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Spring Concert

Sunday, May 19th, 4pm

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East Bay Youth Orchestra

April 2024

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Conductor's Podium

When I begin planning concert programs, I often look for themes that connect all the music pieces. In recent concerts, we have celebrated the music of women composers, Russian composers, Disney movies, music of Latin America, and others.

For our final Spring Concert program, the EBYO ensembles will be playing music of French composers. Why French? French culture and language have had an important impact on Western culture and on world history. French is spoken on many continents around the world as an official or secondary language. French culture is very popular as well. Did you know that the most visited country in the world is France? The French court of Louis XIV started the development of the orchestra, as well as ballet and eventually modern dance. Inspired by the programmatic music of Beethoven, Berlioz excelled in writing programmatic music and as a radical, led the way to Romantic music in the 19th century. French artists invented groundbreaking new painting styles from Rococo to Neo-Classicism to Impressionism. French composers such as Debussy and Ravel, inspired by the painting and impressionist techniques of Monet, created a lush new sound for the orchestra that inspired the music of many romantic movies in Hollywood. All this from a country only about the size of Texas!

For our 'Vive la France' Spring concert program on May 19, the Concert Orchestra will be performing arrangements of works by Mouret (Rondeau), Ravel (Pavane), and Offenbach (Orpheus in the Underworld). The Symphony Orchestra will be performing works of Bizet (Carmen Suite No.1), Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice), Berlioz ("March to the Scaffold" from Symphonie Fantastique), and Saint Saëns ("Bacchanale" from Samson & Delilab). In addition, we will be featuring two of our seniors as soloists not on their EBYO Symphony instruments, but on their primary instruments. Principal Clarinet Neelim Mollick will be playing alto sax on Debussy's Rhapsody for Saxophone and Orchestra, and Principal Trumpet Samuel Huang will be performing the piano solo in Ravel's Ballade.

Graduating Seniors

EBYO congratulates the Class of 2024. We wish you continued success and are standing alongside you as you follow your dreams!

Oli Baker has played English horn and oboe for the past year with EBYO. They will be attending Portland State University majoring in Anthropology with minors in German, Geology, and Music while continuing to play music.

JaKai Bell has played violin in EBYO for the past 3 years. He plans to attend Cal State East Bay and major in Kinesiology. He will continue playing with EBYO.

Carolina Flores has played violin in EBYO for 2 years. She will attend Las Positas College to study Kinesiology and will continue performing.

Clara Flores has played clarinet for the past 2 years in EBYO. She hasn't yet decided on which college but plans to study International Affairs. She will continue performing music.

Olivia Gerasimov has played violin for 6 years with EBYO and plans to take a gap year, then attend a community college to later transfer to a UC as a Dietician. She plans to continue to play music.

Empire Hall has played saxophone with EBYO for the past 3 years. He plans to attend UC Davis and major in Electrical Engineering. He plans to continue to play music with his church.

Aaron Hsi has played violin in EBYO for the past 6 years. He has plans to attend college outside of California where he will major in Engineering and hopes to continue playing music.

Samuel Huang has played trumpet and piano with EBYO for the past 4 years. He will attend Johns Hopkins University majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology or Premed. He will continue to perform music.

Aniya Jacobs has played flute, piccolo, and saxophone in EBYO for the past 3 years. She plans to attend Merrit College studying psychology and law and will continue playing music.

Carissa Lee has played violin with EBYO for the past year. She is undecided about where she will attend, but has been accepted to various conservatories to study music therapy. She will continue to study and play music as part of her major.

Tyler Ma has played cello with EBYO for the past 3 years. He hopes to attend a SoCal UC (San Diego, Irvine) and will try to continue playing music.

Noemi Rodriguez Madrigal has played viola for the past 2 years in EBYO. She plans to attend college after high school and major in music education. She will continue performing.

Neelim Mollick has been in EBYO for the last 6 years playing clarinet and saxophone. He is planning on attending a 4-year college and majoring in Music Composition and plans to continue performing.

Christian Valdivia has played tuba with EBYO for the past 3 years. He plans to attend Merritt College to later transfer and will major in Kinesiology. He will continue performing music in college if available.

Emma Wang has played oboe with EBYO for the past 2 years. She will be attending Emory University, majoring in Biology. She will continue to play music in college.

Congrats also to our violinist Danny Kwong.

Fundraisers

Thank you to all who participated and helped us be successful with our See's Candies fundraisers for the 2023-2024 season through sales and Yum-Raising. EBYO earned about \$1500 that we use to help support the orchestra.

EBYO Auditions for 2024-2025

EBYO auditions will be held by video or zoom. All current EBYO students who plan to return next Fall should submit an online audition application and choose a time for a short zoom 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 submit a video audition no later than June 1st. You can find audition materials and instructions at ebyo.org

All zoom video interviews and auditions for returning students will be conducted May 21st between 5-9pm. Final audition results will be sent by email no later than June 15th, with auditions for Symphony and applications for Concert ongoing.

We welcome new members!



Simplified Registration

Once auditions are completed, we will be moving to a more efficient online registration system called Active. In July we'll send a link with instructions about how to register, have you fill out your forms online, and complete your payment all in this one system. We hope this will make the registration process easier for everyone.

Join the EBYO Board

EBYO is always recruiting parents to serve on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering and being a part of the decision-making crew of superheroes that help make EBYO awesome, please send an email to manager@ebyo.org for consideration.

Summer Music Camps

Please see the Links section on our website for further info about the following summer music camp programs popular with EBYO musicians.

Jenny Lin Summer Youth Music Program:

Free. Dates: Monday, June 10 – Saturday, July 13, 2024. Rehearsals on Monday, Wednesday, and some Thursday evenings from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. Rehearsal Location: Creekside Middle School, Castro Valley. Mandatory Concert: Saturday, July 13, 2024

La Honda Music Camp: Sleep away camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains July 13-July 20, 2024. Music classes daily, plus opportunities for activities like canoeing, ping-pong, archery, swimming, etc. Two half scholarships awarded to EBYO students.

Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop: June 16-22, 2024. Campers perform in four different chamber groups on the campus of Cal Poly Humboldt in the redwoods. A \$300 per session scholarship is offered to all EBYO members who attend. Our own Dr. Bill directs this camp!

Cazadero Music Camp: EBYO orchestra members are offered a \$100 discount off summer camp fees for the 2024 summer season. They offer several age-based camp sessions for musicians entering the 5th-12th grades. June 17 to August 3. To receive the discount, please contact them by phone or email.

Support the Hayward Rodeo!

The Hayward Rotary Club has donated funding for our December concert for the last four years. Their major fundraiser is the Hayward Rodeo, May 15-17, where they raise almost all the funds for grants like ours. They have asked for volunteers for their food booth. Two of our board members have already volunteered for Saturday slots and we would like to encourage EBYO parents as well as students 16 and over to join them. Please let Donna (manager@ebyo) know if you are able to participate. Thank you.