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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Performs Fall Concert

*Program includes music by Brahms, Mussorgsky,
Sibelius, Stravinsky, and Márquez*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)** – an advanced youth orchestra comprised of grade 7-12 students from all over the Rochester region, directed by Casey Springstead – performs its fall concert on **Sunday, November 13, at 3:00 pm**. The first concert of the year focuses on musical concepts like ensemble, style, and expression, helping the newest orchestra members learn to play cohesively with returning musicians. Springstead says, “We are very happy to return to the unique musical opportunities that only a symphony orchestra affords.”

Describing the repertoire for this concert, Springstead says that **Brahms’ Academic Festival Overture** “is a wonderful way to introduce the students to the genius and craftsmanship of Brahms before someday tackling one of his monumental symphonies.” Written in 1879 as a thank you for the conferral of an honorary doctorate, the work is a mixture of austere and lighter melodies.

Mussorgsky’s Night on Bald Mountain was written in 1867 and is considered one of the first Russian tone poems. It later became famous for its featured role in Disney’s *Fantasia*.

The ballet **The Firebird** tells the tale of Prince Ivan, who rescues young princesses from an ogre with the help of a magical bird. Stravinsky’s music for the ballet, later arranged as an orchestral suite, catapulted the composer to international fame. The HYSO performs the last two sections, Berceuse and Finale.

The program also includes **Sibelius’ Romance in C**, Op. 42, and **Márquez’s Danzon No. 2**, a work honoring a Mexican dance form and popularized by Gustavo Dudamel and Venezuela’s Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra.

The 79-member HYSO is a full orchestra for advanced strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. 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 2022 tour of Germany and the Czech Republic.

Photographs of past HYSO concerts are available in this folder on Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4gOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?resourcekey=0-fgqftceHiuNfAXp1Ly0PFQ&usp=sharing>.

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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,000 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school's historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert

Sunday, November 13, 2022; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; \$5 general admission at the door

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