NEWS RELEASE

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonia Perform Winter Concert Featuring Music of Bizet, Rossini, Williams, Grieg, and Gershwin

February 5 concert in Hochstein Performance Hall

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— On Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 2:00 pm, the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO), directed by Casey Springstead, and Philharmonia, directed by John Fetter, perform a joint winter concert. In the first half, Philharmonia performs Grieg’s Symphonic Dances, Fauré’s Sicilienne, and Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue. Then, the HYSO takes the stage for selections from Bizet’s Carmen Suite No. 1 and Hindemith’s Symphonic Metamorphoses, Rossini’s overture to The Barber of Seville, Sibelius’ Finlandia, John Williams’ “Flight to Neverland” from Hook, and Arutiunian’s Concerto for Trumpet with Hochstein Concerto Competition winner Elijah Harrow on trumpet. Pre-concert chamber music begins at 1:40 pm. (See concert details in the calendar listings below.)

The 75-member 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 spring 2016 tour to Austria and Germany.

Philharmonia is a full orchestra providing students in grades 6–11 the opportunity to learn intermediate to advanced repertoire while refining orchestral technique. Led by John Fetter, Director, and Matt Osika, Assistant Director, Philharmonia presents three concerts annually.

Elijah Harrow is a homeschooling sophomore from Honeoye Falls, NY. He has been studying trumpet for five years under the direction of Wesley Nance. In addition to performing with the HYSO, Harrow is a member of the Eastman Community Music School (ECMS) Trumpet Ensemble and the ECMS Brass - continued -
Ensemble. He has also participated in several pit orchestras and just recently returned from a concert series in Zhengzhou, China, where he performed as a section trumpet player with the Yellow River Symphony Orchestra. In 2016, Elijah studied at the Masterworks Festival in Ohio, where he received lessons and played in master classes for Philip Smith, Richard Stoelzel, and Wesley Nance.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School of Music & Dance celebrates 96 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.

**CALENDAR LISTINGS**

**HYSO & Philharmonia Winter Concert**
Sunday, February 5, 2017; 2:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; tickets at the door: $5 general admission

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*The Scholarship Chamber Ensemble Program receives generous support from the Rochester Area Community Foundation and the Society for Chamber Music in Rochester.*

**Youth Wind Symphony Winter Concert**
Saturday, February 11, 2017; 7:30 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

The Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, directed by John Rolland, presents a winter concert of wind band music. 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.

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