

GTCYS NEWS NOTES JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year, GTCYS Families!

We hope you enjoyed a restful break and we look forward to seeing you again soon! 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

We extend a special welcome to the new students who are joining GTCYS this semester.

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UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE & REMINDERS

Please take a moment to review your orchestra's schedule:

- **Orchestra Schedules:**
 - [Philharmonia East](#)
 - [Philharmonia West](#)
 - [Sinfonia East](#)
 - [Sinfonia West](#)
 - [Concertino](#)
 - [Camerata](#)
 - [Concert Orchestra](#)
 - [Philharmonic](#)
 - [Symphony](#)
- **Attendance Policy:** As we enter the new semester, please take a moment to review [GTCYS' Attendance Policy](#) and make sure that mandatory events like dress rehearsals, concerts, and retreats are on your family's calendar. If you have questions about the attendance policy, please contact your Rehearsal Assistant on rehearsal nights or contact Program Director Miranda Bryan at Miranda@gtcys.org or 651.602.6807. If you need to be absent, remember to fill out an absence form in advance:
 - [Philharmonia East Absence Form](#)
 - [Philharmonia West Absence Form](#)
 - [Sinfonia East Absence Form](#)
 - [Sinfonia West Absence Form](#)
 - [Concertino Absence Form](#)
 - [Camerata Absence Form](#)
 - [Concert Orchestra Absence Form](#)
 - [Philharmonic Absence Form](#)

- [Symphony Absence Form](#)
- **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 12
 - 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

CHAMBER MUSIC INSTITUTE RECITAL: JANUARY 5

Chamber Music Institute Recital: Free and open to the public

The Chamber Music Institute is a partnership program of GTCYS and The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra featuring four string and wind chamber music ensembles. The recital will include an afternoon of chamber music by dedicated GTCYS musicians from Philharmonic and Symphony playing alongside professional coaches.

Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 4pm

Sateren Auditorium, Augsburg University
1977 S 7th 1/2 St
Minneapolis, MN 55454

[Concert Invitation](#)

JANUARY WINTER RETREATS FOR ALL GTCYS STUDENTS

Hopkins High School
2400 Lindbergh Drive, Minnetonka

Download your retreat memo with detailed information for your orchestra:

- [Philharmonia East: January 12 Retreat](#)
- [Philharmonia West: January 12 Retreat](#)
- [Sinfonia East: January 12 Retreat](#)
- [Sinfonia West: January 26 retreat](#)
- [Concertino: January 26 retreat](#)
- [Camerata: January 26 retreat](#)
- [Concert Orchestra: January 12 Retreat](#)
- [Philharmonic: January 26 retreat](#)
- [Symphony: January 12 Retreat](#)

CONCERTO COMPETITION FINALS RECITAL: JANUARY 27

Young Soloists Concerto Competition Finals Recital

Sunday, January 27, 6:30pm

[Sundin Hall at Hamline University](#)

1531 Hewitt Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104
Free and open to the public

Hear GTCYS' finest student soloists perform memorized concertos for a panel of three judges. The judges will select a winner to perform with Symphony on Saturday, April 27, 7:30pm, at Ted Mann Concert Hall.

SYMPHONY FEBRUARY 24 CONCERT: FREE TICKETS FOR ALL GTCYS STUDENTS!

Symphony Series

GTCYS' flagship 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!

February 24 Program:

[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.

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 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.

GTCYS NIGHT OUT AT THE SPCO ON JANUARY 18! (FREE SPCO CONCERT)

GTCYS Nights Out at the SPCO: Use the promotional code '[gtcysnightout](#)' for this exclusive opportunity 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.](#)

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 Camp:** Budding young string students age 8 – 13 can play in a string orchestra during this day camp 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. Dates and registration will be available online in mid-February, and need-based scholarships are available.

GTCYS VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you, December Volunteers!

Thank you to our volunteers who helped throughout our seven holiday concerts! We couldn't have done it without you: Sierra Armien Funk, Bridget Cerny, Michael Duran, Jennifer Engler, Shelly Fayard-Rerat, Anita Hoaglund, Margit Illes, Ann Janisch, Maple Jiao, Stephanie Luedtke, Marie Martin, Theodore Miller, Ruth Paloma, Stacey Royal, Tricia Rubenstein, Jennifer Scheible, Sarah Seelen, Miki Sieckert, Renee Skidmore, Rachel Spilker, Rachel Tallarini, Sara Turman, David Zhao, Linda Zhao.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at our mid-year auditions: Lori Mikesell, Kristine Sherman, and Julia Terhaar. **Thank you all for playing your part!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

GTCYS Winter Retreat 1 Volunteers (Philharmonia East, Philharmonia West, Sinfonia East, Concert Orchestra, Symphony)

- When: Saturday, January 12 throughout the day
- Where: Hopkins High School
- Why: Help direct students to warm-up spaces, help distribute lunches
- [Sign up here](#) by Friday, January 11

SPCO Xplorchestra Volunteers (note: this is not an official GTCYS event)

- When: Saturday, January 12, 9:15am-12:00pm
- Where: Ordway Concert Hall, St. Paul
- Why: Help with activities, games, and instrument trials
- [Sign up here](#) by Friday, January 11

GTCYS Preliminary Concerto Competition Volunteers

- When: Sunday, January 13, 1.75-2.5 hour slots all afternoon
- Where: University of Minnesota, Lloyd Ultan Recital Hall, 2128 S 4th St, Minneapolis, MN 55455
- Who: GTCYS Parents and students age 16 and up
- Why: Help participating students check in and answer questions.
- [Sign up here](#) by Friday, January 11

GTCYS Winter Retreat 2 Volunteers (Sinfonia West, Concertino, Camerata, Philharmonic)

- When: Saturday, January 26 throughout the day
- Where: Hopkins High School
- Why: Help direct students to warm-up spaces, help distribute lunches
- [Sign up here](#) by Friday, January 25

GTCYS Concerto Competition Finals Volunteers

- When: Sunday, January 27
- Where: [Sundin Hall at Hamline University](#), 1531 Hewitt Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104
- Who: GTCYS Parents and students age 16 and up
- Why: Concert Ushers to hand out programs and Reception Volunteers to set up snacks and drinks.
- [Sign up here](#) by Friday, January 25

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.

Charity Duran (Concert Orchestra, violin) played for Northtown Mall's Sensitive Santa event December 2 and 9. She also played for the City of Brooklyn Center's Christmas party on December 2, and participated in a benefit concert December 20th.

Lauryn Schreifels (Sinfonia East, violin) was accepted into the MN String and Orchestra Teachers Association Mid-Level Honors Orchestra, which will perform in February at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

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](#).

GTCYS Ambassadors (Student Opportunity): The 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 2018 to help spread the word about GTCYS. [Register here by January 31!](#)

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 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

[Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Program](#)

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

[Kennedy Center/National Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute](#): Deadline to apply is January 22

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

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

[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

[Oberlin Conservatory Summer Programs](#)

[NextNotes High School Composition Awards](#)

[Rocky Ridge Music Center](#)

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

[Summit Music Series](#)

[Stringwood Chamber Music Festival](#)

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

OTHER CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

[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](#)

[Schubert Club Student Discounts](#)

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 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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