

Empire State
Youth Orchestras

Helen Cha-Pyo,
Music Director

SENIORS' CONCERT

OCTOBER 23, 2013 - 1:00 PM
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PROGRAM

Empire State Youth Orchestra Helen Cha-Pyo, Conductor

Introduced by Liz Bishop, CBS 6 / Albany

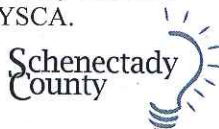
The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, Op. 34 Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
Narrated by Liz Bishop

Excerpt from Concerto No. 3 in B Minor, Op. 61 Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
Clare Criscione, *violin*,
2013 Lois Lyman Concerto Competition Winner

Symphony No. 5 in D Minor, Op. 47 Dimitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
IV. *Allegro non troppo*

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Helen Cha-Pyo, Music Director and Youth Orchestra Conductor

For the past eleven 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 works (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.

Clare Criscione, winner of ESYO's 2013 Lois Lyman Concerto Competition

Clare Criscione, a student of Michael Emery, began her violin study at the age of three with Kay Nicholas. She joined ESYO's String Ensemble when she was eight years old, and by 7th grade, with Ellen Madison as her teacher, joined its Youth Orchestra. Clare yearly attends the Ithaca Summer Suzuki Institute, where she most recently participated in their "Preludio" program, under the direction of Thomas Wermuth.

Clare is a junior, honor student, and International Baccalaureate Candidate at Albany High School where she is the principal violinist in Advanced Orchestra, AHS Quartet, and Pit Orchestra. She was selected for the 2013 NYSSMA All State Symphonic Orchestra.

Clare has performed at Steamer 10 Theater, both as an actress and violinist, and together with her siblings, has participated in various fundraising, charity, and outreach events throughout the area. She is also a member of the music ministry at St. Vincent de Paul parish, Albany, under the direction of Marie Bernadette. In addition to violin, Clare studies piano with Lois Busch, plays varsity and travel soccer, and enjoys scientific research.

Empire State Youth Orchestra 2013-2014

First Violins

Devin Camp, *Co-Concertmaster, Queensbury High School*
Ryan McDonnell, *Co-Concertmaster, Queensbury High School*
Melanie Chen, *Shenendehowa High School*
Madeline Clyne, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Hannah Cohen, *Monument Mountain Regional High School**
Clare Criscione, *Albany High School*
Evan Ducreay, *Schenectady High School*
Lucy Duda, *Emma Willard School*
Kyle Edgette, *Homeschool*
Rachel Eisemann, *Emma Willard School*
Elaine Kehoc, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Annette Volpe, *Catholic Central High School*
Esther Witherell, *Homeschool*
Emily Zhang, *Shaker High School*
Eileen Zhou, *Shaker High School*
Maya Zhou, *Shaker High School*
Michael Zhu, *Guilderland High School*

Second Violins

Julianne Kim, *Principal, Farnsworth Middle School*
Martin Schreiner, *Assistant Principal, Niskayuna High School*
Lydia Bagdon, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Samantha Burgess, *Niskayuna High School*
Sarah Cao, *Shaker High School*
Andrew Chen, *Queensbury High School*
Bill Dong, *Guilderland High School*
Ava Sophia Powers Doyle, *Farnsworth Middle School*
Jodi Dunn, *Homeschool*
Lauren Haller, *Shaker High School*
Aram Kim, *Forts Ferry Elementary School*
Min Gon Kim, *Niskayuna High School*
Samantha Liu, *Iroquois Middle School*
Miranda Miller, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Olivia Munson, *Duanesburg Central School*
Evelyn Welch, *Shaker High School*
Iris Zhou, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Michael Zhou, *Niskayuna High School*

Violas

Jacqueline O'Brien, *Co-Principal, Colonie Central High School*
Nicholas Vigilante, *Co-Principal, Shenendehowa High School*

Meredith Craig, *Saratoga Springs High School*
Kaibo Cui, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Samantha Dalton, *Columbia High School*
Amy Duclos, *Shenendehowa High School*
Mercer Greenwald, *Mt. Greylock Regional High School*
Thai LaGraff, *Niskayuna High School*
Michael Latter, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Linda Li, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Ruben McFarlane, *Canajoharie Senior High School*
Lark Jane Parmalee, *Shaker High School*
Aria Shi, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Ronald Shi, *Bethlehem Central High School*

Cellos

Fiona Berry, *Co-Principal, Saratoga Springs High School*
Brandon Zhou, *Co-Principal, Bethlehem Central High School*
Olivia Cox, *Niskayuna High School*
Madeleine del Cano, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Taylor Fohrhaltz-Burbank, *Mt. Greylock Regional High School*
Annette Ho, *Emma Willard School*
Samantha King, *Colonie Central High School*
Michael Kirsty, *Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School*
James LaChapelle, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Howon Lee, *Shenendehowa High School*
Helen Lewis, *Shaker High School*
Meghan Mercier, *Chatham High School*
Helene Ryu, *Shaker Junior High School*
Lucie Xu, *Albany Academy for Girls*

Basses

Tristen Jarvis, *Principal, Colonie Central High School*
Mackenzie Litz, *Assistant Principal, Niskayuna High School*
Taylor Abbitt, *Shenendehowa High School*
Bowen Chen, *Bethlehem Central High School*
Jere Dineen, *Shenendehowa High School*
Schuyler Fohrhaltz-Burbank, *Mt. Greylock Regional High School*
Zachary Parker, *Bethlehem Central High School*

Flutes

Adam Eydelson, *Principal, Schuylerville Jr. Sr. High School*

Joseph Sipzner, *Guilderland High School*

Natalie Van Slyke, *Catskill Senior High School*

Piccolo

Joseph Sipzner

Oboes

Conor Grocki, *Guilderland High School*¹

Saffron Livaccari, *Columbia High School*

Hannah Staudinger, *Niskayuna High School*^{2,3}

Clarinets

Erica Lockrow, *Principal, Columbia High School*

Mikaela Vojnik, *Catskill Senior High School*

William Wang, *Guilderland High School*

E-Flat Clarinet

David Ciucevich⁺

Bassoons

Philip McNaughton, *Principal, Ravena-Coeymans -Selkirk Central High School*

Matthew Gu, *Guilderland High School*

Contra-Bassoon

Dr. Edward S. Marschilok⁺

Horns

Rebecca Barron, *Clayton A. Bouton High School*^{1,3}

Sarah Coffey, *Bethlehem Central High School*

Sophie Cohen, *Monument Mountain Regional High School*²

Clark Davis, *Niskayuna High School*

Mark Lipina, *Colonie Central High School*

Trumpets

Elizabeth Baker, *Queensbury High School*

Leonard Bopp, *Guilderland High School*²

Zoe Ronen, *Hawthorne Valley School*³

Andrew Schwartz, *Shaker High School*¹

Trombones

Paul Bellino, *Principal*⁺

Nathaniel Coleda, *Maple Hill High School*

Ryan Mewhorter, *Shenendehowa High School*

David Paul⁺

Tuba

Sarah Baker, *Queensbury High School*

Piano

Katherine Dill, *Academy of the Holy Names*

Timpani

Hannah Dick

Everett McNair

Percussion

Hannah Dick, *Co-Principal, Homeschool*

Everett McNair, *Co-Principal, Homeschool*

Albany Medical Center Percussionist Chairs

Eric Chang, *Bethlehem Central High School*

Julian Jacobs, *Greenville Central School*

Jimmy Stagnitti, *Niskayuna High School*

Lianne Weisheit, *Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School*

¹ *Principal, Britten*

² *Principal, Saint-Saëns*

³ *Principal, Shostakovich*

⁺ *Guest*

^{*} *On Leave*