performance, giving all musicians the opportunity to perform within a full symphony orchestra setting.

All City Orchestra
The PYSO All City Orchestra (PYSO ACO) is the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade string orchestra ensemble of the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO). The PYSO ACO meets weekly after school and is open to elementary school students in the Pasadena Unified School District who are recommended by their school music teachers. Bringing together elementary students from all around Pasadena, the PYSO ACO will perform at the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena on May 6, 2017 at the PYSO Spring Concert.
Welcome to the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert. We are delighted to share our music with our friends, family and wonderful supporters.

To our parents, thank you for the support for your children and their musical interests throughout the year. We know that students’ and families’ lives are filled with many commitments. Your dedication and presence each week is what makes our program possible. We are exhilarated by the improvement and growth of our orchestra over the past few years and look forward to an incredible 2017-2018 season!

We hope you enjoy today’s two concerts and look forward to your support of these talented musicians.

Sincerely,

David Cubek
Conductor, Philharmonic
Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestras

Jack Taylor
Conductor, Symphony
Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestras

The Pasadena Symphony Association would like to thank our PYSO Spring Concert Underwriters

Jack and Barbara Dawson
Thank You!
PYSO All City Orchestra, String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Symphony
Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 2:00pm
Ambassador Auditorium

Wind Ensemble – Gary Yearick, Conductor

- Side by Side
- Winds of Celebration
- The Adventure Begins!
- Escapada (“Escapade”)

John Klohr, arr. Laurie Lafferty
Tyler Grant
Matt Conaway
David Moore

All City Orchestra – Led by Melinda Rice and Kyle Smith

- Rocky Mountain
- Mountain William
- French Folk Song

American Folk Song, arr. Winifred Crock, William Dick, and Laurie Scott
Albert Stoutmire and Kenneth Henderson
Traditional, arr. Albert Stoutmire and Kenneth Henderson

All City Orchestra & String Orchestra – Conducted by Kyle Smith

- Cabbage Countdown
  (Variations on Boil Them Cabbage Down)

Bob Phillips

String Orchestra – Pin Chen, Conductor

- English Fugue
- Gymnopédie No. 1
- Battle Hymn Fantasia

William Selby, arr. Art Sheinberg
Erik Satie, arr. Robert Klotman
Elliot A. Del Borgo

String Orchestra & Wind Ensemble – Conducted by Pin Chen

- Radetzky March

Johann Strauss, Sr., arr. Richard Meyer

INTERMISSION

Symphony – Jack Taylor, Conductor

- Themes from Scheherazade
- Hoedown from “Rodeo”
- Moonlit River
- Gershwin by George

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. Richard Meyer
Aaron Copland
Sydney Wang
George Gershwin, arr. Jerry Brubaker
PYSO Symphony
Jack Taylor, Conductor

Violin
Jacqueline Andresen
Sydnee Chang
Cooper Chew
Saren Daghlian*
Adam Driscoll
Brianna Gaughan
Timothy Guo
Hannah Hu
Evan Huang
Jolene Huey
Hannah Karoly
Nathalie Lai
Aaron Lee
Ellie Lim
Mark Lin
Sabrina Ling
Jeffrey Lu
Ryan Lu
Audrey Ma
Ryan Ma
Parker Malhotra
Terence Mui
Kabir Nagrecha
Katherine Ojiri
Patricia Pang
Oscar Peng
Adam Schroeder
Vincent Sgherzi
Tangia Sun
Ingrid Teng
Russell Thomas
Charlie Viehl
Ryanne Wen
Karis Yu
David Zu

Phoebe Loh
Sydney Taylor
Lea Wang-Tomic
Sara Wu

Cello
Matthew Gottfried
Jonathan Hsieh
Daniel Hui
Leanne Kau
Forest Lin
Carrie Luk
Jiyoun Roh
Evan Su
Ethan Wang
Sydney Wang
Samantha Wu
Alexander Yeh
Jonathan You

Bass
Mandie Leong
Hanna Shan

Flute
Alyssa Chu
Patill Daghlian
Evan Gonzlaez
Lauren Hoffman
Anisha Karunananthan
Tanya Lee
Alyssa Luff
Ashley Park
Gwenna Pirozzi
Junsik Yoon

Clarinet
Brandon Chen
Spencer Cheng
William Lee
Wesley Su
Danny Tao

Gabrielle (Gabby) Uyeda

Bass Clarinet
Serena La

Bassoon
Nicholas Rivelle
Alexander Wang

Oboe
Elise Alvarez-Salazar
Jolene Lee

French Horn
Alexander Berry
Chadi Saklaway

Baritone Saxophone
Matthew Wong

Trumpet
Andrew Avila
Michael Cooper
Nathan Chung
Clement Decker

Trombone
Benjamin Cronin
Natalia Jun

Tuba
Jack Curley
Joshua Lai

Percussion
Nicholas Huang
Jacqueline
Pomeroy-Tso

*Concertmaster
PYSO All City Orchestra
Kyle Smith & Melinda Rice, Conductors

**Violin**
- Jaylen Boykin, Grade 5
- Evangeline Bransby, Grade 2
- Lila Gorman, Grade 4
- Elisha Himsl, Grade 4
- Cindy Hernandez, Grade 5
- Ezra Huang, Grade 3
- Armen Karikian, Grade 5
- Amelia Kely, Grade 4
- Lucas Kittle, Grade 2
- Felicia Lee, Grade 4
- Ian Ng, Grade 3
- Max Shen, Grade 3
- Kari Shrouth, Grade 5
- Kevin Michael Shrouth, Grade 5
- Jeffrey Smithwick, Grade 5
- Tristan Tan, Grade 4
- Chloe Vuong, Grade 5

**Cello**
- Brooklyn Ahrens, Grade 4
- Gianna Carmenate, Grade 5
- Quinlan Giberson, Grade 4
- Andrew Huang, Grade 5
- Violet Lackey, Grade 4
- Ella Lesnever, Grade 4
- Sierra Ng, Grade 4
- Isaac Rishwain, Grade 5

PYSO Wind Ensemble
Gary Yearick, Conductor

**Flute**
- Liri (Jacinda) Chen
- Liyue (Shirley) Chen
- Stephanie Chen
- Bomi (Mia) Jung
- Sally Kim
- Ella Ramamurthy
- Trinity Tai
- Leonie Wang

**Clarinet**
- Jude Elliott
- Destiny Tai
- Alison Wong
- Alicia Wong

**Oboe**
- Maximillian Bhatti
- Stephanie Li

**Bassoon**
- Timothy Lu

**Trumpet**
- Mark Hoffman
- Alexander Isaiah Jun
- Elliot Lin

**Percussion**
- Miles Bernath
- Suraj Shah
- Lewis Wong

**Alto Saxophone**
- Alec Tandoc
- Kyle Torres
- Joseph Pariser

**Baritone Saxophone**
- Joseph Hinckley

**Tenor Saxophone**
- Max Wang
PYSO String Orchestra
Pin Chen, Conductor

**Violin**
Ruthie Adams
Parmida Amjadi
Sarah Broderick
Tiffany Cai
Ark Chang
Shannon Cheng
Audrey Cho
Audrey Jung
Bowen Kim
Christy Lam
Tanner Lee
Andrea Li
Darren Liang
Mark MacDermott
Nathaniel Marko
Joshua Park
Rosalie Park
Linda Qui
Emily Sam
Daniela Sanchez
Denise Sauppe
Michaela Sinclair
Jocelyn Tang
Tiffany Truong
Amanda Tsang
Emily Um
Alex Wang
Malia Weiss
Madison Yang
Oscar Yum
Jonathan Zhao

**Viola**
Christian Chae
Winston Hsu
Mia von Haam
Justin Lee
Dennis Rui

**Cello**
Laila Baer
Timothy Cai
Trevor Carter

Lauren Ginn
Hanna Goldberg
Theodore Hom
Melanie Hsiang
Aurelia Lau
Eric Miles
Audrey Ouh
Emma Tay
Jeremy Um
Nathan Vuong
Emily Yen

Accepting Applications for the 2017-2018 Season Now!
https://PYSO.formstack.com/forms/audition

Auditions for all instruments will be held on May 20 & 21, 2017 at Oak Ave Intermediate School, Temple City, CA.
PYSO Philharmonic
Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 6:00pm
Ambassador Auditorium

David Cubek, Conductor

Symphony No. 5 in c minor, Op. 67
  I. Allegro con brio
  IV. Allegro

Two Dances from the Ballet Estancia
  I. Danza del trigo ("Wheat Dance")
  IV. Malambo

Finlandia

Ludwig van Beethoven
Alberto Ginastera
Jean Sibelius
PYSO PHILHARMONIC
David Cubek, Conductor

Violin
Marina Chen
Katherine Choi
Simone Gottlieb
Charlotte Han
Kelly Huang
Aron Lee
Kelsey Lih
Ashley Mok
Tabitha Okitsu
Adam Yang*
Justin Chen
Celeste Erlandson
Matheo Franchot
Kellie Hsu
Alexander Ko
Danni Qu
Adrian Sifuentes
Ashley Wu
Angela Yang
Justin Yeung

Cindy Liu
Katherine Matsukawa
Timothy Okitsu
Kevin Rowe
Sean Tsui
Nicolas Yeh
Daniel Zhao

Bass
Courtney Culver
Xuan Kuang
Jonathan Mahdavi
Julian Malaby
Christian Palomares

Viola
Jonathan Chan
Jerry Chang
Catherine Dai
Marina Francis
Melissa Lai
Lydia Plaut
Kaiya Pomeroy-Tso
Lewana Su
Halle Sunabe

Courtney Culver
Xuan Kuang
Jonathan Mahdavi
Julian Malaby
Christian Palomares

Flute
Danae Chow
Jung A (Faith) Min
Francine Yep
Megan Zhang

Oboe
Eunseo (Stella) Cho

Clarinet
Jireh Deng
Taesung Hwang
Miranda Li
Jonathan Martinez
Allanna Phillips
Michael Tovmasyan

French Horn
Noah Kim
Dalia Saklaway

Trumpet
Jovanni Ferrer
Otto Herman
David Medina
Antonio Phillips

Trombone
DJ Reedy
Tyler Wong
Kelsey Yen

Tuba
Jeffrey Haegelin
Brian Wu

Percussion
Matthew Babor
Andrew Kosanovich

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Dongqi Vichol Xie

PYSO Sectional Coaches

VIOLIN
Kelly Christ, Elizabeth Hedman, Jean Lee,
Nikkia Cox, Stephanie Moorehouse

VIOLA
Alex Chu, Karoline Menezes

CELLO
Daniel Gee, Ryan Sweeney, April Guthrie,
Ashley Walters

BASS
Gabriel Golden, Grecia Serrano-Navarro

WINDS
Emily Kubitskey, David Miller

BRASS
Dr. Mark Miller, Nathan Stearns

PERCUSSION
Melissa Fuentes, Jason Goodman

PYSO Student Managers

Jerry Chang
Victoria Chavez
Cindy Liu
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PYSO would like to extend a special thanks to the Conductors, Coaches, Staff, Volunteers, Student Managers, and parents! Your dedication, energy, and spirit allow our students to excel to new heights each season.

SAVE THE DATE

- June 3, 2017: Pasadena Symphony presents Music Under the Stars
- June 9-19, 2017: PYSO Symphony and Philharmonic tour to Costa Rica
- November 26, 2017: PYSO Philharmonic Concert (tentative)
- December 5, 2017: PYSO String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony Winter Concert
- May 12, 2018: PYSO Spring Concert