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REGISTER NOW FOR GTCYS SUMMER ORCHESTRAS AND STRING ORCHESTRA CAMPS!

GTCYS Summer Orchestras: Tuesday evenings, May 28–July 16

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 which inspire string, woodwind, brass, and percussion students ages 8 - 18. No audition required.

- [Register Here](#)
- [Need-based scholarships available](#)
- 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 **three conductors**: [Kent Musser](#), [Gary Wolfman](#), and [Diane Hallberg](#)
- Rehearse in beautiful facilities, including [Ted Mann Concert Hall](#)
- Perform at scenic [Como Park](#) – free and open to the public!

String Orchestra Camp: June 24–28 or July 8–12

These day camps are perfect for budding young string players ages 8 – 13 who want to experience the excitement of playing in an orchestra, make new friends, and have fun! No audition required. Content is the same for both camps, so choose the dates that work best for you!

- [Register Here](#)
- [Need-based scholarships available](#)
- 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!

Beginning to advanced string, woodwind, brass, and percussion students ages 8 – 18 are invited to audition for a place in one of GTCYS' nine school-year orchestras. With need-based scholarships, programs in the east west metro, and orchestras of all levels, we help make it possible for students of all backgrounds to participate. **Auditions are May 29 – June 9.** Remember, everyone auditions each year regardless of previous participation.

- [Click here to register for your 2019 – 20 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.](#) (New this season: Orchestral excerpts required for string players auditioning for the Camerata and Concert Orchestra levels.)
- [Need-based scholarships available](#)

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

PIZZA PARTIES

On March 18, 19, 25, and 26, all orchestras will have a pizza party during the 45 minutes preceding rehearsal. These are optional events, and regular rehearsals will begin at their normal start time. Students, RSVP for your orchestra's Pizza Party here by March 14: [Spring 2019 Pizza Night Registration.](#) Gluten-free options available!

ANNOUNCING CALL FOR SCORES COMPETITION WINNER!

In an effort to develop repertoire for younger symphonic orchestras and expose students to a greater diversity of composers, GTCYS launched an exciting new [Call for Scores Competition](#) this year. The winner receives a \$1,500 cash prize and a premiere of the winning piece at a GTCYS concert. Geared for GTCYS' Sinfonia level and open to all composers, a panel consisting of Twin Cities composers and GTCYS' artistic staff reviewed nearly 60 scores submitted by composers from around the world this winter. Submissions were reviewed based on musical merit, pedagogical strength, and suitability for Sinfonia.

We are excited to announce [Gina Williams](#) as this year's winner! Her piece Reverance will be premiered by Sinfonia East and Sinfonia West at GTCYS' two Spring Festival concerts at Orchestra Hall on May 5 with Ms. Williams in attendance.

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:

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- Enter the code GTCYS1819 to purchase up to six tickets for \$6 each

GTCYS PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE SPCO

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!**

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: ATTEND AND SPREAD THE WORD!

All March concerts are Free and open to the public:

Camerata & Harmony Concert (A Kids Playing for Kids event)

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

Humboldt High School, St. Paul

Please share the [concert poster](#) and the [Facebook event!](#)

[Volunteers needed](#)

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

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

Augsburg University, Minneapolis

Please share the [concert poster](#) and the [Facebook event!](#)

[Volunteers needed](#)

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 2:45pm)

The Loft Stage at East Ridge High School, Woodbury

Please share the [concert poster](#) and the [Facebook event!](#)

[Volunteers needed](#)

Sinfonia East with University of Minnesota Campus Orchestra

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

Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

Please share the [concert poster](#) and the [Facebook event!](#)

[Volunteers needed](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR ORCHESTRATING OPPORTUNITIES – MAY 13

Monday, May 13 at 6:30pm, Orchestra Hall

Join GTCYS for a jazzy evening with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and music at beautiful Orchestra Hall. With exciting performances by Symphony, Harmony, and a special guest soloist, this year's benefit will be one to remember. And one to make a difference. Proceeds support GTCYS' educational programs and scholarships. [Tickets go on sale March 11!](#) Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

Event and table sponsorships provide terrific recognition for you or your business while supporting GTCYS students and their futures. [Click here for sponsorship details](#) or contact Executive Director Megen Balda at megen@gtcys.org.

GTCYS VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

GTCYS Office Volunteers: Dana Easley and Beth Goodpaster

Philharmonia Tour:

- **Bus loading:** Matt Bulera Weathers & Kamala Stalboerger
- **Chaperoning:** Jason Burak Eric van Gyzen

Philharmonia East & Symphony Concert: Jennifer Engler, Jia Guo, Theresa Morey, Sarah Seelen

Sinfonia West & Philharmonic Concert: Venkatesan Ailu, Julie Flint, Anita Hoaglund, Maple Jiao, Margaret Kinney, Heidi Riehl, Rachel Tallarini, Tom Tallarini

Symphony Side-by-Side with Minnesota Orchestra: John Villerius

Thank you all for playing your part!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please consider "playing your part" by signing up for a volunteer shift at one of GTCYS' many upcoming events!

- [Camerata & Harmony Concert on Saturday, March 2: Volunteers needed!](#)
- [Concertino Concert on Saturday March 2: Volunteers needed!](#)
- [Concert Orchestra Concert on Sunday, March 3: Volunteers needed!](#)
- [Sinfonia East Concert on Monday, March 4: Volunteers needed!](#)
- [St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Children's Concerts: Volunteers Needed!](#)
- **GTCYS Spring Audition Volunteers:**
 - [Volunteers needed for St. Paul audition site!](#)

- [Volunteers needed for Minneapolis audition site!](#)

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.

Marcus Chen (Camerata, cello) earned Second Place in the SPCO Youth Chamber Music Competition, Senior Division, as a member of the Quartet Spiritoso.

The Odyssey String Quartet, including **Makaela Foerderer**, (Symphony, violin) **Joelle Chen**, (Symphony, violin), **Sean Dougherty** (Symphony, viola), and Dylan Kinneavy, cello, earned an honorable mention at the [2019 Discover Chamber Music Competition](#). [Watch their performance here!](#)

Hannah Greenstein (Symphony, cello) was a second-place winner with the [American Protege International Piano and Strings Competition 2019](#). Hannah and the other winners will have a May recital at Carnegie Hall.

Emily Kleiber (Symphony, violin) earned Third Place at the SPCO Youth Chamber Music Competition, Senior Division, as a member of the Luminoso Trio.

Jacob Rochell-Share (Symphony, trombone) has been named to the CXC team going to compete in the [Canadian Ski Nationals](#) at the Nakkertok Nordic Centre, Gatineau, Quebec from March 13 - 20, 2019. CXC governs nordic ski racing in the 10-state Central Region for the US Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA). Jacob competed in six qualifying races over three months to earn a spot on the team.

Emma Schaible (Symphony, violin) was the Concertmaster of the Chamber Orchestra at the Dorian Orchestra Festival at Luther College in February.

Elise Wallenfriedman (Symphony, violin) won first place in the SPCO Youth Chamber Music Competition, Junior Division, as a member of the Elysian Quartet.

GTCYS STUDENT VOLUNTEER AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Harmony Mentors: [Harmony](#) 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 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 April’s News Notes, please email miranda@gtcys.org.

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

[Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp](#)

Composition Classes with Sarah Miller: [Beginning Arranging](#) and [Beginning Composition](#)

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

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

[Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Program](#)

[Kinhaven Music School](#)

[Madeline Island Chamber Music](#)

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

[Minnesota Sinfonia Young Artist Competition](#) and [Minnesota Sinfonia New Works Competition](#)

[Oberlin Conservatory Summer Programs](#)

[NextNotes High School Composition Awards](#)

[Northern Lights Music Festival](#)

[Rocky Ridge Music Center](#)

[Saint Mary's String Festival](#)

[Stringwood Chamber Music Festival](#)

[Summit Music Series](#)

CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

[Bloch Sacred Service](#) (March 3)

[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 & RECORDINGS

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.

[Order recordings of GTCYS Festival Concerts at Orchestra Hall and Symphony Series Concerts here.](#)

Subscribe to [GTCYS' YouTube Channel](#) to access listen to GTCYS concerts and livestream future Symphony Series and Festival concerts.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather which might result in dangerous conditions, GTCYS will send an email to GTCYS families, and 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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