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## FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

### **Wine Raffle**

GTCYS raised **\$7,720** in support of vibrant student experiences, access for all interested students through need-based scholarships, and sustaining our daily operations. Thank so much to everyone who bought and sold tickets and to our board members who donated the wine. Congratulations to the winners who included parents, concertgoers, alumni, and community supporters.

### **Recordings**

The Fall Festival was professionally recorded by Westmark Productions. GTCYS encourages all families to purchase a keepsake recording of your performance. This is a great way not only to remember your experience at Orchestra Hall on November 20, but also an educational tool to help you keep improving as a musician. The more you listen to your own playing, the more you will learn! [Order your Fall Festival Recording here.](#)

### **THANK YOU to Chaperones and backstage volunteers!**

Fall Festival was a success with the help of our wonderful chaperones and backstage volunteers: Aimee Baxter, Stephanie Bett, Elizabeth Castronovo, Katy Chen, Marc Duran, Vicky Duran, John Ellenberger, Liz Abt Ellenberger, Lee Engfer, Karie Feitl, Brian Foner, Kris Foner, Tony Gherghetta, Tina Ham Peterson, Mark Holt, Stella Holt, Hong Huo, Darwin Ische, Sam Ische, Victoria Lappi, Jessica Levine, Jun Liang, George Liu, Hang McLaughlin, Gloria Miao, Tanya Mueller, Kathy Riggins, Simon Riordan, Jennifer Robitaille, Nhulang Roman, Colleen Schuldt, Alicia Schwab, Joe Sedarski, Heidi Sheard, Jyoti Singh, Andrew Song, Cassandra Tabor, Anthony Varghese, Hongbo Wang, David Winecuff, Weigang Zhong, and Lijun Zou.

**THANK YOU to Raffle Volunteers:** Drew Britcher, Betty Byrne, Kristine Hubbard, Miki Sieckert, Bob Werner, and Mary Kay Werner.

## GTCYS SECOND SEMESTER AUDITIONS: DECEMBER 10

There are several openings in GTCYS' eight orchestras for new students. Please spread the word to recruit interested students to join you in these sections:

- **Violin:** All orchestras except Concertino
- **Viola:** All orchestras
- **Cello:** All orchestras
- **Bass:** All orchestras
- **Flute:** Limited openings in Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic, and Symphony
- **Oboe:** Limited openings in Concertino, Camerata, Philharmonic, and Symphony
- **Clarinet:** Limited openings in Sinfonia, Concertino, and Camerata
- **Bassoon:** All orchestras
- **Horn:** All orchestras
- **Trumpet:** All orchestras except Philharmonic
- **Trombone:** All orchestras
- **Tuba:** All orchestras except Symphony
- **Percussion:** All orchestras
- **Harp:** Concertino, Camerata, and Concert Orchestra

Students not currently enrolled in GTCYS can [register for an audition here](#). Remember, if you recruit a new student to join GTCYS, both your family and the new student's family will receive a \$35 rebate on tuition!

### Audition volunteers:

We need volunteer assistance to make this event a success. Volunteers will staff the check-in desk, answer questions from auditioning families, and take directory photos of auditioning students. A GTCYS staff member will be on hand at all times to lead the process. [Volunteer sign up is available online](#).

## HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES

### Camerata Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30pm (Performers arrive by 6:30pm)

[Church of the Sacred Heart](#), 4087 West Broadway Ave., Robbinsdale

Free and open to the public: [Share the concert poster](#), [spread the word with the Facebook event](#), and encourage everyone you know to come!

### Philharmonia East Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 10 at 10am (Performers arrive by 9am)

[Johanna Shores](#), 3200 Lake Johanna Blvd, Arden Hills

Priority seating for residents

### Philharmonia West Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 11 at 2pm (Performers arrive by 1pm)

[Folkestone Care Center](#), 100 Promenade Avenue, Wayzata

Priority seating for residents

### Sinfonia & Concertino Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 11 at 4pm (Sinfonia performers arrive by 3pm; Concertino performers arrive by 2:30pm)

[Roseville Lutheran Church](#), 1215 West Roselawn Ave., Roseville

Free and open to the public: [Share the concert poster](#), [spread the word with the Facebook event](#), and encourage everyone you know to come!

### **Concert Orchestra Holiday Concert**

Monday, December 12 at 7:30pm (Performers arrive by 6:30pm)

[Union Gospel Mission Men's Campus](#), 435 East University Avenue East, St. Paul

Priority seating for residents

### **Philharmonic Holiday Concert**

Tuesday, December 13 at 8pm (Note later start time; Performers arrive by 7pm)

[Wayzata Community Church](#), 125 Wayzata Blvd. East, Wayzata

Free and open to the public: [Share the concert poster](#), [spread the word with the Facebook event](#), and encourage everyone you know to come!

## **SYMPHONY CONCERT AT TED MANN HALL ON DECEMBER 16**

### **Symphony Series**

GTCYS' premier ensemble, Symphony, performs its own concert series at Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota. All GTCYS students and their families are highly encouraged to attend and GTCYS students receive a free ticket with the coupon code 'gtcysstudent'

1. [Friday, December 16, 2016 at 7:30pm](#)
2. [Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 2:00pm](#) (Featuring a performance by Philharmonia West)
3. [Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 7:30pm](#) (Featuring the winner of GTCYS' Annual Concerto Competition)

### **December 16 Program: Crossing Cultures**

*This concert is sponsored by the [Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank](#)*

Artistic Director Mark Russell Smith leads Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies' premier Symphony orchestra in a series of outstanding performances at Ted Mann Concert Hall. The series-opener features movements from Tchaikovsky's evocative Symphony No. 5. It also includes Michael Abels' Global Warming, a lively work that celebrates multicultural connections with elements from Irish and Arabic folk music. An engaging percussion ensemble completes the program

- **Thomas Hasenplug:** Bicksa (percussion ensemble)
- **Michael Abels:** *Global Warming*
- **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky:** Symphony No. 5 (movements II and IV)

### **How to Purchase Tickets**

- Symphony tickets for all three concerts can be purchased through the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra ticket office at 651.291.1144, online at [www.thespco.org](http://www.thespco.org), or at the door.
- Prices vary by age and range from \$6 – \$10 (in advance) and \$10 – \$14 at the door. All seats are general admission.
- All GTCYS students (except Symphony members) can receive one complimentary ticket to each Symphony concert by using the coupon code 'gtcysstudent' online, or mentioning over the phone or in person that they are a GTCYS student.

### **Help promote the concert!**

- [Distribute the concert flyer](#)
- [Invite your friends and family via the concert's Facebook event](#)
- Music teachers can receive two free tickets: Contact Miranda Bryan at [miranda@gtcys.org](mailto:miranda@gtcys.org) or call 651.602.6807

## FREE FAMILY CONCERT AT THE ORDWAY ON JANUARY 7

Are you looking for a way to introduce a friend or family member to their first orchestral listening experience? Symphony and Philharmonia East join forces for an engaging family-friendly concert that is perfect for all ages!

**Saturday, January 7, 2pm** (Student arrival time: Noon)

[The Ordway Music Theater](#), 345 Washington Street, St. Paul

[Click here to reserve free tickets](#)

## CONCERTO COMPETITION: DECEMBER 12 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Learn more about GTCYS' Annual Concerto Competition and register to compete:

- Open to all GTCYS students, enrolled in any of the eight orchestras
- **Register by Monday, December 12**
- Preliminary Round (closed to the public) on Sunday, January 8
- Finals Round (open to the public) on Sunday, January 22
- Winner(s) will perform with Symphony on Saturday, April 22
- [Click here for Guidelines and to apply](#)
- [Click here to access the registration form directly](#)

## SERVICE PROJECT ON DECEMBER 20 WITH SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

**Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Second Harvest Heartland WEST, [6325 Sandburg Rd. Suite 1700, Golden Valley](#)

- 100 volunteers are needed to sort and re-pack food into family size packages to help the fight against hunger! This optional project is open to all GTCYS students age 8 and older and their parents; pre-registration required. Limit: 100 people (register early to get in on the fun!)
- **Students, REGISTER HERE by December 13**
- **Parents, REGISTER HERE by December 13**
- Please bring one personal hygiene item (toothbrush, shampoo, etc.) to donate to the Second Harvest most needed items drive.
- [Learn more about Second Harvest here](#)

## GTCYS YEAR-END GIVING

[Met with open arms, students are transformed in a strong musical community.](#)

Isn't that just it? We are so much stronger in community! Thanks to families like you we continue to create a stronger GTCYS community.

This season:

- 900 young musicians will be transformed in meaningful ways
- 20 third graders will gain confidence by learning to play violin in our new Harmony program
- 12,000 audience members will be inspired by tomorrow's leader
- 100 students can access our orchestras through \$50,000 in need-based scholarships

If you have not already, might you consider [making your tax-deductible contribution to GTCYS before year-end?](#) New this year, you have the opportunity to direct your gift to our Student Experience Fund, Access Fund, Tour Fund, or the GTCYS Fund. Thank you for all you do as our faithful GTCYS families!

## STUDENT NEWS

Send news of your accomplishments (both musical and non-musical) to [miranda@gtcys.org](mailto:miranda@gtcys.org) so we can celebrate your achievements and share them with GTCYS families.

**Morgan Robitaille** (violin, Sinfonia) performed for the Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra Fall Luncheon Fundraiser on October 24. She played various classical pieces and ended with [this showstopper](#).

### All-State Participants:

- Several GTCYS students are members of the 2016–17 Minnesota All-State Orchestra or Band, including:
  - **Anders Carlson** (Symphony, trombone)
  - **Sonia Driskill** (Symphony, harp)
  - **Daniel Du** (Symphony, violin)
  - **Matthew Jeon** (Symphony, cello)
  - **Jennifer Holt** (Symphony, violin)
  - **Juliana Kilcoyne** (Symphony, viola)
  - **Christopher Kwon** (Symphony, cello)
  - **Shaelyn Muldowney**, (Philharmonic, viola)
  - **Kate Stiglicz** (Symphony, cello)
  - **Leighton Tuenge** (Philharmonic, trumpet)

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: GTCYS & SPCO

**GTCYS Student Mentorships for Philharmonic and Symphony students:** [Learn more about GTCYS' Mentorship opportunities and apply to be a mentor](#)

**GTCYS Ambassadors:** The third annual GTCYS Ambassadors Program is a chance for students to develop communication skills by serving as a liaison with their school band and orchestra classmates and teachers. Ambassadors will make a short presentation at school in February 2017 to help spread the word about GTCYS. Stay tuned for more information and registration forms: coming soon!

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES: OUTSIDE GTCYS

Follow these links for information about exciting opportunities for student musicians. If you have ideas about events to add to this section for next month's News Notes, please email [miranda@gtcys.org](mailto:miranda@gtcys.org).

[Chester and Marion Groth College Music Scholarship](#): Applications due February 26, 2017

[Dakota Valley Symphony Concerto Competition](#): Deadline to apply is Friday, December 16

[From the Top Radio program offers Scholarship](#)

[Luzerne Music Center](#): Deadline to apply is January 1, 2017

[Minnesota Sinfonia Young Artist Competition](#): Deadline to register is March 15, 2017

[MPR presents Minnesota Varsity, a Young Musicians' Showcase](#): Deadline to enter is December

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[NextNotes High School Composition Awards](#)

[Project Opera](#): Contact Music Director Matt Abernathy at [mabernathy@mnopera.org](mailto:mabernathy@mnopera.org) to register

[Schubert Club Student Scholarship Competition](#): Deadline to apply is January 20, 2017

[SPCO Youth Chamber Music Competition](#): Deadline to apply is February 20, 2017

**Robin Rayfield Recording Project**: Highly advanced musicians needed: 2 violins, 1 viola, 1 cello needed for new music recording project. Payment is \$200/person. Contact [robert.rayfield@gmail.com](mailto:robert.rayfield@gmail.com)

[Summit Music Series](#)

[Thursday Musical Young Artist Scholarship Competition](#): Deadline to apply is January 9, 2017

## CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

### UPCOMING CONCERTS FROM GTCYS' PARTNER, THE SPCO

Check out these December performances:

- **December 2 and 4**: [Chamber Music Series: Brahms Piano Trio in B Major](#)
- **December 3**: [Start the Music Percussion Party](#)
- **December 8 – 10**: [Holiday Concerts: Bach's Brandenburg Concertos](#)
- **December 16 – 18**: [Holiday Concerts: Handel's Messiah](#)
- **The SPCO now offers free tickets to all children ages 6 – 17 and all students! [Click here for more information about their exciting New Generation Initiative](#)**

### GTCYS Night Out at the SPCO

- Use coupon code 'gtcysnightout' to redeem **\$10 Tickets for adults and FREE for students for this April 2 concert**:
  - [Jeremy Denk Plays Brahms and Beethoven](#)
  - Sunday, April 2, 2:00pm
  - GTCYS families receive 2 discounted adult tickets per order (\$10 each), and up to 4 free child tickets per adult attending
- [SPCO Free Family Music Events in 2016-17](#)

### UPCOMING CONCERTS AT THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA

- **December 9 – 10**: [Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone™](#)
- **December 9 – 10**: [Handel's Messiah](#)
- **December 11**: [Spirit of the Season Concert](#)
- **December 17 and 18**: [It's a Wonderful Life in Concert](#)
- **December 31 and January 1**: [New Year's Celebration](#)

### OTHER CONCERTS AND EVENTS:

- [113 Composers Collective](#)
- [Children's Performance Lab at the Minneapolis Music Company](#)
- [MacPhail Event Calendar](#) and [Spotlight Series](#)
- [Minnesota Orchestra Student Rush](#)

- [Schubert Club Courtroom Concerts](#)
- [Schubert Club Student Discounts](#)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### AUDITION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

#### GTCYS seeks volunteers for December 10 audition check-in:

Volunteers will staff the check-in desk, answer questions from auditioning families, and take directory photos of auditioning students. A GTCYS staff member will be on hand at all times to lead the process. [Volunteer sign up is available online.](#)

### CONCERT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

GTCYS seeks volunteers for December Holiday Concerts. Please review the respective orchestras and concert dates as they apply to your student's orchestra schedule. Click here for details and to sign up: [Holiday Concert Usher Needs](#)

Please contact [sarah@gtcys.org](mailto:sarah@gtcys.org) if you are interested in volunteer opportunities at GTCYS.

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## GTCYS MERCHANDISE

If you are interested in ordering GTCYS merchandise (T-Shirts, Hoodies, and Canvas Bags), [complete our online form!](#) You will receive your order at an upcoming rehearsal.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017

Get ready for the New Year! Your orchestra's December concert concludes first semester, and you will have a rehearsal break until second semester (see your season schedule for more details). The first rehearsals of second semester are as follows:

- **Monday, January 2:** Symphony only (Special Rehearsal for January 7 concert)
- **Tuesday January 3:** Sinfonia, Camerata, Philharmonic
- **Thursday, January 7:** Philharmonia East
- **Monday, January 9:** Philharmonia West, Concertino, and Concert Orchestra

Also make sure that the mandatory **January 28 Winter Retreat at [Hopkins High School](#)** is on your calendar:

- 8:15am – 2:00pm: Philharmonia East, Sinfonia, Camerata, Philharmonic
- 12:30pm – 5:30pm: Philharmonia West, Concertino, Concert Orchestra, and Symphony

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather which might result in dangerous conditions, GTCYS will also send an email to GTCYS families and will post the cancellation on [www.gtcys.org](http://www.gtcys.org) and GTCYS' Facebook page. Decisions regarding cancellations will be made by 3:00pm. Please assume a GTCYS activity will continue unless you hear otherwise.

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