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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Performs Fall Concert

Program includes music by Verdi, Finzi, Holst and Tchaikovsky

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 12, at 2:00 pm**. This concert will also be live streamed on Hochstein's YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool.

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, "Our primary goal is to create a community of talented young musicians and we work diligently to foster a learning environment that nurtures and encourages students as they develop their musicianship."

The concert includes the popular and dramatic Overture to Verdi's opera *La Forza del Destino*; the beautiful Romance in Eb for strings by the 20th-century British composer Gerald Finzi; the well-loved Mars and Jupiter movements from Holst's inspiring symphonic work *The Planets*; and Tchaikovsky's thrilling fantasy for orchestra, *Capriccio Italien*. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The 81-member HYSO is a full orchestra for advanced strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion, directed by Casey Springstead. This year, there are students from 29 different schools, plus homeschooled students, from around the Rochester area and beyond who come together on Saturday mornings for an accelerated musical experience. The HYSO presents three concerts per year along with periodic international tours. Since 2000, the HYSO has performed in cities in Spain, Portugal, Austria, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Italy, Switzerland, and Ireland. The orchestra will tour Italy in Spring 2024.

Photographs of past HYSO concerts are available in this folder on Google Drive: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4gOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?resourcek</u> <u>ey=0-fgqftceHiuNfAXp1Ly0PFQ&usp=sharing</u>. *The Hochstein Orchestra and Chamber Music Programs are supported in part by the Louise Alfreda Hill Memorial Fund.*



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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering highquality 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 3,500 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 LISTINGS

Please visit the Hochstein website at <u>https://hochstein.org/Calendar</u> for more information.

HYSO Fall Concert

Sunday, November 12, 2023; 2:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; tickets at the door: \$5 general admission

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