

The EBYO Cadenza

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear EBYO Friends and Families,

Finally! We have been able to return to in-person rehearsals for the 2021-2022 season in spite of difficulties finding venues and fears that we would experience a COVID outbreak. We have been lucky on both counts.

First, we are so grateful to the churches (South Hayward United Methodist, Christian Cathedral and Glad Tidings International) and the Veterans Hall mentioned in Dr. Bill's letter for enabling us to have a somewhat normal season for our students, who made it through the 2020-2021 season of Zoom and were more than ready to return to the enjoyable opportunity to make music together in person again!

On the second count, we are grateful to our business manager, Judy Warren, for strictly following the sanitation and questionnaire protocols which helped to keep our students and staff safe all year. We were fortunate not to have any COVID outbreaks at all, though a few individual students had to miss a rehearsal or two.

Now we are extremely happy to be back at Cal State East Bay for rehearsals and concerts, with much appreciated support from the Music Department. Our first concert back in the Cal State Recital Hall was on March 6, with a full program from our newly reconstituted Concert Orchestra, our Horizons outreach group, and our advanced group, Symphony Orchestra. It was glorious!

As we look forward to our final concert of the year on **May 22**, it is time for interested students to investigate the many summer opportunities to play music with others. An email will be sent to families, and you will find information in this newsletter as well.

I encourage all returning students to sign up for an audition or interview time between 6 and 9 pm on Tuesday, **May 24**, at Cal State, and begin the process of forming next season's EBYO. Our hope is that the 2022-2023 season will again be exciting and fulfilling, with no unpleasant surprises.

In conclusion, thank you all for your unwavering support for EBYO. Our finances remain stable, due to governmental and Rotary Club grants as well as individual donations. If you are in a position to contribute to EBYO, we would be most grateful.

Sincerely,
Carol Morgan, Chair
EBYO Board of Directors

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PEARLS FROM THE PODIUM FROM DR. BILL HARRINGTON

Dear EBYO members, families, and friends,

It has been quite a wild ride getting through the last two years! On March 3, 2020, East Bay Youth Orchestras performed their last Winter Concert at Cal State East Bay, which had been our residence for the previous 6 years. The Symphony Orchestra numbered fifty-seven members, while the Concert Orchestra numbered thirteen. On March 5, we had our last live rehearsal and subsequently joined the rest of the world in quarantine. No rehearsals were conducted the rest of the school year (ZOOM was relatively unknown to most of us back then!). For the 2020-2021 school year, EBYO moved to online rehearsals. The Concert Orchestra was folded into the Symphony Orchestra and even then, total enrolment was only about 40 members. Even so, the Symphony produced nine wonderful virtual concert videos, one of which was chosen to be featured and played at a Hayward City Council meeting online to celebrate arts in the community.

In September 2021, EBYO began rehearsals and performed concerts in local churches that welcomed live music performances. In February of 2022, EBYO moved to the Hayward Veterans Hall to better meet the growth of the Symphony Orchestra. In March 2022, EBYO was able to utilize funds received from the City of Hayward to sponsor full tuition scholarships to residents of Hayward schools. This resulted in a re-birth and growth of the Concert Orchestra which now includes over twenty-three new young musicians! The Symphony, likewise, has re-grown and now includes forty-five members from middle school through college.

Finally on March 1, 2022, EBYO was granted permission to return to our favorite home: Cal State East Bay. While we were extremely grateful for the previous year's facilities that opened to us, each was limited in space or proper acoustics to meet our needs. With the return to the CSUEB Band Room and the Recital Hall at CSUEB for our March Concert, EBYO is again ready to provide a quality orchestral experience and attract new members to our ranks.

Our next goal is our Spring concert on Sunday, **May 22**. The newly revived Concert Orchestra will be performing Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony, an arrangement of the classic song "Over the Rainbow," and close with a spirited Divertimento by Mozart. Our two *Horizons Ensembles* will be performing Beethoven's String Quartet, Opus 18, No. 4 as well as the Thuille Sextet for piano and winds. The Symphony Orchestra will be performing Fauré's beautiful Sicilienne led by our CSUEB Associate Conductor Josephine Clements-Cain. Next, our Co-Concertmaster Meghna Thumri will be reprising her *International Great Composers Competition* prize-winning performance of Vivaldi's "Winter" from *The Four Seasons*. The program will close with Antonín Dvořák's inspiring and audience favorite, *From the New World* Symphony. We hope to see you and your loved ones again in person on **May 22!**

Dr. Bill

EBYO Music Director

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GRADUATING SENIORS!

EBYO would like to congratulate the graduating seniors of the Class of 2022. We hope that you have a successful future and may all your dreams come true.

FRANCIS BASCO - Has played violin with EBYO for one year. He is attending UC Berkeley and will major in Mathematics and minor in Art.



IAN CARLOS - Has played cello and electric bass with YOSAC/EBYO for nine years. He is attending St. Mary's College and will major in General Engineering and minor in Music.



RACHEL HARRINGTON - Has played viola and piano with YOSAC/EBYO for seven years. She is attending Pepperdine University and will major in Viola Performance and minor in Art, Psychology, or Graphic Design.



MADDY KIM - Has played alto saxophone with EBYO for one and one half years. She is attending Ithaca College and will major in Clinical Health Studies/Physical Therapy and minor in Music.



VRUSHANK PRAKASH - Has played violin with EBYO for one year. He is attending UC Berkeley and will major in Math and Computer Sciences.



MALACHI WARNEKE - Has played violin with EBYO for four years. He is attending UC Los Angeles and will major in Chemistry.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUDITION INFORMATION: Auditions for 2022-2023 EBYO Orchestras will only be held on **May 24, 2022**. All students who are planning on returning to EBYO next Fall need to submit an online audition application and either: 1. Schedule an in-person audition or 2. Schedule an in-person interview with Dr. Harrington. If you would like to move up in your section (for example Violin II to Violin I) or be promoted to the Symphony Orchestra from Concert Orchestra, you will need to schedule an in-person audition for **May 24, 2022**. If you are happy with your seating in your present orchestra assignment and plan on returning next Fall, Dr. Harrington would still like to schedule an in-person interview for May 24, 2022. Please indicate on the online audition application that you would like to schedule an in-person interview only. You can find audition materials and instructions at ebyo.org/application-info. **All in-person auditions and in-person interviews will be held on May 24, 2022, 6 pm to 9 pm.** If you know of a friend or family member who might be interested in EBYO, please refer them to us! Final audition result emails will be sent out no later than 7/4/22.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS:

Hayward Odd Fellows Summer Youth Chamber Music Project: Free. 2 weeks of rehearsals M-W-F, July 25-Aug. 5, 7-9 pm, Odd Fellows Sycamore Lodge (950 B St., Hayward). Concert Sunday, Aug. 6, 4 pm. Send an application with a short video sample by May 15th.

Jenny Lin Summer Youth Music Program: Free 4-week rehearsals June 20-July 16, M-W-Th 6:45-9 pm, Creekside Middle School, Castro Valley. Concert at Chabot College Sat., July 16, 2022.

La Honda Music Camp: away camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains July 30-Aug. 6. Music classes daily, plus opportunities for activities like canoeing, ping pong, archery, swimming, etc.

Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop: June 19-22. Campers are housed in residence halls at Cal Poly Humboldt and perform at least four different works with four different chamber groups. Our own Dr. Bill is the director!

TINY TICKETS (BART): EBYO is collecting BART "tiny tickets" as a fundraiser. If you have a BART ticket that has a small amount remaining on it, please consider donating it to EBYO. You can mail it to EBYO, PO Box 3970, Hayward, CA 94540. Thank you!

SPECIAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

EBYO is very pleased to congratulate the following students in the Symphony Orchestra who were selected by audition to be members of one of the CASMEC All-State Honor Ensembles.

Hayley Crowell - All State Junior High Choir

Janice Ko - All State Junior High Concert Band

Meghna Thumri was awarded 2nd Place in the International Great Composers' Competition "Best Vivaldi Performance." **Congratulations! BRAVO!**

SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all the EBYO students and supporters who participated and helped us to have success in our See's Candies fundraisers for the 2021-2022 season through See's Yum-Raising. Our profit for 2021-2022 was \$894.26. If you need See's throughout the year, our All Year See's Yum-Raising link is: https://www.yumraising.com/secure/eastbyo_ebyo_all_year_fundraiser22/candy?h=JudWar2570&c=ot7862

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DRIVE: Thank you to all the students and families that contributed to our 2021-2022 annual Alameda County Community Food Bank virtual food drive. As of today, EBYO parents and friends donated \$1,632.31 to the food bank! If you would like to make a virtual donation, please go to www.vfd-accfb.org/ and select our group: EBYO. What a successful community outreach project this was this season!

FACEBOOK BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER:

Facebook will let you collect donations for a charitable 501(c)(3) organization during your birthday month for a two-week period. Go to Fundraisers, Raise Money, select YOSAC as your Nonprofit/Charity, set a Goal Amount that you would like to raise, write a brief note to your friends and family as to why you are supporting YOSAC. It is just that easy. Facebook will send the full donation amount directly to YOSAC/EBYO approximately 45-75 days after your fundraiser concludes. Every little bit helps our great organization. Thank you in advance!

♪♪ **SPRING CONCERT** ♪♪
May 22, 2022, 3 pm, CSUEB Music Recital Room MB1055
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