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## Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and Spotlight on Faculty Series Wrap Up 2015–16 Season with May Concerts

- May 6 concert features woodwind quintet *Fem Vindar*
- May 8 concert features Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Two concerts at Hochstein Performance Hall in early May showcase the talents of the Hochstein School students and faculty. The Spotlight on Faculty concert, “Masterpieces 2.0,” on **Friday, May 6, at 7:00 pm** features the all-female woodwind quintet **Fem Vindar**. Then on **Sunday, May 8, at 3:00 pm**, the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)**—just back from a tour of Austria and Germany—perform a Mother’s Day concert with director Casey Springstead, conductor apprentice Jonathan Madden, flutist Shannon Chow, and pianist Raymond Feng. [See concert details in the calendar listings below.]

Formed in 2008, **Fem Vindar** (Swedish for “five winds”) focuses on contemporary and accessible quintet music, community performances, and educational outreach. The quintet – all current faculty members of the Hochstein School of Music and dedicated music educators – includes **Julie Smith**, flute; **Terry Fonda Smith**, oboe; **Marcy Bacon**, clarinet; **Kirsta Rodean**, bassoon; and **Colleen Wolf**, horn.

Their May 6 concert includes transcriptions for quintet from Bach’s *Fantasia and Fugue in A minor*, Stravinsky’s *Rite of Spring*, and Dvořák’s *Quartet No. 12, “American.”* This program explores the depth and diversity of tone achievable for the woodwind quintet and offers a different experience from the original masterpieces.

The **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 the recently completed tour to Austria and Germany.

The HYSO’s May 8 Mother’s Day Concert features Glinka’s *Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmilla**; Mussorgsky’s *Night on Bald Mountain*; Jeff Tyzik’s *A Call to Worship*, and Bernstein’s “Symphonic Dances” from *West Side Story*. Flutist

Shannon Chow will be the soloist in *Poem* by Charles T. Griffes and pianist Raymond Feng will play the third movement of the Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor.

**Jonathan Madden**, conductor apprentice, is a senior at Fairport High School. He studies classical piano with Brian Preston and cello with Joan Kinsella. He is the principal cellist for the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra as well as the conductor apprentice for the ensemble. Madden is active in local theater, serving as a pit musician as well as music director. He is also an award-winning solo pianist, composer and arranger. He will be attending St. Olaf College in Minnesota to pursue piano performance and composition.

Flutist **Shannon Chow** is a senior at Fairport High School. She currently studies flute with Hochstein faculty member Diane Smith and has played for nine years. She is a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and won the HYSO Concerto competition in November. She has attended All-County and All-State Festivals numerous times as well as Conference All-State. She also plays in her school's concert band.

A pupil of Elier Suárez since age 5, 14-year-old **Raymond Feng** has performed as piano soloist with orchestras from Rochester to Perugia, Italy, including the Ashdod Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, Genesee Symphony, Greater Buffalo Youth, and Hochstein Youth Symphony orchestras. He was featured on NPR's *From the Top* at Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre and recently was selected as one of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation's Young Scholars of 2016–2018. He is also a violinist and concertmaster of the HYSO.

**About Hochstein:** The Hochstein School of Music & Dance celebrates 95 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, the Hochstein School continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.hochstein.org](http://www.hochstein.org).

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## CALENDAR LISTINGS

### **Spotlight on Faculty: Masterpieces 2.0**

Friday, May 6; 7:00 pm, Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Ave., Rochester 14614  
Tickets at the door: \$5 each, \$10 family maximum. Hochstein students and families are free

Fem Vindar [a woodwind quintet] performs an evening of quintet transcriptions of music by Bach, Stravinsky, and Dvořák. A reception immediately follows the concert.

### **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra: Spring Concert**

Sunday, May 8; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Ave., Rochester 14614  
Tickets at the door: \$5

The spring concert by the 80+ members of the youth orchestra features music by Mussorgsky, Glinka, Tyzik, Griffes, Grieg, and Bernstein with director Casey Springstead, conductor apprentice Jonathan Madden, flutist Shannon Chow, and pianist Raymond Feng.

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