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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra performs Spring Concert

Program includes music by Von Suppé, Kevin Day, Berlioz, Bruch, and Elgar

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)** performs its spring concert on **Sunday, May 12, at 2:00 pm**. Casey Springstead directs the orchestra in a program that includes the Overture to *The Poet and the Peasant*, one of the best known works by Austrian composer Von Suppé; *Danza del Sol*, an energetic work by Kevin Day that features elements of Romantic and Latin music; and selections from Berlioz’s dramatic *Symphonie Fantastique*. Two HYSO Concerto Competition winners will be featured as soloists: Violinist Mia Sakonju plays the third movement of Bruch’s Violin Concerto in G Minor and cellist Joanna Frank plays the first movement of Elgar’s Concerto for Cello in E Minor.

This concert will also be live streamed on Hochstein’s YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool>.

A junior at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, **Mia Sakonju** started the violin at the age of 3. She previously studied under James Krehbiel, and is now studying privately with Renée Jolles at the Eastman School of Music. She won first place in the CNYAMT Instrumental competition, Syracuse Best for the SFCM Quartet Competition, Honorable Mention for the RPO Young Artist Auditions, as well as the CMM Concerto Competition, where she performed as soloist with the Syracuse Orchestra (formerly Symphoria). She has participated in many ensembles – including the Syracuse Young Artists Orchestra, Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Interlochen World Youth Symphony – as well as attending Area All-State as concertmaster and Conference All-State.

A senior at Brighton High School, **Joanna Frank** has been playing cello for 11 years and currently studies with Christopher Haritatos. She is also a student of the Eastman Community Music School, where she will receive her honors diploma upon graduation. A member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra since eighth grade and principal cellist since 11th, Joanna has participated in the HYSO tour to Germany and the Czech Republic, as well as the very recent tour to Italy. This

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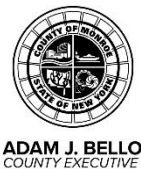
will be Joanna's fourth time soloing with an orchestra, having played with HYSO in 2022, the Finger Lake Symphony Orchestra in 2023, and with her school orchestra. One of Joanna's greater passions is chamber music and she has played in chamber groups since the age of 9, and currently participates in a piano trio, a string trio, and a cello quintet. The latter of those received first prize in the Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music competition. Next year, Joanna plans on attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for cello performance with the ultimate dream of performing in a world traveling chamber ensemble.

The 84-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, the 2022 tour of Germany and the Czech Republic, and the just-completed tour of Italy.

Photographs of past HYSO concerts, along with photos of the soloists, are available in this folder on Google Drive:

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

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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 3,500 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 LISTING

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Sunday, May 12, 2024; 2:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; \$5 general admission at the door

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