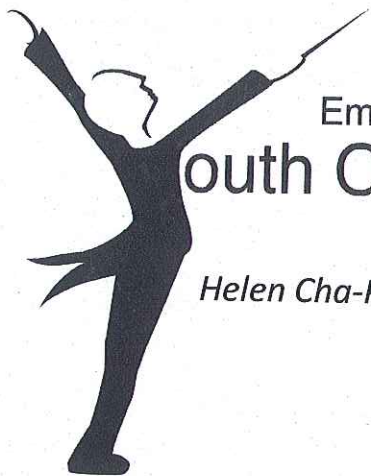


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Empire State
Youth Orchestras

Helen Cha-Pyo, Music Director

SENIORS' CONCERT
OCTOBER 24, 2012 - 1:00 PM
PROCTORS THEATRE



PROGRAM

Empire State Youth Orchestra *Helen Cha-Pyo, Conductor*

Introduced by Liz Bishop, CBS 6 / Albany

Academic Festival Overture Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Second Essay, Op. 17 Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Excerpts from Cello Concerto No. 1 in Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
A minor, Op. 33

- I. *Allegro non troppo*
- II. *Allegretto con moto*
- III. *Allegro non troppo*

Jacob Efthimiou, *cello*,
2012 Lois Lyman Concerto Competition Winner

Excerpts from Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Op. 36 (1840-1893)

- I. *Andante sostenuto – Moderato con anima – Moderato assai, quasi Andante – Allegro vivo*
- II. *Andantino in modo di canzona*
- III. *Scherzo. Pizzicato ostinato – Allegro*
- IV. *Finale. Allegro con fuoco*

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Helen Cha-Pyo, Music Director and Youth Orchestra Conductor

For the past ten years, Music Director Helen Cha-Pyo has inspired hundreds of young musicians to perform at the highest levels, resulting in Empire State Youth Orchestras (ESYO) being recognized as one of the premier music organizations for youth in the United States. As Conductor of ESYO's Youth Orchestra, Ms. Cha-Pyo has programmed a wide range of music embracing many different cultures. Her vision resulted in ESYO being awarded a \$100,000 grant to partially fund a music festival that commissioned nine pieces (one for each of ESYO's nine ensembles), and winning three prestigious ASCAP awards for programming. She has conducted the orchestra in outstanding concert halls including Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, the Massry Center for the Arts, EMPAC, Tanglewood's Ozawa Hall, and Carnegie Hall. She has led the orchestra on two international tours: to Europe in 2008, and to China and South Korea in 2012.

From 1996 to 2002, Ms. Cha-Pyo served as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Riverside Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir and Associate Director of Music at The Riverside Church in New York City. A committed music educator, she pioneered the Riverside Music Educational Program, which served thousands of New York City public-school children. She has recorded 3 CDs with the Riverside Choir under the JAV label.

In 2010, Ms. Cha-Pyo was appointed Artistic Director for Kenya Jirani Choir and Harlem Jirani Ensemble of the Jirani Cultural Organization. She travels regularly to Kenya and Korea to oversee artistic activities and train music staff and the choirs. In 2011 she toured Korea with Kenya Jirani Choir and conducted its 5th anniversary concert at the famed Sejong Cultural Hall in Seoul.

Born in Seoul, Ms. Cha-Pyo immigrated to the USA when she was 12. She studied piano and organ in the Pre-College Program at The Juilliard School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Organ Performance from Oberlin Conservatory and Master of Music degrees in conducting and organ performance from the Eastman School of Music. She has conducted orchestras and choruses in the United States, Africa, Asia, and Europe and annually travels to Korea to teach and lecture at conductors' seminars. She resides in New Jersey with her husband and two sons.

Jacob Efthimiou has been a member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra since 2009. In July 2012, he was principal cellist during ESYO's concert tour in China and South Korea. His many accomplishments include winning the New York Summer Music Festival's 2012 concerto competition and 3rd prize in the 2012 Anthony R. Stefan Scholarship Competition. Along with his three siblings, Jacob was featured on WSKG Public Television's "Expressions" Series. A student of the cello for ten years, he began his musical instruction with Julian Wilcox followed by extensive cello study under Benjamin Whittenburg. Currently he studies with Nathaniel Parke. For the past three summers Jacob has attended the New York Summer Music Festival where he studied with Ella Toovy and Ole Akahoshi. He has performed with the Little Delaware Chamber Players and was a member of the Little Delaware Youth Ensemble for many years. He was a member of "Footlights," a youth acting company, and remains active with the Central Delaware County Home School Drama Club. Jacob hopes to study both music and academics at the college level in the fall of 2013.

Empire State Youth Orchestra 2012-2013

First Violins

Clare Criscione,
Co-Concertmaster

June Criscione,
Co-Concertmaster

Devin Camp

Madeline Clyne

Hannah Cohen

Kyle Edgette

Rachel Eisemann

Elaine Kehoe

Luc LaGraff

Bettina Lu

Ryan McDonnell

Seina Read

Jisoo Sohn

Eunu Song

Eric Wu

Eileen Zhou

Michael Zhu

Second Violins

Jahna Stanton, *Principal*

Graham Lerch,
Assistant Principal

Lydia Bagdon

Julia Baker

Jessica Bowen

Evan Ducreay

Lucy Duda

Lauren Haller

Miranda Miller

Olivia Munson

Chenoe Renner

Ronald Shi

Annette Volpe

Evelyn Welch

Esther Witherell

Emily Zhang

Gloria Zhao

Violas

Aria Shi, *Principal*

Jacquelyn O'Brien,
Assistant Principal

Tia Anderson

Amy Duclos

Brendan Klippel

Justin Lafond

Thai LaGraff

Michael Latter

Linda Li

Ruben McFarlane

Lark Jane Parmalee

Nicolas Vigilante

Cellos

Jacob Efthimiou,

Co-Principal

Jin Park, *Co-Principal*

Benjamin Baum

Fiona Berry

Caleb Bestvater

Olivia Cox

Madeleine del Cano

Taylor Fohrhaltz-Burbank

Annette Ho

Samantha King

Michael Kirsty

Elisabeth Mistur

Seth Waag-Swift

Andrew Wilkinson

Basses

Harrison Dilthey,

Co-Principal

Tristen Jarvis, *Co-Principal*

Taylor Abbitt

Schuyler Fohrhaltz-Burbank

Mackenzie Litz

Noah Van Ryn

Flutes

Adam Eydelson

Sara Berg-Love

Megan Martel

Shuchen Wu

Piccolos

Sara Berg-Love

Megan Martel

Oboes

Hannah Liu, *Principal*

Sarah Becker

Conor Grocki

Emma Hollinger

Clarinets

Christopher Ostwald,

Principal

Erica Lockrow

Bruce Nagel

William Wang

Bassoons

Amelia del Cano

Matthew Gu

Alexandria Kosek

Philip McNaughton

French Horns

Rebecca Barron

Sophie Cohen

Abigail Dunn

Therese Giordano

Tyler Olney

Trumpets

Leonard Bopp, *The Jerome and
Marlene Brody Chair*

Andrew Dame

Jacob McGrath

Erin Murphy

Trombones

Benjamin Baker

Sierra Vorsheim

Nicholas Jones

Tuba

Nolan Downey

Timpani

Hannah Dick

Everett McNair

Percussion

Charlie Kalet, *Co-Principal*

Everett McNair, *Co-Principal,
The Albany Medical Center
Percussionist Chairs*

Hannah Dick

Julian Jacobs

Lianne Weisheit