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CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNERS

On Sunday, January 27, six Symphony students performed memorized concerto movements in recital for an audience and a panel of judges at Hamline University's Sundin Hall. The performers, listed here in program order, were:

- **Joelle Chen, violin:** Concerto in E minor, Movement 3, by Felix Mendelssohn
- **Hannah Greenstein, cello:** Concerto in E Minor, Movement 1, by Edward Elgar
- **Kalina Lee, oboe:** Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Movement 1, by Franz Krommer
- **Sean Dougherty, viola:** Viola Concerto, Movement 1, by William Walton
- **Owen Boyd, bass:** Concerto No. 2 in B minor, Movement 1, by Giovanni Bottesini
- **Joyce Zhao, violin:** Violin Concerto No. 5 in A minor, Movement 1, by Henri Vieuxtemps

The judges commended all performers on their excellent musicianship and moving performances and selected **Owen Boyd, bass, and Joyce Zhao, violin**, as the winners of this year's competition. Owen and Joyce will perform with Symphony at their [concert at Ted Mann Concert Hall on Saturday, April 27, 7:30pm](#). (Free tickets for all GTCYS students.) Congratulations to all competitors on their fine performances, and good luck to Owen and Joyce as they prepare for their performance with Symphony.

BRING A FRIEND NIGHTS

Bring a Friend Nights: [Register your friends here in advance](#). Anyone who plays an orchestral instrument can come and play along with the orchestra for the evening. (Sorry, no saxophone, euphonium, or piano.) **Students, this is a great way to introduce your friends to GTCYS**, and it's also a competition between the orchestras – the orchestra that brings the greatest percentage of friends wins an ice cream party!

Bring a Friend Nights are on the following dates:

- Philharmonia East: Tuesday, March 5
- Philharmonia West: Monday, March 11

- Sinfonia East: Thursday, March 7
- Sinfonia West: Tuesday, March 12
- Concertino: Monday, March 11
- Camerata: Tuesday, March 12
- Concert Orchestra: Monday, March 11
- Philharmonic: Tuesday, March 12
- Symphony: Monday, March 11

GTCYS NIGHT OUT AT THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA: MARCH 23

GTCYS Night Out at the Minnesota Orchestra: Tickets reduced to \$6 each for GTCYS families!

- Saturday, March 23, 6:00pm: [Symphony in 60: Schubert's Unfinished Symphony](#)
- Go to [GTCYS Night at the Minnesota Orchestra](#)
- Click on “promotional code” in the upper right side of the screen. It looks like this:

Promotional Code	Apply
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- Enter the code GTCYS1819 to **purchase up to six tickets for \$6 each**

EXCLUSIVE SPCO CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GTCYS FAMILIES

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.](#)

UPCOMING GTCYS CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Symphony with University of Minnesota University Symphony Orchestra**

Monday, February 11 at 7:30pm (performers arrive at 7:10pm)

Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

Philharmonia East & West Day Trip+

Saturday, February 23

Destination: Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

Dropoff at Mayflower Community Church, 7:45am

Pickup at Mayflower Community Church, 3:15pm

[Click here to register and pay the \\$25 suggested participation fee](#) (Open to Philharmonia East and West students only)

Symphony Series Concert with Philharmonia East

Sunday, February 24 at 2pm (Philharmonia East arrives at 12pm, Symphony arrives at 12:45pm)

Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

Tickets: [GTCYS Symphony with Philharmonia East: A Chávez and Copland Celebration](#)

Symphony heats up the Minnesota winter with an exciting rhythmic tour de force in Carlos Chávez’s Sinfonia India, as well as the inimitable sounds of the American West from Aaron

Copland's Billy the Kid suite. This February concert also includes further selections from Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony, as well as a special performance by Philharmonia East and conductor Mary Sorlie. All GTCYS students (except performers) 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.

Sinfonia West & Philharmonic Concert

Featuring piano soloist Kyung Kim

Sunday, February 24 at 7pm (Philharmonic arrives at 5:10pm, Sinfonia West arrives at 5:55pm)

Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

Tickets: \$6 at the door

Symphony Side by Side Rehearsal with the Minnesota Orchestra

Tuesday, February 26 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis

Admission is open to GTCYS students and their parents

Camerata & Harmony Concert

(A Kids Playing for Kids event)**

Saturday, March 2 at 10am (performers arrive at 9:00am)

Humboldt High School, St. Paul

Concertino Community Concert featuring the [Somali Museum Dance Troupe](#)**

Saturday, March 2 at 2pm (performers arrive at 12:45pm)

Augsburg University, Minneapolis

Concert Orchestra Sing-Along Concert, a collaboration with [Music Together in the Valley](#)

(A Kids Playing for Kids event)**

Sunday, March 3 at 5:30pm (performers arrive at 3:45pm)

The Loft Stage at East Ridge High School, Woodbury

Sinfonia East with University of Minnesota Campus Orchestra**

Monday, March 4 at 7:30pm (performers arrive at 6:15pm)

Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

**** Free & open to the public**

+Private Concert/Event, not open to the public

GTCYS SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES: REGISTRATIONS COMING SOON!

GTCYS' Summer Orchestras program and String Orchestra Camps offer opportunities for orchestral musicians and do not require an audition. Registration for both programs will be available at www.gtcys.org in mid-February.

- **Summer Orchestras: Whether you're a first-time orchestra student or an advanced player**, there's a place for you in GTCYS' Summer Orchestras. The Summer Philharmonic and Summer Symphony inspire younger and more advanced string, woodwind, brass, and percussion students, respectively. The Summer Chamber Symphony offers higher level string students an opportunity to excel in a more intimate orchestral setting. All three groups are non-auditioned and will be co-directed by GTCYS conductors. Weekly rehearsals will take place on Tuesday evenings, **May 28 – July 16** at the University of Minnesota (Ferguson Hall and Ted Mann Concert Hall), Minneapolis, and the program culminates with a free concert at Como Park in St. Paul on **Tuesday, July 16**. [Registration will be available online in mid-February](#), and need-based scholarships are available.

String Orchestra Camps: Budding young string students age 8 – 13 can play in a string orchestra during these week-long day camps at the [Landmark Center](#) in downtown St. Paul. Students learn through energizing rehearsals, sectionals with professional coaches, fun social opportunities, field trips, and special music activities. Mary Sorlie directs the camp.

Students can choose from two options:

- **Camp 1:** June 24 – 28 (Concert on June 28 at 12:30pm)
- **Camp 2:** July 8 – 12 (Concert on July 12 at 12:30pm)

[Registration will be available online in mid-February](#), and need-based scholarships are available. Each camp is capped at 50 students. Register early: \$20 discount for students who register before May 30!

2019 – 20 AUDITION REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN IN MID-FEBRUARY

May 29 – June 9, 2018

Mayflower Church, Minneapolis and Gustavus Adolphus Church, St. Paul

[Audition registrations will be available in mid-February](#) for a place in one of [GTCYS' nine school-year orchestras](#). Each audition includes: short prepared solo, 2–3 scales, sight reading (and orchestral excerpts for Camerata and above). Stay tuned for more details!

GTCYS VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you, January Volunteers!

- Winter Retreat 1.12.19: Hester Bell, Kat Maidi, Elizabeth Pillai, Leslie Russell, Melinda Villerius
- Concerto Competition Prelims: Abigail Eck, Tasha Montzka, Tanya Mueller
- Winter Retreat 1.26.19: Maple Jiao, Yun Liu Ang, Tanya Mueller, Nannette Niesen, Joanne Opgenorth, Brenda Sorem, Rachel Tallarini
- Concerto Competition Finals: Joanna Harms

Thank you all for playing your part!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

GTCYS Ambassador Materials Preparation

- When: Monday, February 4, 10am-12pm
- Where: GTCYS Office, St. Paul
- Why: Help assemble packets for GTCYS student ambassador presentations at their schools
- [Sign up here](#)

Philharmonia East Balcony Chaperones

- When: Sunday, February 24, 1:50-3:30pm
- Where: Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis
- Why: Help monitor student behavior in the balcony during Symphony's portion of the concert
- [Sign up here](#) by Thursday, February 22

Sinfonia West & Philharmonic Concert Volunteers

- When: Sunday, February 24, before and during the 7:00pm concert
- Where: Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis
- Why: Help with box office ticket payment and monitor student behavior in the balcony during the concert

- [Sign up here](#) by Thursday, February 22

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.

Soren Edman (Symphony, trumpet), **Paul Gherghetta** (Philharmonic, violin), and **Charlie Klukow** (Symphony, horn) won First Place in the [Minnesota High School Music Listening Championship Contest](#) on the Edina High School team.

Emily Kleiber (Symphony, flute) has been selected as a Minnesota Public Radio [Minnesota Varsity](#) 2019 Featured Artist.

Ethan Rich (Symphony, percussion) has been selected as a Minnesota Public Radio [Minnesota Varsity](#) 2019 Featured Artist – Honorable Mention.

Brianna Talty (Concertino, trombone) has been selected for the South Central Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band

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 March 16!**

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 February's News Notes, please email miranda@gtcys.org.

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

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

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

[Evergreen Scholarship](#): Deadline is April 1

[Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Program](#)

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

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

[Madeline Island Chamber Music](#)

[Majoring in Music list of Summer Camps and Programs](#)

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

[Oberlin Conservatory Summer Programs](#)

[NextNotes High School Composition Awards](#)

[Rocky Ridge Music Center](#)

[Summit Music Series](#)

[Stringwood Chamber Music Festival](#)

OTHER CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

[JOYA Pre-Super bowl Party and Concert Featuring Charles Lazarus](#): February 3

[MacPhail Event Calendar](#)

[Minnesota Opera](#)

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

[Saint Paul Civic Symphony Children's Concert](#): February 10, activities begin at 2pm: [Details here](#)

[Schubert Club concerts](#)

[Schubert Club Student Discounts](#)

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC!

Thank you to all the families who included GTCYS in their charitable giving in 2018. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students!

As a nonprofit organization, GTCYS relies on tax-deductible contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations to create meaningful experiences for all our students. By [making a gift](#), you help GTCYS provide unparalleled opportunities for young musicians like your child, inspire audiences through free community concerts, and broaden access through programming and need-based scholarships.

Now, showing your support is easier than ever. With our new monthly giving option, you can [set up convenient monthly donations in any amount](#). Every gift, small or large, makes a difference!

For more information about ways to give, visit www.gtcys.org/giving.

Thank you!

CELLO FOR SALE

For sale – High quality student cello

Cello built in 1994 by the Fort Worth firm Burak & Pedersen (now Wayne Burak & Associates). This cello has been gently used and carefully cared for. Asking price of \$6,500 includes the cello, bow, and hard case. Please contact Tim Knutson, 817-821-7940

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[Photo 2](#)

[Photo 3](#)

[Photo 4](#)

[Photo 5](#)

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ADVOCACY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Arts Advocacy Day at the Minnesota State Capitol: March 12

GTCYS activities are made possible in part by a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Every year at Arts Advocacy Day, approximately 500 arts advocates join together to educate their legislators about the arts in their communities, say thank you for grants like our Operating Support grant, and ask them to support arts funding in the future. This year's Advocacy Day is on Tuesday, March 12. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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.

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 cancelation 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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