HONORING 32 CAROLINA YOUTH SYMPHONY SENIORS

The CYS Senior Honors Concert was held on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3:00 pm at McAlister Auditorium at Furman University. The concert featured all three CYS orchestras and spotlighted the 32 seniors in the CYS program. Ginger Greer conducted the Repertory Orchestra, James Kilgus led the Concert Orchestra, and Leslie W. Hicken conducted the Symphony Orchestra.



SO Senior Will Harris was the soloist with the SO and performed *Concerto for Marimba*, Mvt. I & III by Ney Rosauro. Will recently graduated from Eastside High School and the Fine Arts Center. He is the son of John and Priscilla Harris of Greenville. He studied percussion for twelve years and is the student of Gary Robinson and Tom Reaves of Greenville. He was a member of CYS for four years and was the recipient of the Cathryn B.

Crouch Award for Outstanding Underclass Musician and the Alexander Crouch Award for Outstanding Senior Service. Will was accepted to Furman University, The Curtis Institute of Music, The Eastman School of Music and the Julliard School and plans to major in percussion performance at Furman University.

The RO performed *Gateways*, a collaboration between RO members and Dr. Thomas Bough. Narrators were Sonja Condit Coppenbarger and Charles Baldwin. Ginger Greer conducted the piece with the RO.

Additionally, CYS conducting intern, Charles Baldwin, conducted the SO in *Hungarian Dances 5 & 6.*

During the concert plaques were presented to all the CYS seniors, and each received a CYS pin in recognition of their participation in CYS. In addition, the following awards were presented:

Robin Scott Blackburn Award for Outstanding Service and Musicianship: Juniors Silas Losh and Julia Jacobsen

Cathryn Crouch Award for Outstanding Underclass Musician: Ivana Carlson

Outstanding Musical Contribution to CYS: Seniors Nick England, Tyler Gillespie, Andrew Kevic, and Jason Williams.

Most Years of Service: Isaiah Adderholdt

Robert Chesebro award for Most Outstanding Senior Musician: Jordan Hembree

Following a spectacular concert, musicians, their families and friends gathered for a delightful reception sponsored by the CYS Parent Guild. As this is often the last concert for the Seniors, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to speak to the conductors and staff and say goodbye to their fellow musicians as they head off to pursue amazing opportunities.

FROM THE CYS PARENT GUILD

The Parent Guild is pleased to report we were able to present the Carolina Youth Symphony Board of Directors with \$4,000. These funds help provide financial support for needed things like summer CYS camp, scholarships for CYS members to attend summer camps/workshops and sectional instructors for our amazing musicians throughout the year.

How is this possible?

Last October, our ONLY fundraising event at the Greenville Little Theater was a benefit performance of *Wait until Dark*. The Parent Guild coordinates ticket sales and refreshments for the patrons. The event includes an evening of theater, good food, friends and music. Wow – Fall is around the corner! This year's *The Game's Afoot* (a murderously funny mystery) is planned for October 30 at 7 pm. We hope to see you there.

Who are we?

The Parent Guild is composed of the parents and guardians of all the students in the Repertory Orchestra, Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra. Our goal is to support CYS by helping at concerts, providing concert ushers, staffing the ticket and CD tables, aiding in fundraising, serving refreshments to the musicians before concerts, coordinating receptions after concerts and much more.

John and Kathryn Heeney, CYS Parent Guild Co-Presidents

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CARNEGIE HALL TRIP OUR 7TH CONCERT

The Carnegie Trip was a tremendous success! 121 people on three buses traveled to New York for four days of rehearsals and activities leading up to the performance at 1:00 pm on Easter Sunday, April 21. The Carnegie performance was inspiring. The students were focused on the performance and worked very well as a team under the leadership of Dr. Hicken.

The group rehearsed every day, including the dress rehearsal at Carnegie Hall on the morning of the concert. Activities were worked around rehearsals. Possibly the most popular was the performance of "Frozen" on Broadway, but other favorites included the planetarium show at the American Museum of Natural History and the Lincoln Center tour. And the dinner cruise after the concert was the perfect way to finish the trip.

Additionally the students toured Battery Park, Ground Zero and Chinatown. After a dinner in Chinatown on Saturday night, the students went to the top of the Empire State Building. The view was incredible

Of course, New York restaurants are always unique. A favorite is Ellen's Stardust Diner, where the waiters are also Broadway-quality singers. The CYS went to eat at Ellen's the first night in New York- a fabulous kick-off to the tour. They also ate at Hard Rock Café before the play on Saturday, and then had dessert after the play at Planet Hollywood. Dinner in Chinatown on Sunday night was at The Golden Unicorn.

The Carnegie trip remains a transformative experience for the CYS students. They are truly moved by the magnitude of the opportunity to perform where all of the Great Musicians of our time have played. The students are very professional, arriving at rehearsals on time and having fun but never forgetting the real purpose of the trip and their behavior reflects that understanding. After CYS performed, a woman was overheard saying that CYS was actually a group of unionized professional musicians, not young people. What a testament to the caliber and talent of these students. No wonder CYS keeps getting asked to perform again and again at Carnegie Hall.













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FROM THE CONDUCTOR

We are very excited about the upcoming season for the Carolina Youth Symphony! We have over 230 students distributed amongst our three orchestras and we are very impressed with the level of talent that will be joining us this year.

Last season, all of our orchestras reached levels of artistry and musicianship that were significant in the growth of this organization. Ms. Greer's Repertory Orchestra premiered a commissioned composition written specifically for her ensemble. It was a huge success with the audience and a meaningful creative experience for her students. Mr. Kilgus brought his



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signature energy and passion for young people every week at rehearsals and concerts of the Concert Orchestra. Their performance of Copland's "Hoe Down" was an immense achievement for his young musicians.

The Symphony Orchestra had many memorable moments as well. Among them was the appearance of CYS Alumnus Dr. Gordon Hicken soloing with the orchestra at the Peace Center. This performance coincided with our "Side by Side" concert including the members of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. We will also long remember our 7th performance at New York City's historic Carnegie Hall. This concert was enthusiastically received by the New York audience and will live long in our memory as one of those "mountain top" musical experiences.

We are looking forward to beginning our 64th season of the Carolina Youth Symphony with our Camp Greenville Concert on Sunday, August 18th beginning at 2:00 pm.

Please come and share with me the music making of our talented young musicians as we begin our concert season. We will look forward to seeing you at all of our performances throughout the year.

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Leslie W. Hicken

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CAROLINA YOUTH SYMPHONY 2019-20 SEASON

CYS Summer Camp YMCA Camp Greenville August 16-18, 2019

CYS Summer Camp Concert

Sunday, August 18, 2019 2:00pm Airnaisium at YMCA Camp Greenville

Cleveland, South Carolina 2:00pm

CYS Fall Side by Side Concert Sunday, October 20, 2019 5:00 pm **Peace Center**

Side by Side concert with 21 GSO members and special guest alumnus of CYS.

CYS/Greenville Theatre Fundraiser Wednesday, October 30, 2019 **Greenville Theatre 7-10pm**

CYS Holiday Concert CYS/Rotary Reedy River Greenville-Gift to the Community Sunday, December 8, 2019 3:00pm **McAlister Auditorium, Furman University**

Carolina Youth Symphony Concerts at the Gunter Theatre of the Peace Center Sunday, March 1, 2020 3:00pm and 7:00pm 3:00pm Repertory and Concert **Orchestras Concert** 7:00pm Symphony Orchestra **Concerto Concert**

> Sunday, May 3, 2020 3:00pm **CYS Senior Honors Concert McAlister Auditorium Furman University**

featuring the spectacular graduating seniors of the Carolina Youth Symphony. Join us for a reception following the concert.

> **Furman Lakeside Concert Series** Thursday, June 4, 2020 7:30pm CYS Pops Orchestra Guest Artists Furman Lakeside Concert Series By the Lake at Furman

CAROLINA YOUTH SYMPHONY CAMP

For the 20th year, CYS will jump start the concert season with our Summer Camp August 16-18 at Camp Greenville in Cleveland, South Carolina. With young people from 80 schools, 42 cities and 2 states, the weekend gives them a much needed opportunity to meet and bond over a weekend of rehearsals, group activities, recreational time, a bonfire and square dancing. Camp will conclude with a performance on Sunday August 18th at 2:00PM. The concert is free and open to the public.

CYS MUSICIANS SHINE

All State Junior Orchestra

Agatha Sultan, Cello Michelle West, Cello Nathan Collot Viola Charlotte Whitesell, Viola Anva Barringer, Violin Luke Bleuel, Violin,

Asst. Concert Master Andy Lin, Violin laimie Park, Violin Caroline Phillips, Violin Henry Sun, Violin Anna Voelk, Violin Lindsey Rivers, Violin

All State Senior Orchestra

Diana Ilie, Cello Roman Marcano, Cello Roger Hu, Clarinet Ashley White, Double Bass Matthew Almy, Double Bass Chase Harvey, Tuba Gabriel Boyd, Viola Abigail Lenz, Viola Ilan Falcon, Violin Hayden Green, Violin Alvin Hong, Violin Lindsay Liu. Violin Cameron Tsai, Violin, Principal 2nd

All State Senior Honors Orchestra

Audrey Goodwin, Bass Caitlyn Leonard, Cello Stephan Voelk, Cello Will Harris, Percussion, First Chair Beau Moore, Trombone, First Chair Nick England, Viola, First Chair Hailev Xu. Viola Christopher Koscher, Viola Lindsay Liu, Violin Emma McFall, Violin Elizabeth Yuill, Violin

All State Jazz Band

Charlie Smith, Trumpet

All State Clinic Band

Kinsley Brock, Flute Marshall Gilmer, Trombone Chase Harvey, Tuba, First Chair Roger Hu, Clarinet Sarah Scholz, Clarinet Charlie Smith, Trumpet

All State Junior Band

lack Fitel Trombone Stephanie Hu, Clarinet Ethan Hunt, French Horn Spencer Jones, Trombone, First Chair Buddy Miller, Trombone Kendrick Miller, Clarinet Abigail Nelsen, Clarinet Tanva Warren Flute

All State Senior Band

Nathan Bond, Bassoon Ellie Cannon, Trombone Will Harris, Percussion, First Chair Jordan Hembree, French Horn Beau Moore, Trombone, First Chair Connor Nelson, Trumpet Kj Reynolds, Percussion Jason Williams, Alto Sax . Fannie Xuan, Flute, First Chair

Region Iunior Orchestra

Emma Guth, Cello Ethan Lee, Cello

Owen Pan. Cello Agatha Sultan, Cello, First Chair Michelle West, Cello Carter McCauley, Viloir lacob Cline, Viola Nathan Collot Viola Charlotte Whitesell, Viola Anya Barringer, Violin, First Chair Luke Bleuel, Violin, First Chair Olivia Corvin, Violin Andy Lin, Violin laimie Park Violin Caroline Phillips, Violin Lindsey Rivers, Violin Henry Sun, Violin Sabrina Yang, Violin

Region Senior Orchestra Audrey Goodwin, Bass, First Chair

Isabelle Dugle, Cello

Ryan Battaglia, Cello, First Chair

Diana Ilie, Cello, First Chair Caitlyn Leonard, Cello Roman Marcano, Cello Stephan Voelk, Cello Ashley White, Double Bass Matthew Almy, String Bass Gabriel Boyd, Viola Nick England, Viola, First Chair Jordan Gross, Viola Abigail Lenz, Viola Hailev Xu. Viola Rebecca Dickson, Viola Christopher Koscher, Viola Ilan Falcon, Violin Hayden Green, Violin Alvin Hong, Violin Mia Kim, Violin Lindsay Liu, Violin Emma McFall Violin First Chair Lydia Son, Violin Cameron Tsai, Violin Anna Voelk, Violin Rohit Rajagopalan, Violin Elizabeth Yuill, Violin

Region Alternate Band

Margaret Wang, French Horn, First Chair Brandon Dean, Oboe

Region Clinic Band

John Li, Alto Sax, First Chair Amelia Caputo, Bassoon, First Chair Emily Yi, Clarinet, First Chair Kinsley Brock, Flute, First Chair lill Brown French Horn First Chair Hannah Cory, Oboe Sydney Fulcher, Oboe, First Chair Preston Spisak, Percussion, First Chair Marshall Gilmer, Trombone

John Phillips, Trumpet Region Junior Band

Tanva Warren, Flute, First Chair Jude Swire-Clark, French Horn Spencer Jones, Trombone, First Chair

Region Senior Band

Thomas Scholz, Alto Sax, First Chair Caitlin Roberson, Clarinet, First Chair Megan Eubanks, Flute Emma Swire-Clark Flute Maxwell Canipe, Oboe, First Chair Liz Dillard, Oboe Ellie Cannon, Trombone Beau Moore, Trombone, First Chair

Connor Nelson, Trumpet

All County Junior Orchestra

Ethan Lee, Cello laimie Park, Violin, First Chair Jacob Cline, Viola Michelle West, Cello Luke Bleuel, Violin Caroline Phillips, Violin Lindsey Rivers, Violin, First Chair Andy Lin, Violin Emma Guth, Cello Carter McCauley, Viloin Henry Sun, Violin

All County Senior Orchestra

Lanie West, Cello Alvin Hong, Violin Audrey Goodwin Bass, First Chair Ryan Battaglia, Cello Jordan Gross, Viola, First Chair Lindsay Liu, Violin, First Chair Ashley White, Double Bass, First Chair Rohit Rajagopalan, Violin

All County Junior Band

Ethan Hunt, French Horn, First Chair Buddy Miller, Trombone, First Chair Jude Swire-Clark, French Horn Kendrick Miller, Clarinet Stephanie Hu. Clarinet Tanya Warren, Flute, First Chair Abigail Nelsen, Clarinet

All County Senior Band

Iohn Li, Alto Sax Charlie Smith, Trumpet Hannah Cory, Oboe, First Chair Marshall Gilmer, Trombone Fannie Xuan, Flute, First Chair Brandon Dean, Oboe Emma Swire-Clark, Flute, First Chair Ellie Cannon, Trombone Amelia Caputo, Bassoon, First Chair Kinsley Brock, Flute John Phillips Trumpet Jason Williams, Alto Sax, First Chair Emma Swire-Clark, Flute, First Chair

All County Senior Wind Ensemble

Connor Nelson, Trumpet Nathan Bond, Bassoon, First Chair Emily Yi, Clarinet Chase Harvey, Tuba, First Chair Sydney Fulcher, Oboe, First Chair KI Revnolds, Percussion, First Chair Beau Moore, Trombone Megan Eubanks, Flute Preston Spisak, Percussion, First Chair Margaret Wang, French Horn

Other Honors Ensembles

lordan Hembree. French Horn. Concerto Soloist with Dorman Symphony Orchestra, SCBDA Master's Recital Diana Ilie. Cello. Honors Performance Series Connor Nelson, Trumpet, SCMEA Conference-Mauldin High Wind Ensemble

Hailey Xu, Viola, NYO2 Ashley White, Double Bass, SCMEA Conference-School Orchestra.

Ellie Cannon, Trombone, USC Honor Band

Chay Katherine, Cello, NC All State