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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Join Forces for Joint Summer Pops Concert

Free concert on Sunday, August 19 at Hochstein Performance Hall

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Young musicians from the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)** and **Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (RPYO)**, join forces for a concert of Pops music this summer. Members of these two fine youth orchestras will perform music from Broadway musicals, blockbuster movies, and operas, including selections from Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Oklahoma*, *E.T.*, *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*, and Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, among others. **Paul Shewan** conducts the joint orchestra, with trumpet soloist **Herb Smith** on "I Can't Get Started," a jazz standard by Vernon Duke and Ira Gershwin. Smith and Shewan will also be featured together on Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets. This free concert is on **Sunday, August 19 at 3:00 pm** in the Hochstein Performance Hall.

Paul Shewan is Professor of Conducting and Trumpet at Roberts Wesleyan College, where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and the Orchestra, and teaches trumpet, brass ensembles, and instrumental conducting. He earned a Master's degree in Trumpet Performance and a Doctorate in Conducting from the Eastman School of Music, and has returned to Eastman as a visiting professor of conducting. He is a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra trumpet section and a frequent RPO guest conductor and also has performed as soloist and conductor on the *Live from Hochstein* concert series.

Herb Smith is third trumpet with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and began playing in the orchestra after graduation. He also plays with his own jazz quartet and as a substitute player for the Chautauqua Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and Portland Symphony (Maine). He has played with many notable artists, including Wynton Marsalis, Al Jarreau, Natalie Cole, Doc Severinsen, and The O'Jays. He also teaches trumpet at Eastman and SUNY Geneseo, writes musical arrangements for local bands, and composed a full-length ballet for Garth Fagan Dance.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School celebrates 97 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, Hochstein 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.

About HYSO: The HYSO is an advanced youth orchestra comprised of approximately 80 students in grades 7-12 from throughout the Rochester region. The primary goal of HYSO is to create a community of talented young musicians through the rigorous study of classical symphony orchestra literature. Each season the orchestra presents three full programs in the historic Hochstein Performance Hall. The HYSO has performed at Carnegie Hall and has toured and performed in Austria, France, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, Ireland, Portugal, and Spain. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org/ensembles/orchestras/HYSO.

About RPYO: The Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is a symphonic orchestra comprised of about 100 of the most accomplished middle- and high-school musicians from more than 30 schools from 5 different counties around the greater Rochester area. A component of the Education Department of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the RPYO was founded in 1970 to provide highly enriching musical ensemble experiences to very accomplished young musicians from varied backgrounds. Each year the RPYO presents three full programs of major symphonic works, as well as special outreach concerts. RPYO has toured and performed in Italy, France, Eastern Europe, England, Germany, New York City, and Canada. In 2017, the RPYO performed in Carnegie Hall. For more information, visit www.rpyo.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

Summer Pops Concert by Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) and Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (RPYO)

Sunday, August 19, 2018; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free and open to the public.

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