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Joint Concert by Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonia Features Music by Sibelius, Dvořák, Von Weber, and Mazzoli, and Selections from Movie Scores to *Star Wars* and *Pirates of the Caribbean* *Student soloists also featured at February 9 concert in Hochstein Performance Hall*

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — On **Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 2:00 pm** in Hochstein Performance Hall, the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra** (HYSO), directed by Casey Springstead, and **Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra** (HPO), directed by John Fetter and Matt Osika, perform a joint winter concert. ***See below for a calendar listing of upcoming Hochstein events.*** This concert will also be livestreamed on Hochstein's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool>.

In the first half of the concert, HPO performs Sibelius' popular Karelia Overture, one of Dvořák's lively Slavonic Dances, and selections from Klaus Badelt's swashbuckling score to the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Then, the HYSO takes the stage to perform Von Weber's Overture to the romantic opera *Oberon*, *These Worlds in Us* by Grammy-nominated composer Missy Mazzoli, and selections from John Williams' *Suite from Star Wars*.

The concert also features two winners of the HYSO Concerto Competition. Violinist Joshua Lin performs the first movement of Lalo's fiery *Symphonie Espagnol* and percussionist Gabriel Kulick performs the third movement of Séjourné's *Concerto for Marimba and Strings*.

Joshua Lin, a seventh-grade student at Victor Junior High School, has been studying violin since the age of 5 with Marcos Kreutzer at The Hochstein School. A member of HYSO since fifth grade, he has played in every Hochstein orchestral ensemble and participated in NYSSMA All-County Orchestra and Area All-State Orchestra. Joshua has won Hochstein Merit Scholarships several times. He was a two-time medalist in OPUS Music Competition in both 2022 and 2023, and earned second place (no first place was awarded) in his age group at the prestigious Manolov International Music Competition at New York City in 2024. He plays on a violin that he was granted to use by the ChiMei Museum and Foundation in Taiwan, known for housing one of the world's greatest collections of string instruments.

Gabriel Kulick is a junior at Brighton High School who has been playing percussion since fourth grade. For the past eight years, he has studied with Kyle Peters at the Eastman Community Music School (ECMS), where he has also been working to earn his Pre-Collegiate Diploma. Kulick has been a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) for the past four years (named Principal Percussionist for the past three) while also participating in several other ensembles including the ECMS Percussion Ensemble, Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, and Brighton High School Wind Ensemble and Symphony Bands. Gabriel has also been selected to participate in New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-County, Area All-State, Conference All-State, and All-Eastern bands. He was one of the winners of the 2024 David Hochstein Recital Competition.

The **HYSO Concerto Competition** held a very competitive round of auditions in November. In addition to Lin and Kulick, soprano Emma Davies and Eamon Guilbault, tuba, were selected to perform on the May 11 HYSO concert. Special thanks to the HYSO Concerto Competition judges for their time and expertise: Jeanelle Thompson (Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Hochstein Chamber Music Faculty), Rebecca Christainsen (Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra); Lisa Albrecht (Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra); and Rita George Simmons (Hochstein Flute Faculty).

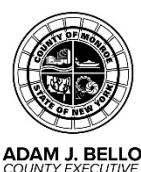
The 84-member HYSO is a full orchestra for advanced strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. This year, there are students from 27 different schools, plus homeschooled students, from around the Rochester area and beyond who come together on Saturday mornings for an accelerated musical experience. The 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 third level of Hochstein's orchestral program, **Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra** is the first full orchestral (winds/brass/strings/percussion) experience students receive at Hochstein. Students learn intermediate to advanced repertoire while refining their orchestral technique.

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

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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 LISTINGS

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

Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony Concert

Saturday, February 8, 2025; 7:30 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

The Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, directed by John Rolland, presents a winter concert of wind band music, including works by John Mackey, Eric Whitacre, Johan de Meij, and Jerry Nowak. Hochstein’s Youth Wind Symphony features wind, percussion, and brass players in grades 9–12. The ensemble meets for six weeks in January and February to prepare music for this concert.

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

HYSO & Philharmonia in Concert

Sunday, February 9, 2025; 2:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; tickets at the door: \$5 general admission

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