



MYSO

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra

65TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

May 1st 2024

PETER LIPARI, DIRECTOR

PROGRAM

Welcome by Mike Gorcowski
MYSO Board of Directors Vice-President

- Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key
Orchestrated by Montgomery Henry, MYSO Member
- Concert Fanfare Mike McFerron
A World Premiere written in celebration of MYSO's 65th Anniversary
- Othello Suite Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
- I. Dance
 - II. Children's Intermezzo
 - III. Funeral March
 - IV. The Willow Song
 - V. Military March
- A Song of the Wind Yeeun Sim
2024 MYSO Composition Competition Winner

Senior Recognition

- Romance Philippe Gaubert
Featuring MYSO Alumni
Jennifer Gosack Darwell (flute) and Melanie Brsan Villasenor (piano)
- Rumba Peter Martin
Featuring MYSO Alumni
Michael Roszyk, Violin, Marianne Roszyk, Cello, Melanie Brsan Villasenor, Piano
- Finale from Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, Op. 36 Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
With MYSO Alumni Special Guests

VIOLIN I

Lauren Raimbault, *Concertmaster*
The Nicolette Bellos Memorial Chair

Jacob Sever
Abigail Hogan
Lilia Stahr
Brian Baron
Carmen Mora
Juliana DeBoer
Holly Keenon

VIOLIN II

Matthew Budde, *principal*
Benjamin Gonzalez III
Kate Goranson
Carly Goranson
Moirra Dunn
Teresa Mora
Diana Sanchez
Laney Andrys

VIOLA

Madeline Hobbs, *principal*
Joey Brueggmann
Jesus Cruz
Elizabeth Reyes
Heather Williams

CELLO

Michael Del Rio, *principal*
Andrew Patterson
Esme Bryson
Ava Kronenberger
Johnny Sever
Alondra Cruz
Rauri O'Hara
Maddie Bernard
Mickey Webber

CONTRABASS

David Quintana

FLUTE

Miles Solita, *principal*
Natalie Medina
Kaylen Peterson
Jose Perez

OBOE

Sam King, *principal*
Montgomery Henry
Carolina Jorge

CLARINET

Finn Chellino, *principal*
Lucas Vergara
Kylie Suslek

BASSOON

Lance Bitoy, *principal*
Cathryn Governale

HORN

Drew Mohr, *principal*
Grace Guglielmi
Alexa Peterson
Brendan Chew

TRUMPET

River Merlin, *principal*
Grant Gallardo
Kristen Wessel
Huggo Perez
Jeremy Lannan

TROMBONE

Hunter Hook
Trenity Guine
Anabel Herrera
Oliver Feltz

TUBA

Sam Coffey

PERCUSSION

Aidan Bowman, *principal*
Jake Patterson
Devan Szopinski

PIANO

Melanie Brsan Villasenor

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PETER LIPARI MUSIC DIRECTOR

Music Director Peter Lipari is an accomplished conductor of musical groups in the United States and abroad. His lively styles of conducting and audience interaction win the hearts of musicians and concertgoers alike.

Maestro Lipari is the Director of Orchestras at Joliet Township High School. He is also the Music Director of the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Singers, and Festival Orchestra.

A musical leader of passion, initiative and vision, he has conducted orchestra, choral, opera, and musical theater performances by groups including:

- Chicago's Grant Park Orchestra, Rockford Symphony, L'Opera Piccola, Chicago Musical College & Light Opera Works
- St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Sioux City Symphony Orchestra, Eugene (Oregon) Opera & Ohio Light Opera
- Spoleto Festivals, both in Italy & the U.S.
- Bournemouth Sinfonietta, City of Southampton Orchestra, & London Mozart Players in England
- Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in Australia

Maestro Lipari is a passionate advocate for a symphony's involvement in the community, an enthusiastic proponent of contemporary music, and has led more than a dozen world and national premieres. He holds a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in orchestral conducting from Northwestern University. He also studied at the University of London as a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, earning a post-graduate diploma in music.

MYSO 2023-2024 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 30, 2024 6:30pm
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YEEUN SIM

2024 COMPOSITION COMPETITION RECIPIENT

Yeeun Sim (b.2002) is a composer and pianist from rural Seosan, South Korea. She aims to create various atmospheres in her music, inspired by nature, paintings, books, imaginative spaces, and other sources, to draw emotions from her audience. Sim's main objective as a musician is to convey her messages and feelings through her music while considering its influence in the context of diverse audiences. Particularly, she is interested in not only the artistic meaning

of music itself but also music being meaningful as a question to the audience so that they can think about different topics after listening. Moreover, she thinks that music can be a language that can communicate with various emotions that are not easily articulated verbally. Sim believes that art can influence people in diverse areas in numerous ways, which have the potential that can cause a big change in the world.

Sim is a prize-winning composer who won Second Prize in the Senior International Division of Golden Key Piano Composition Competition in 2020 and was a finalist of the 2022 ASCAP Morton Gould Composer Award and 13th Fidelio International Piano Composition Contest. She attended the 2022 RED NOTE New Music Festival, 2023 Mostly Modern Festival, 2023 Norfolk Chamber Music Festival New Music Workshop, and 2023 Brevard Summer Music Festival. She participated in the masterclass hosted by Bright Sheng, Missy Mazzoli, Jessie Montgomery, and Mercedes Zavala and got lessons from Samuel Adler, Martin Bresnick, Robert Aldridge, David Dzubay, Mara Gibson, Robert Paterson, and Stephen Cabell. Sim's work has won a 1st place in call for scores hosted by Liminal Space Ensemble. Her works have also been performed by notable ensembles, such as Hub New Music, Tacet(i) Ensemble, and Neave Trio.

Sim started learning piano at the age of 5 and studying composition with Professor Baickho Cha when she was 15 years old. She graduated from Gyeonggi Arts High School in 2021, where she performed many of her early works as a composer and several piano pieces as a pianist. During her high school years, Sim collaborated with many musician friends and participated in Gyeonggi Arts High School Orchestra, Choir, and Wind Band. She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in Composition at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, studying with Dr. Kevin Puts.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Lance Bitoy (bassoon) has been a part of MYSO for three seasons, having become a member in the fall of 2021. He is graduating from Bolingbrook High School.

Aidan Bowman (percussion) has been in MYSO for one season. He is graduating from Plainfield South High School and will be attending Iowa State University to major in Aerospace Engineering. He has received an Academic Scholarship and plans to continue playing in band throughout college.

Joey Brueggmann (viola) is graduating from Lincoln-Way West and has been a member of MYSO for one year. He will be studying Biomedical Engineering at Michigan State University. Joey is an AP Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, and a National Honor Society Officer.

Finn Chellino (clarinet) has been a MYSO member for two years. He graduates from Joliet West High School and will be pursuing Clarinet Performance at the University of Illinois. He was selected for the ILMEA All-State Honors Band. His favorite memory is when he forgot to switch his clarinets at rehearsal!

Sam Coffey (tuba) has been a MYSO member collectively for 2.5 years. He will soon be a Joliet West High School graduate with plans to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago Honors College for Economics and then Law. He is the recipient of the UIC Presidents Award.

Maira Dunn (violin) has been in MYSO for two seasons and will be graduating from Joliet Central High School.

Maddie Hobbs (viola) is graduating from Joliet West High School with plans to pursue Music Technology at JJC. She hopes to double major in audio engineering and music education. She has been in the MYSO viola section for two seasons.

River Merlin (trumpet) will be graduating from Plainfield South High School with plans to pursue Emergency Medical Services at JJC and ultimately become a medic/firefighter. He has been a MYSO member for two seasons.

Jose Perez (flute) has been in MYSO for less than one season, but has enjoyed it nonetheless. Upon graduating from Joliet West High School, he will be majoring in Mathematic at the University of Michigan. He will always remember the time that Mr. Lipari was conducting the Martha Overture and he put his hands up in the air.

Kaylen Peterson (flute) has been in MYSO for one full season. She is graduating from Minooka High School and will be attending DePaul University to major in Biological Sciences. She is the recipient of the DePaul Presidential Scholarship, a Division I Solo & Ensemble Award, and High Honor Roll recognition.

David Quintana (string bass) has been in MYSO for two seasons and has been a 'bass section of one' for one of those seasons. After graduating from Joliet West High School, he will be studying Music Performance at Illinois State University. His favorite memory was walking into MYSO for the first time and seeing the incredible music we were going to play alongside fellow amazing musicians.

Elizabeth Reyes (viola) is graduating from Joliet West High School and has been a member of MYSO for one season. She has plans to study Zoology at JJC and Santa Fe. Besides performing music with MYSO, she has enjoyed hanging out with friends before concerts and during rehearsal breaks.

Miles Solita (flute) is a senior at Plainfield South High School with plans to attend JJC for Electrical Engineering. He is the principal player in MYSO, PSHS Wind Ensemble, and in the PSHS Marching Cougars as a section leader. He performed in the Southwest Prairie Conference Honor Band Festival for the past four years. He This fall he was selected to perform in the ILMEA All-district festival and this winter he was selected to perform the Chaminade Concertino for the PSHS Wind Ensemble. Miles has won the outstanding musician award at PSHS three years in a row.

Kylie Suslek (clarinet) has been a part of MYSO for one season. She is graduating from Plainfield South High School and will be attending UIUC to major in Astrophysics. She has enjoyed all of the MYSO rehearsals because it's fun to be able to talk to people she wouldn't have known otherwise!

Mickey Webber (cello) has been in the MYSO cello section for two seasons. He is graduating from Joliet West High School with plans of studying STEM or engineering in the future. His favorite MYSO memories include playing pieces like Mars, Othello and Festive Overture.

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