

GTCYS NEWS NOTES MAY 2019

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SPRING FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

Please reference the email that all families received from Alex Hake on Wednesday, May 1 with “Upcoming Spring Festival Information” in the subject line for exhaustive information about this weekend’s Spring Festival.

This concert will be professionally livestreamed for free on [GTCYS' YouTube channel](#). You can access the livestream by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/GTCYS1972/live>

The stream will begin shortly prior to each concert’s start time. Some performances may be reposted and available on our YouTube channel later.

Audio recordings of this concert (CDs and digital downloads) will be available for purchase at <http://www.westmarkproductions.com/gtcys>

GTCYS' ONLINE AUCTION – OPEN THROUGH MAY 5 AT MIDNIGHT

GTCYS' annual [Online Auction](#) is open through May 5 at midnight!

Visit our [auction website](#) to bid for a cause on exciting items and experiences which include:

- Private lessons with SPCO and Minnesota Orchestra musicians, and mock audition lessons with GTCYS conductors – perfect preparation for upcoming auditions!
- Private cello/piano recitals from GTCYS' leadership and Anthony Ross, Minnesota Orchestra Principal Cellist
- Tickets to theatre shows, the MN Opera, and The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra
- Summer Fun: North Shore Scenic Railroad tickets, pool passes, golf packages, and Children’s Theatre tickets are just a few cool items!
- Sports tickets – including Minnesota United and Saint Paul Saints
- Gift cards to local restaurants and retailers
- Photography session (perfect for senior photos!)

Browse, Bid, and Spread the word! All proceeds support GTCYS' programs and scholarships.

2019 – 20 SEASON AUDITIONS: [REGISTER NOW!](#)

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. (Remember, everyone auditions each year regardless of previous participation.) **Auditions are May 29 – June 9.**

Timeslots are filling quickly: Be sure to register before your instrument's times are all gone!

- [Sign up for a FREE GTCYS Audition Bootcamp at MacPhail!](#)
- [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](#) (Need-based scholarships are also available for [Symphony's tour to Southern Italy in June 2020](#). Tour scholarship applications will be available in Fall 2019.)

REGISTER FOR [GTCYS SUMMER ORCHESTRAS BY MAY 13](#)

[GTCYS Summer Orchestras:](#) Tuesday evenings at the University of Minnesota, 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.**

- Open to 3rd – 12th graders who play an orchestral instrument and can read music.
- All students work with **all three exceptional 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!
- [Need-based scholarships available](#)
- [Register Here by May 13](#)

REGISTER FOR [GTCYS STRING ORCHESTRA CAMPS](#)

[GTCYS String Orchestra Camp](#) at the spectacular [Landmark Center:](#) June 24–28 or July 8–12

GTCYS String Orchestra Camps are a terrific way for 8 – 13-year-old string players to build your skills over the summer in a warm and supportive environment. No audition! 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: 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!
- [Need-based scholarships available](#)
- [Register Here by May 30 for a \\$20 discount!](#)

ORCHESTRATING OPPORTUNITIES BENEFIT ON MAY 13 – REGISTER BY MAY 3

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

Join GTCYS for a fun, jazzy evening with an open bar, catering by D'Amico, plus a fabulous musical program with esteemed clarinet soloist [Gabriel Campos Zamora](#) – all at beautiful Orchestra Hall! Proceeds from the silent and live auctions will help create opportunities for more young musicians in our community.

We are excited to announce this year's live auction items:

- **Evening of Wine & Song:** a private wine tasting experience for 8-10 guests with exclusive wines, delicious bites, and live musical performance
- **Conducting Package:** Conducting lesson with Mark Russell Smith and opportunity to conduct GTCYS' Symphony at Ted Mann Concert Hall next season
- **San Francisco Getaway:** 2 Roundtrip Airline Tickets and 3-Night Stay in the beautiful Bay City known for its parks, culinary adventures, and the iconic Golden Gate Bridge
- **Maestro Dinner & Recital:** Private in-house recital & dinner for eight by GTCYS Artistic Director Mark Russell Smith and Executive Director Megen Balda

The RSVP deadline has been extended to Friday, May 3! Purchase tickets at

www.gtcys.org/giving/benefit. Invite guests and spread the word with the [Orchestrating Opportunities Facebook event!](#)

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsors: [Classical MPR](#) and [KMPG!](#)

CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE GTCYS

[MacPhail Event Calendar](#) and [Spotlight Series](#) and [FREE GTCYS Audition Bootcamp at MacPhail!](#)

[Minnesota Opera](#)

[MPR's Minnesota Varsity Showcase Concert:](#)

- Saturday, May 11, 3pm, at Ted Mann Concert Hall, University of Minnesota
- Featuring [Elizabeth Kleiber](#) (Symphony, flute)

[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!](#)
- [Check out their new concert stream of the St. John Passion](#)

[Minnesota Orchestra student and educator discounts](#)

[Schubert Club Courtroom Concerts](#) and [Schubert Club Student Discounts](#)

GTCYS VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Camerata & Concert Orchestra Concert Volunteers: Vicky Duran, Jin Li, Ying Ouyang, Nipa Patel, Laurie Ryan, Kjirsten Zellmer

Philharmonic Concert Volunteers: Wendy Aldrich, Diane Blake, Gavin Harms, Joanna Harms, Maple Jiao, Lori Mikesell, Heidi Riehl, Tom Tessman, Lynn Weitzel

Sinfonia West Tour Chaperones: Kami Daley, Julie Flint, and Cindy Goehring

Sinfonia East Tour Chaperones: Darren Anderson, Samuel Gonzalo, Theodore Miller

Philharmonia West & Symphony Concert Volunteers: Sam Bergstrom, Rick Duncan, Jennifer Engler, Beth Goodpaster, Xiaorong Shi

Volunteers needed for the following dates:

[May 4-5 Spring Festival Greeters & Tuners](#)

[May 8 & 10 Office Volunteers](#)

[May 13 Orchestrating Opportunities Volunteers](#)

[May 29-June 9 West Metro Audition Volunteers](#)

[May 31-June 8 East Metro Audition Volunteers](#)

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.

Six GTCYS students performed with [Black Violin](#) at the Ordway on April 19 as part of their encore, which involved [Walker West](#) and students from Roseville High School. Congrats to these students:

- **Frances Conrod-Wovcha** (viola, Philharmonia East)
- **Oliver Conrod-Wovcha** (cello, Philharmonia East)
- **Keziah Fierst** (violin, Philharmonia East)
- **Scarlett Gibson** (violin, Philharmonia East)
- **Kamau Pegg Rodriguez** (violin, Philharmonia West)
- **Jakob Wilson** (violin, Sinfonia East)

Evan Erickson (oboe, Concert Orchestra) placed first in the ninth-grade division at the St. Cloud State University Math Contest. Evan was also selected for the 2019 MN All-State Math Team.

The **Odyssey String Quartet** received an Honorable Mention for their performances in the 2019 [St. Paul String Quartet Competition](#). Members include **Joelle Chen** (Symphony, violin), **Sean Dougherty** (Symphony, viola), **Makaela Foerderer** (Symphony, violin), and Dylan Kinneavy, cello. [Read the program and learn more here!](#) Good luck to the Odyssey Quartet in the [Fischoff Competition on May 10!](#)

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](#)

[Bravo! Summer Music Academy](#)

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

[Kinhaven Music School](#)

[MacPhail Summer Camps 2019](#)

[Madeline Island Chamber Music](#)

[NextNotes High School Composition Awards](#)

[quINTENSIVE Chamber Music Camp for flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon](#)

[Shell Lake Music Camps](#)

[St. Olaf Summer Music Academy](#)

[Summit Music Series](#)

[University of Northwestern Chamber Wind Camp](#)

VIOLA FOR SALE

[French viola from Francois Costa in Corsica, France](#): Finished by Andrew Fein, New strings installed 2019; Bow made by Andrew Fein: Pernambuco with Silver and Ebony Frog, New hair strung 2019; Hard Shell case included

Appraised (2018) at \$4,099 for entire package (viola, bow, case): Price Negotiable

Contact Don or Cindy Oberg-Hauser
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SYMPHONY'S 2020 TOUR TO SOUTHERN ITALY

The location for [Symphony's June 2020 Tour](#) is Southern Italy, including Sicily! Thank you to [GrandTours](#) for their help in planning this amazing adventure for GTCYS musicians. Repertoire will include Copland's Appalachian Spring, Barber's Violin Concerto, Brahms' Symphony No. 1, and more. We'll share details later this spring, but in the meantime, students, keep on practicing for auditions! Need-based tour scholarships will be available.

GTCYS MERCHANDISE

Do you need a GTCYS tote bag for the summer? Or a hoodie to curl up in by the campfire? If you are interested in ordering GTCYS merchandise [complete our online form](#)! Supplies are still good for hoodies and canvas bags. We will deliver the last of this year's orders at the Spring Festival Dress Rehearsal or your June audition.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

Your gift of any amount makes a difference. With the help of generous donors, we are able to provide quality instruction and create meaningful experiences that are unique to GTCYS.

Contributions also support \$85,000 in need-based scholarships so that all of our students are able to participate and experience the lifelong benefits of a GTCYS education.

Now through August 31, all new and increased gifts will be matched **1:1 up to \$10,000** thanks to a generous designation from GTCYS' Board of Directors. **[Give now to double the impact of your gift!](#)**

Thank you!

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