

GTCYS NEWS NOTES DECEMBER 2018

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FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

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 19, 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:

Fall Festival Greeters: Heidi Becken, Hester Bell, Cindy Goehring, Jodi Greenstein, Lori Kaufman, Tanya Mueller, Marcy Myers, Stacey Royal, Sue Stevenson, Kelly Stiggers

Fall Festival Tuners: Greta Engelstad, Michelle Engelstad, Dennis Eum, Lisa Flood, Murah Hsiung, Liz Jennings, Kailin Jolstad, Stephanie Luedtke, Emma Schaible, Olivia Sedarski, Rachel Spilker

Fall Festival Balcony Chaperones: John Bergquist, Elizabeth Castronovo, Raj Dama, Vicky Duran, Paola Foresti Faul, Stephanie Gherghetta, Tony Gherghetta, Casey Gilmore, Jia Guo, Anne Holzman, Sharon Hudson, Sam Ische, Maple Jiao, Kathryn Kottke, Jin Li, Yun Liu-Ang, Emily Nitti Macias, Joanne Opgenorth, Nipa Patel, Heidi Riehl, Joe Sedarski, Tiffany Skidmore, Walt Skidmore, Brenda Sorem, Rachel Tallarini, Laura Wilson, George Yi, Lijun Zou

Parent Ambassadors: Joanna Harms, Julia Johnson

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GTCYS SECOND SEMESTER AUDITIONS: DECEMBER 8 (SPREAD THE WORD!)

Students not currently enrolled in GTCYS are invited to audition for second semester enrollment on Saturday, December 8 at Gustavus Adolphus Church in St. Paul. **GTCYS families: YOU are the best ambassadors** to fill these openings in GTCYS' orchestras Please spread the word! [Please share this link with eligible students so they can register for an audition.](#)

Openings vary per orchestra and instrument:

- Violin: openings in Philharmonia East and West, Sinfonia East, Philharmonic, and Symphony
- Viola: openings in all orchestras
- Cello: openings in Philharmonia East & West, Sinfonia East, Concertino, Philharmonic, and Symphony
- Bass: openings in Philharmonia East & West, Sinfonia East & West, Concert Orchestra, and Symphony
- Flute: openings in Sinfonia East only
- Oboe: openings in Sinfonia West only
- Clarinet: openings in Camerata only
- Bassoon: openings in Sinfonia East & West, Concertino, Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic, and Symphony
- Horn: openings in Sinfonia East & West and Concertino
- Trumpet: openings in Sinfonia East & West, Concertino, Camerata, Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic, and Symphony
- Trombone: openings in Sinfonia East and West, Camerata, and Concert Orchestra
- Tuba: openings in Sinfonia East & West, Camerata, and Philharmonic
- Percussion: all orchestras
- Harp – please contact the GTCYS office

CONCERTO COMPETITION: REGISTER BY DECEMBER 10!

GTCYS' 47th Annual Concerto Competition: Open to students enrolled in any GTCYS orchestra! Students may compete on their GTCYS instrument or on another instrument on which they are proficient, such as piano.

Learn more and [register to compete](#) by December 10.

The quick Concerto Competition facts:

- Open to all GTCYS students, enrolled in any of the nine orchestras
- Register by Monday, December 10
- Preliminary Round (closed to the public) on Sunday, January 13
- Finals Round (open to the public) on Sunday, January 27
- Winner(s) will perform with Symphony on Saturday, April 27
- [Click here for competition rules and to apply](#)

HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Sinfonia West & Philharmonic Holiday Concert*

Sunday, December 2 at 3:00pm (Philharmonic performers arrive at 1:30pm; Sinfonia West performers at 2:15pm)

Church of the Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale

[Invite your friends and family with the Facebook event!](#)

Camerata Holiday Concert+

Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00pm (Performers arrive at 6:15pm)

Friendship Village, Bloomington

Philharmonia East Holiday Concert+

Saturday, December 8 at 10:30am (Performers arrive at 9:30am)

Johanna Shores, Arden Hills

Philharmonia West Holiday Concert+

Saturday, December 8 at 2:00pm (Performers arrive at 1:00pm)

Folkestone Care Center, Wayzata

Sinfonia East & Concertino Holiday Concert*

Sunday, December 9 at 4:00pm (Concertino performers arrive at 2:30pm; Sinfonia East performers arrive at 3:00pm)

Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville

[Please promote this concert with the Sinfonia East & Concertino Holiday Concert Poster!](#)

[Invite your friends and family with the Facebook event!](#)

Concert Orchestra Holiday Concert+

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

Union Gospel Mission, St. Paul

Harmony Concert+

Thursday, December 13 at 6:00pm

Riverview West Side School of Excellence, St. Paul

Symphony Series Concert:

Schubert's Unfinished Symphony

Friday, December 14 at 7:30pm (Performers arrive at 6:15pm)

Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

[Purchase tickets online](#)

*Free and open to the public

+Private event: not open to the public

[Parents, please sign up here to volunteer at these concerts.](#)

SYMPHONY CONCERT SERIES: FREE TICKETS FOR ALL GTCYS STUDENTS!

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!

- [Friday, December 14, 2018 at 7:30pm](#)
- [Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2:00pm \(with Philharmonia East\)](#)
- [Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 7:30pm \(with Philharmonia West\)](#)

December 14 Program: Schubert's Unfinished Symphony

GTCYS opens its 2018–2019 Symphony Series with a celebration of orchestral masterworks. Artistic Director Mark Russell Smith leads the Symphony musicians through selected movements of Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony, a complete performance of Schubert's sublime Unfinished Symphony, and chamber music selections from Symphony percussion and horn ensembles.

How to Purchase Tickets

- General admission tickets for all three Symphony concerts can be purchased through the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra ticket office at 651.291.1144, online (see links above) or at the door.
- Prices vary by age (discounts for children and seniors) and range from \$6 – \$11 in advance and \$10 – \$15 at the door.
- All GTCYS students (except Symphony members) can receive one complimentary ticket to each Symphony concert by using the coupon code '**gtcysstudent**' online, over the phone, or in person that they are a GTCYS student.

Help promote the December 14 Concert!

- [Share the link to purchase tickets](#)
- [Share the concert poster](#)
- [Invite friends and family with the Facebook event](#)

SERVICE PROJECT WITH SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Second Harvest Heartland, 7101 Winnetka Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 (**Please note new location**)

- 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. MANY more volunteers are needed
- [Sign up here](#) by Monday, December 10.
- 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](#)

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC BEFORE THE YEAR END!

In order to support students' success, throughout the year we invite parents, individuals, and institutions to consider making a tax-deductible contribution to GTCYS. **Every gift – large or small – supports special opportunities for your student, while creating new possibilities for all students to learn, perform, succeed, and dream.** As a non-profit organization, we have to raise nearly \$600,000 in charitable contributions this season to provide top-notch instruction, need-based scholarships, and enriching opportunities. This year, with \$85,000 in need-based scholarships for tuition and private lessons, more young musicians are able to participate in GTCYS than ever before – all thanks to our generous donors. To make a tax-deductible gift before the year end, [contribute online](#) or mail your gift to GTCYS at 408 St. Peter Street, Suite 300, St. Paul, MN 55102. Thank you!

STUDENT NEWS

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

Evan Erickson (Concert Orchestra, oboe) scored a perfect 36 on the ACT this fall.

The Symphony Woodwind Quintet (Elizabeth Kleiber, flute; Lauren Vilendrer, oboe; Nicholas Maldonado, clarinet; Evan Judson, bassoon; and Ben Engelmann, horn) performed in the Kids Clubhouse TV program at the Children's Hospital of Minnesota on Tuesday, November 27.

[Watch the video of their show here!](#) (Contact miranda@gtcys.org if you'd like to perform on this show sometime this season.)

Paige Thaler (Philharmonic, violin) was accepted into the [Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall](#). She was one of 12,000 applicants from around the world (700 were chosen). She will perform at Carnegie Hall on February 10.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: GTCYS & SPCO

Harmony Mentors: [Harmony](#) is GTCYS' violin instruction program for 3rd – 5th grade students in the West Side Neighborhood of St. Paul led by teaching artists Barbara Flooding and Mary Sorlie. Group violin lessons are at Riverview School of Excellence (160 Isabel St. E., St. Paul) from mid-October through mid-May. Mentors provide valuable peer-to-peer inspiration and will help Harmony students see their own future potential as young musicians. [Learn more about Harmony here](#) and [read the full description of Harmony mentors here](#). GTCYS violin and viola

students who are in 8th grade – 12th grade are eligible to be Harmony Mentors. This is volunteer (non-paid) position with a flexible schedule. [Sign up here to be a Harmony Junior Mentor](#). Contact Gracie Miller at gracie@gtcys.org with questions.

GTCYS Student Mentors: Leadership opportunity for Philharmonic and Symphony students. 25 students in Philharmonic and Symphony are “playing their part” by mentoring this season, and you can too! Learn more about GTCYS’ Mentorship opportunities and [apply to be a mentor](#).

Student volunteer opportunities in GTCYS: Go above and beyond at GTCYS as a chamber musician, student musicologist, audition aid, donor recognition assistant, and library aide. [Sign up here](#).

Student volunteer opportunities for the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra (SPCO): Provide a valuable service to the community Assist at SPCO family events throughout the season. [Sign up here](#). The next opportunity is coming up soon on January 12!

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 January’s News Notes, please email miranda@gtcys.org.

[Ann Bancroft Foundation Grants](#): Deadline is April 1

[Aspen Music Festival and School](#): Deadline to apply is January 2, 2019

[The Chester E. and Marion D. Groth Scholarship Fund](#): Deadline is February 22, 2019

[Eastern Music Festival](#): Deadline is February 18, 2019

[Eric Stokes Song Contest](#): sponsored by Zeitgeist New Music Ensemble: Deadline is December 28

[Golden Valley Orchestra Young Artists Concerto Competition](#): Deadline is December 15

[Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Program](#)

[Interlochen Summer Arts Program](#): Deadline to apply is February 1, 2019

[Kinhaven Music School](#): Now accepting applications for Summer 2019

[Luzerne Music Center](#): Deadline to apply is January 1, 2019

[Madeline Island Chamber Music](#)

Minnesota Opera’s Project Opera seeks GTCYS students to play in the orchestra pit:

- [Learn about the program](#)
- [Pit Schedule](#)
- [Register here](#) (Advanced violins needed!)

[Minnesota Sinfonia Young Artist Competition](#): Deadline to register is March 25, 2019

[Minnesota Varsity Competition](#): Deadline is December 3

[Oberlin Conservatory Summer Programs](#)

[NextNotes High School Composition Awards](#): Deadline is January 7

[NYO2 at Carnegie Hall](#): Deadline to be nominated is December 1

[Rocky Ridge Music Center](#)

[Schubert Club Student Scholarship Competition](#): Deadline is January 25

[SPCO Youth Chamber Music Competition](#): Deadline is December 3

[Summit Music Series](#)

[Stringwood Chamber Music Festival](#)

[Thursday Musical Youth Artist Scholarship Competition](#): Deadline is January 7

[Young People's Concerto Competition](#): Deadline is December 3

GTCYS NIGHT OUT AT THE SPCO!

GTCYS Nights Out at the SPCO: Use the promotional code 'gtcysnightout' for these exclusive opportunities to enjoy SPCO concerts with your GTCYS Community!

Friday, January 18, 8:00pm: FREE concert for GTCYS families (students are always free)
[Beethoven's Eighth Symphony with Pekka Kuusisto](#) at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie on Friday, January 18, 8:00pm with exclusive meet and greet with GTCYS families and SPCO musicians from 7:30pm – 7:45pm. GTCYS families receive 2 FREE adult tickets per order, and up to 4 free child tickets per adult attending. Use the promotional code 'gtcysnightout' for the free tickets.

Ongoing SPCO ticket offers for GTCYS families: Use coupon code 'gtcysadult' to redeem!

- \$11 best available seats for parents at Neighborhood Venues (limit 2), and free tickets for children/students
- \$12 best available seats for parents at the Ordway (limit 2), and free tickets for children/students)
- The SPCO also offers several free ticket offers for children and students. [Click here to learn more and take advantage of these options throughout the season!](#)

Children and students always get FREE admission to SPCO concerts! [Learn more here.](#)

Concert library: Several SPCO concerts are available to view online. [Check out their extensive concert library here.](#)

OTHER CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

[Ciper featuring Nick Photinos](#): Brooklyn-based soprano-violin duo Ciper (Justine Aronson and GTCYS alum Sarah Goldfeather) will team up with cellist Nick Photinos (Eighth Blackbird) for an evening-length performance of both new and reimagined music. GTCYS families can receive a 20% discount with the coupon code CiperPhotinos.

[Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra Young Artists Competition](#) (January 20, 1pm performance)

- Contact friendsmnorchyac@gmail.com to host a competitor or to volunteer

[MacPhail Event Calendar](#)

[Minnesota Opera](#)

[Minnesota Orchestra Concert Calendar](#) and [Minnesota Orchestra Student Rush](#)

Schubert Club concerts: Use the coupon code HOLIDAYS2018 to save 20% (promotion ends at midnight on November 30)

[Schubert Club Student Discounts](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN DECEMBER

Thanks so much to the many wonderful volunteers that make GTCYS' programs possible!

November Office Mailing Volunteer: Sheila Rinne

Thank you to our amazing parent captains and volunteers who helped with Pizza Nights!

We have several volunteer opportunities on the horizon:

December 8 audition volunteers needed:

[Please sign up here to volunteer at December 8 auditions](#)

December Holiday volunteers needed:

[Please sign up here to volunteer at Holiday Concerts in December.](#)

Please contact katie@gtcys.org if you are interested in volunteer opportunities at GTCYS.

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 2019

Get ready for the New Year! Your orchestra's December concert concludes first semester (except Philharmonic – [see your calendar here](#)), 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 7:** Philharmonia West, Concertino, Concert Orchestra, and Symphony
- **Tuesday January 8:** Philharmonia East, Sinfonia West, Camerata, and Philharmonic
- **Thursday, January 10:** Sinfonia East

Also make sure that the mandatory **January Retreat at Hopkins High School** is on your calendar:

- **January 12:** Philharmonia East and West, Sinfonia East, Concert Orchestra, and Symphony
- **January 26:** Sinfonia West, Concertino, Camerata, and Philharmonic

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 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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