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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra performs Fall Concert

Program includes music by Mendelssohn, Walker, Saint-Saëns, and Tchaikovsky

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)**, directed by Casey Springstead, performs its fall concert on **Sunday**, **November 10**, **at 3:00 pm**. The program includes Felix Mendelssohn's tempestuous Hebrides Overture ("Fingal's Cave"), the zestful symphonic work *Open the Door* by Vermont contemporary composer Gwyneth Walker – which was composed for the 10th anniversary of The Women's Philharmonic – Camille Saint-Saëns' evocative *Danse Macabre*, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's dramatic *Romeo and Juliet* Overture Fantasy.

(See concert details in the calendar listings below, along with information on the **November 7 Voices of Autumn vocal concert**, the **November 10 concert by Concertino Strings**, and the **HochStrings concert on November 22**.)

Casey Springstead says, "This program features some of the 19th Century's most famous orchestral works. Because it's our first concert of the year and we want to help our newest members to play cohesively with our returning musicians, these pieces allow us to really focus on musical concepts like ensemble, style, and expression. We'll also perform some of these pieces on our Spring 2020 tour to Germany and the Czech Republic.

"We're also excited to play a work by an American composer, Gwyneth Walker, and the students are really enjoying the wit and harmonic language she uses. I think audiences will really enjoy this fun concert opener."

The 86-member **HYSO** is a full orchestra for advanced strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion students in grades 7–12 from the greater Rochester region. Directed by Casey Springstead, the HYSO presents three concerts per year along with periodic international tours including a 2016 tour of Austria and Germany, a 2018 tour of Portugal and Spain, and the upcoming tour of Germany and the Czech Republic.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein's vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit <u>www.hochstein.org</u>.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Voices of Autumn Recital

Thursday, November 7, 2019; 6:30 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

Voices of Autumn features Hochstein Youth Singers and Hochstein Singers, directed by Maryellen Giese, along with soloists from the Hochstein's voice studios. The program includes, among other works, Middle Eastern and Irish folk songs and a buoyant song about flying a kite from the soundtrack to the French film *Les Choristes (The Chorus)*. The concert is free and open to the public.

Concertino Strings Fall Concert

Sunday, November 10, 2019; 1:00-1:30 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

Members of Hochstein's Concertino Strings – violin, viola, cello, and bass students in grades 1-5 – perform their fall concert, directed by Marcos Kreutzer. The concert is free and open to the public.

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert

Sunday, November 10, 2019; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; \$5 general admission at the door

The Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO), directed by Casey Springstead, performs its fall concert. The program includes Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture* (aka "Fingal's Cave"), Gwyneth Walker's *Open the Door*, Saint-Saëns' *Danse Macabre*, and Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* Overture Fantasy.

HochStrings Fall Concert

Friday, November 22, 2019; 5:45 pm; Hochstein Chapel; free

The HochStrings Adult Chamber Orchestra, directed by Pia Liptak, performs a concert of classical music. The concert is free and open to the public.

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