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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Performs Spring Concert Featuring Music by Brahms, Prokofiev, Dvořák, and Gershwin

May 14 concert in Hochstein Performance Hall

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—On **Sunday, May 14, at 3:00 pm**, the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)**, directed by Casey Springstead, performs its spring concert. The program includes Brahms' *Tragic Overture*; "Montagues and Capulets" from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*; Dvořák's *Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No. 2*; and Gershwin's *An American in Paris*. The concert also features two HYSO Concerto Competition Winners – **Elena Guo**, oboe, performs the first movement of Vaughan Williams' *Concerto for Oboe* and **Oliver Lindblom**, trombone, performs Grøndahl's *Concerto for Trombone*. The concert is free and open to the public.

Photos of the two soloists, director Casey Springstead, and the full orchestra are available for download at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4gOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?usp=sharing>

Oliver Lindblom of Rochester is a homeschooled senior and has studied trombone with Jeffrey Gray and Ben David Aronson. He has served as principal trombone of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra for the past four years. He is also a member of Hochstein's Honors Trombone Choirs and in 2016, participated in Carnegie Hall's NYO2 intensive summer program. Oliver is a student leader on Charles Finney School's FIRST Robotics Team 1405 and runs competitively with the Genesee Valley Harriers. He will be attending RIT in the fall as a mechanical engineering major on an Air Force ROTC scholarship.

Elena Guo of Pittsford is a sophomore at Pittsford Mendon High School and has been playing oboe for approximately seven years. She was enrolled in the Eastman Community Music School program and currently studies oboe with Kelsey Stewart. She has been a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra since

eighth grade and has accompanied the Hochstein Singers for a few concerts. She also has participated in the NYSSMA and MCSMA solo fests and concerts every year. In addition to music, Elena enjoys art and drawing.

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 2016 tour to Austria and Germany and the upcoming tour of Portugal and Spain in spring 2018.

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 LISTING

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

Sunday, May 14, 2017; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free and open to the public.

The spring concert by the 75-member Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra features music by Brahms, Prokofiev, Dvořák, and Gershwin, with director Casey Springstead and soloists Elena Guo, oboe, and Oliver Lindblom, trombone.