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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Performs Spring Concert Featuring Music by Bizet, Ravel, Shostakovich, Rimsky- Korsakov, and Rachmaninoff

May 12 concert in Hochstein Performance Hall features HYSO soloists

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— On **Sunday, May 12, at 3:00 pm**, the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)**, directed by Casey Springstead, performs its Mother's Day concert, featuring four talented musicians who are graduating this spring. The program includes selections from Bizet's *Carmen*, Ravel's *Pavane pour une infante défunte*, Shostakovich's *Festive Overture*, Russell Scarbrough's *Solaces*, and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol*.

The concert features HYSO Concerto Competition Winner **Raymond Feng** performing the first movement from Rachmaninoff's epic Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor and HYSO Concerto Competition Winner **Grace Taylor** performing the first movement of Jacob's delightful Concerto for Horn and Strings. HYSO Conductor Apprentices **Nicholas Kinney** and **Nicole Page** conduct the orchestra in two selections. **See below for a calendar listing for this and other upcoming Hochstein events.**

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

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

Raymond Feng (Pittsford), a senior at Pittsford Sutherland High School, studies piano with Elier Suarez and violin with Nancy Hunt. Since age 9, Raymond has been a top prizewinner of numerous international and national piano competitions, such as the West Virginia International Piano Competition, Thousand Islands Chopin International Piano Competition, David D. Dubois Piano Competition, Claudette Sorel Piano Competition, Arthur Fraser International Piano Competition, and MostArts Piano Competition, among others. He was honored to receive the Rochester Music Hall of Fame's 2019 Douglas Lowry Award on April 27. As piano soloist, he has collaborated with orchestras in Perugia, Italy, Boston, Chicago, Austin, Rochester, Ithaca, and others in upstate New York. His concerto performance with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra was broadcast on NPR's

From the Top radio show. Raymond was selected as a 2016-2018 Lang Lang International Music Foundation Young Scholar and was invited to perform at the 2018 Grammy Salute to Classical Music concert in honor of Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday. Major concert venues Raymond has performed at include Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium, Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre, Merkin Concert Hall in New York City, Sanders Theatre at Harvard University, and Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park in Chicago. As a violinist, Raymond serves as the concertmaster of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and was also the conductor apprentice for the 2017-2018 season.

Grace Taylor (Greece) is a graduating senior at Greece Odyssey Academy. She has been playing horn for eight years and has been affiliated with The Hochstein School for six years. Grace has been studying with Colleen Wolf since eighth grade and will continue her studies by double majoring in horn performance and music education at Nazareth College. She has been with the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra for four years and has been principal horn for the past two years. She also has participated in the Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony for the past four years and the Junior Wind Symphony for two years. She also had the opportunity to perform in a scholarship woodwind quintet at Hochstein under the direction of Diane Smith for two years. Grace has been in All-County, Area All-State, and Conference All-State bands, orchestras, and ensembles.

Nicole Page (Penfield) is a senior at Penfield High School has been studying flute with Julie Oris-Heikkula for nine years. She became involved with Hochstein in middle school through the Hochstein Junior Wind Symphony, and is now pleased to be Principal Flute and Piccolo of both HYSO and the Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony. Nicole also has studied piano and recently began studying viola. She plans to major in physics for her undergraduate degree before attending medical school.

Nicholas Kinney (Pittsford) is a senior at Pittsford Sutherland High School. Nick has been a cellist in HYSO for five years. When not playing the cello or conducting, Nick is an avid thespian, participating in theater groups all over the Rochester area. He recently portrayed Juan Peron in *Evita* at his high school, as well as Hal in *Proof*, a play at Spotlight Theater Arts. Nick plans to pursue musical theater in college.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein's vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Philharmonia, Sinfonia, and Concertino Strings Spring Concert

Sunday, May 5, 2019; 7:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

Musicians in Hochstein's Philharmonia (grades 6-11) and Sinfonia (grades 4-9), directed by John Fetter and Matt Osika, and Concertino Strings (grades 1-5), directed by Marcos Kreutzer, give a free joint concert. The program includes the Baroque-inspired Suite for Strings by John Diercks, *Bold Venture* by M. L. Daniels, and selections from Felix Mendelssohn's *Athalie*. Both Sinfonia and Philharmonia will each perform a new work by Hochstein faculty member Matt Osika, as part of the Young Composers' Collaboration Project.

David Hochstein Recital Competition Concert

Friday, May 10, 2019; 7:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; free and open to the public; a reception follows the performance.

The 2019 David Hochstein Recital Competition winners – Sam Reeder, clarinet, and Andrew Guo, violin – perform a free concert, which will be recorded for later broadcast on WXXI-FM Classical 91.5. Since 1991, The Hochstein School has commemorated the life of David Hochstein – Rochester native and gifted violinist and composer – with a yearly competition for local upper-level high school students. Hochstein is proud to honor his legacy by celebrating and encouraging these talented young musicians.

HYSO Mother's Day Concert

Sunday, May 12, 2019; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; tickets at the door: \$5 general admission

Musicians from the 75-member Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, directed by Casey Springstead, perform selections by Bizet, Ravel, Shostakovich, Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninoff, and more, with solos by HYSO Concerto Competition winners Raymond Feng and Grace Taylor. HYSO members Nicole Page and Nicholas Kinney are Conductor Apprentices for this concert.

2019 Honors Convocation

Friday, May 31, 2019; 7:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

Hochstein showcases the Merit Scholarship winners in grades 5-12 in this special student performance concert. The scholarship winners were selected during auditions that were held February–March 2019.

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