GTCYS NEWS NOTES MARCH 2018

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2018 – 19 SEASON AUDITIONS

GTCYS' nine school-year orchestras (with the addition of our new Sinfonia East!) will be led by our outstanding team of conductors, with exciting performance opportunities and social activities for students of all ages and abilities. Remember, everyone auditions each year regardless of previous participation.

- Click here to register for your 2018 – 19 season audition!
- Click here for audition dates and times. Families register for audition times on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to reserve your spot!
- Click here for audition requirements and excerpts.
- Need-based scholarships available

GTCYS SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES: REGISTER NOW!

GTCYS' Summer Orchestras program and String Orchestra Camps offer opportunities for orchestral musicians and do not require an audition. Registration for both programs is open now!

GTCYS Summer Orchestras

- Register Here
- Need-based scholarships available

Whether you're a first-time orchestra musician or an advanced player, there's a place for you in one of GTCYS' three Summer Orchestras! The Summer Philharmonic and Summer Symphony inspire younger and more advanced string, woodwind, brass, and percussion students, and the Summer Chamber Symphony offers higher level string students an opportunity to excel in a more intimate orchestra. Students will be challenged to new heights by phenomenal conductors while making friends and building confidence in a fun summer environment.

- Open to 3rd – 12th graders who play an orchestral instrument and can read music – no audition!
- Orchestra placement is determined by students' musical ability (from registration form questions) and GTCYS' instrumentation needs
- Work with GTCYS conductors Dan Mollick, Kent Musser, and Gary Wolfman

- Rehearse in beautiful facilities, including Ted Mann Concert Hall
- Perform at scenic Como Park – free and open to the public!

String Orchestra Camp

- Register Here
- Need-based scholarships available

Budding young string students can play in a fun string orchestra day camp where they'll experience the excitement of playing in an orchestra, make new friends, grow musically, and have fun! Rehearsals, sectionals with professional coaches, fun social opportunities, field trips, and special music activities create a well-rounded musical experience. Content is the same for both camps, so choose the dates that work best for you!

- Open to any violin, viola, cello, or bass students ages 8 – 13 who have approximately two years' playing and reading experience – no audition.
- Work daily with GTCYS conductor Mary Sorlie, outstanding professional coaches, and student mentors
- Daily field trips to Minnesota Public Radio studios, Schubert Club instrument museum, the Ordway, and more!
- Perform a free concert at the Science Museum of Minnesota and receive museum passes for your whole family!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ORCHESTRATING OPPORTUNITIES BENEFIT

Monday, May 21 at 6:30pm, Orchestra Hall
Plan now to join us for a lively Eastern European-themed evening with a cocktail hour, onstage performances by Symphony, Harmony, and a special guest musician, plus opportunities to support GTCYS' mission – all at stunning Orchestra Hall. Tickets go on sale March 15 at www.gtcys.org/giving/benefit. Stay tuned for more details!

Event and table sponsorships provide terrific recognition for you or your business while supporting GTCYS students. Click here for sponsorship details and contact Executive Director Megen Balda at megen@gtcys.org or 651-602-6802 for further information.

BRING A FRIEND NIGHTS & MENTORS

Bring a Friend Nights
Anyone who plays an orchestral instrument can come and play along with the orchestra for the evening. 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: Thursday, March 15
- Philharmonia West: Monday, March 19
- Sinfonia: Tuesday, March 20*
- Concertino: Monday, March 19
- Camerata: Tuesday, March 20
- Concert Orchestra: Monday, March 19
- Symphony: Monday, March 19
- Philharmonic: Tuesday, March 20
- Register your friends here in advance.

Sinfonia: Since your orchestra already fills the rehearsal room already to capacity, you are invited to attend and also bring your friends to Concertino's Bring a Friend night on Monday, March 19. Any Sinfonia members and guests who attend this rehearsal will also be counted in the Bring a Friend Night total to win the ice cream party.

Harmony Junior Mentors
Launched in fall 2016, Harmony is one of GTCYS' educational programs and is designed to create opportunities for underserved students through music. **Junior Harmony Mentors** are GTCYS violin and viola players in grades 8 – 10 who assist at Harmony rehearsals. Sign up here as a Junior Mentor.

UPCOMING GTCYS CONCERTS

Camerata & Harmony Concert
Saturday, March 3 at 10:00am (Performers arrive at 9:00am)
Humboldt High School, St. Paul
Concert Poster
Facebook Event

Concertino Concert with the Hmong Cultural Center
Saturday, March 3 at 2:00pm (Performers arrive at 1:00pm)
Washington Technology Magnet School, St. Paul
Concert Poster
Facebook Event

Chamber Music Institute Concert with the SPCO
Saturday, March 3 at 4:00pm
Augsburg College, Sateren Auditorium
Facebook Event

Concert Orchestra Sing Along Concert
Sunday, March 4 at 6:00pm (Performers arrive at 4:15pm)
Blaine High School, Blaine
Concert Poster
Facebook Event

Bookmark GTCYS' Concert Calendar for information about upcoming concerts in April and the Spring Festival on May 6!

CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE GTCYS

MacPhail Event Calendar and Spotlight Series

Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Concerts
Special SPCO offer for GTCYS parents: Use the coupon code 'gtcysadult' at checkout to receive these special deals

- $10 best available seats for parents at Neighborhood Venues (limit 2)
- $12 best available seats for parents at the Ordway (limit 2)

Schubert Club Courtroom Concerts and Schubert Club Student Discounts

GTCYS NIGHT OUT AT THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA: APRIL 13

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

- Friday, April 13, 8:00pm: Wagner, Liszt, and Schumann
- Go to GTCYS Night at the Minnesota Orchestra and enter coupon code GTCYSNIGHT before selecting your tickets, then you will be able to purchase up to four tickets at just $6 each!

Ongoing Minnesota Orchestra offer for students: Minnesota Orchestra Student Rush

GTCYS VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you, February volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!

GTCYS Office Volunteer: Sheila Rinne

Philharmonia East Concert Volunteers: Zhuxian Cai, Erin Mandell

Sinfonia and Philharmonic Concert Volunteers: Heidi Becken, Jonah Becken, Elizabeth Castronovo, Julie Edman, Ann Janisch, Kathryn Kottke, Connie Lee, Heidi Riehl, David Russell, Jill Russell, Joe Sedarski

Philharmonia West and Symphony Concert Volunteers: Sam Ische, Kevin Linderman, Kate Meredith, Lydia Sadoff, Xin Su

Volunteers needed for the following dates:
March 3 Camerata & Harmony Concert Volunteers

March 3 Concertino Concert Volunteers (We especially need reception volunteers to help set out cookies and pour juice!)

March 4 Concert Orchestra Volunteers (We especially need reception volunteers to help set out cookies and pour juice!)

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

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.

All-State Participants:
The following GTCYS students are members of 2017–18 Minnesota All-State instrumental ensembles and they were inadvertently omitted from the February News Notes. GTCYS apologizes for the error.

- Izzy Karr, flute
- Chris Kwon, cello
- Kiara Riehl, flute

MacPhail Concerto and Aria Recital:
The following GTCYS Symphony students will perform at the annual MacPhail Concerto and Aria performance on Sunday, March 18, 3:30pm, at Antonello Hall:

- Joelle Chen, violin
- Dennis Eum, cello
- Quinn Ingram, percussion

- Elan Rochell-Share, percussion

Golden Valley Orchestra Soloists:
The following GTCYS students will perform Concertos with the Golden Valley Orchestra on Sunday, March 4, at 3:30pm. Click here for more information.

- Joelle Chen (violin, Symphony)
- Amanda Befus (clarinet, Philharmonic)

Elizabeth Smude (violin, Symphony) participated in the 47th Annual Dorian Orchestra Festival, at Luther College in Iowa

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES: OUTSIDE GTCYS

Follow these links for information about enriching 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.

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Clarinet Academy

Kinhaven Music School

From the Top Radio program offers Scholarship

Madeline Island Chamber Music

Minnesota Sinfonia Young Artist Competition

NextNotes High School Composition Awards

Oberlin Conservatory Summer Programs

Rocky Ridge Music Center

Sphinx Performance Academy

Stringwood Chamber Music Festival

Summit Music Series

United States Marine Band (The President's Own) Violin Auditions

Wintergreen Summer Music Academy offers scholarship for GTCYS Students

ARTS ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL ON MARCH 6

Arts Advocacy Day at the Minnesota State Capitol: March 6
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 6. Click here to learn more and to sign up to attend.

GTCYS MERCHANDISE

If you are interested in ordering GTCYS merchandise complete our online form! Supplies are still good for hoodies and canvas bags. 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 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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