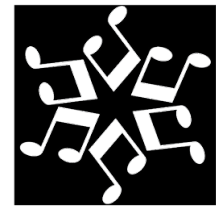


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**ORANGE COUNTY
YOUTH SYMPHONY**
& STRING ENSEMBLE



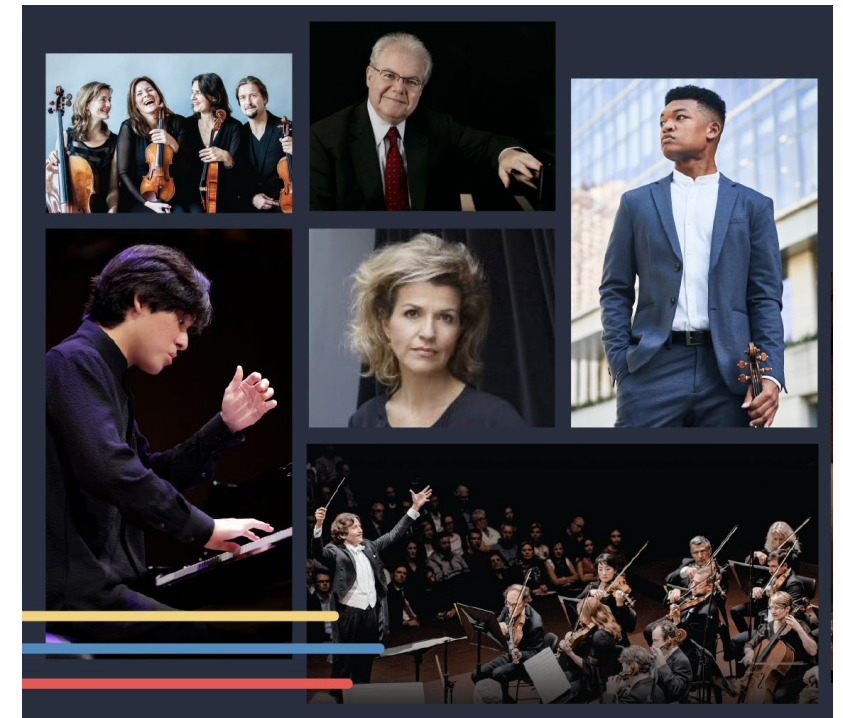
ABOUT THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY

ABOUT

Each season, the Philharmonic Society presents the world's greatest symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, soloists, and international artists. It also provides dynamic and innovative music education programs for individuals of all ages, in a constant effort to enhance the lives of Orange County audiences through music.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY & ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SYMPHONY

In 2017, the Orange County Youth Symphony officially integrated with the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. This extraordinary relationship provides our musicians with exciting opportunities to engage with some of classical music's most celebrated artists and ensembles, such as Ray Chen, Midori, the Kronos Quartet, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.



ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SYMPHONY

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Orange County Youth Symphony (OCYS) and its affiliated groups is to provide pre-professional training to Orange County's most talented young musicians through varied performance opportunities and by establishing an environment that develops creative ability, self-expression, and desire for perfection.

ABOUT

Over a nine-month season (September-May), OCYS members participate in performances, workshops, rehearsals, retreats, masterclasses with world-renowned musicians, and more.

In its 50+ year history, OCYS has traveled the world, presenting performances in Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, China, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United Nations. The group has participated in many prestigious performances and projects, including U.S. and West Coast premieres by composers such as Mark-Anthony Turnage and Kurt Schwetsik, as well as a documentary entitled *Beethoven's Ninth: Journey to Joy* that was selected by PBS SoCal for multiple broadcasts.



SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS

CONCERTO COMPETITION

Each year, OCYS members can compete for an opportunity to perform as a featured soloist during our winter and spring concerts.

CONDUCTING MASTERCLASSES W/ MAESTRO STOSCH

Maestro Stosch hosts a conducting masterclass for a limited number of students who have an interest in learning how to conduct. Students have an opportunity to conduct in rehearsal, as well as conduct a short piece at Concerts for Fifth Grade.

CHAMBER MUSIC

OCYS members can join a chamber music group that performs at events with our community partners, as well as Philharmonic Society donor receptions and the annual gala.



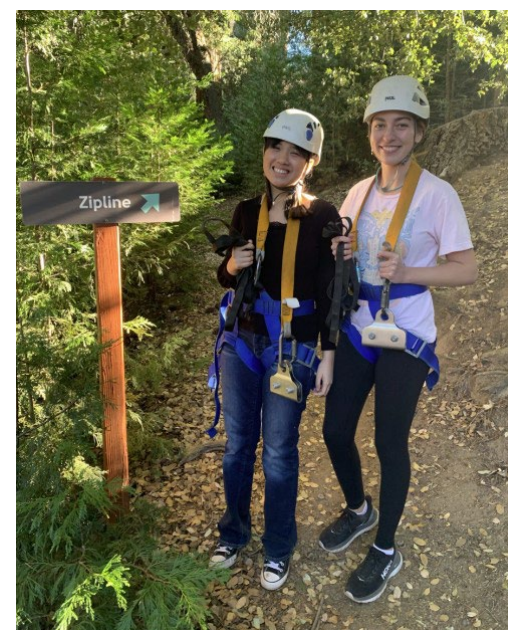
RETREAT TO PALOMAR MOUNTAIN

OVERVIEW

A weekend full of rehearsals, sectionals, games, activities, and s'mores!

This required excursion happens at the beginning of our season and is an opportunity for OCYS musicians to get to know OCYS staff and fellow members, with the backdrop of the scenic outdoors to invigorate their spirits.

While this retreat is meant to be fun and social, it's also a rehearsal intensive where musicians can step away from the hustle and bustle of daily life to focus on fall repertoire. This is a crucial first step to becoming a cohesive orchestra.



CONCERTS FOR FIFTH GRADE

OVERVIEW

Each year, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County presents OCYS in Concerts for Fifth Grade at the Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall.

Through these concerts, OCYS has introduced classical music to more than one million fifth grade students. The concept of “kids playing for kids” is unique to OCYS, and these concerts in turn inspire and encourage a younger generation to follow in their footsteps of musical excellence.



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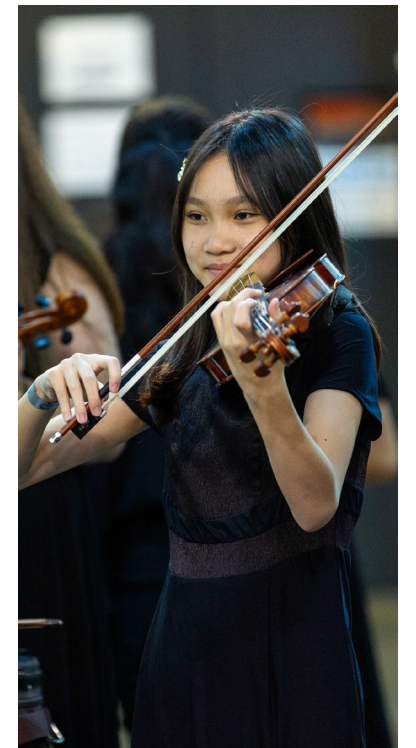
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In time for the celebration of its 50th season in 2019-2020, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County premiered an additional performance group, Orange County Youth String Ensemble (OCYSE).

OCYSE has had a fantastic year under their new conductor, Lucy Lu. While the average age of the ensemble is typically younger than OCYS, that does not equate to a reduction of talent nor rigor. This group performs three concerts throughout the year—two alongside OCYS, and one solely dedicated to OCYSE.

In the past, OCYSE has been involved in additional enriching engagements, such as a side-by-side prelude performance with members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as Q&As and masterclasses with visiting Philharmonic Society-presented artists.

This group has its own social events held throughout the year to bond as an ensemble, and its members are also eligible for the Chamber Music program, collaborating with members in the OCYS group. After their time in OCYSE, many musicians gain enough experience to move into OCYS.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY (CHOC)

In collaboration with Seacrest Studios at CHOC, OCYS holds a six-part music education series streamed directly to every patient room in the hospital. The series takes place throughout the season, with each part highlighting a specific orchestra family or concept. Patients will receive access to a Digital Music Mobile interactive lesson, followed by a live interview and instrument demonstration by OCYS/E members.

PRETEND CITY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

At Pretend City, OCYS and OCYSE musicians are featured as "Street Performers" once monthly, spreading music throughout the small town. They are also showcased in larger ensemble performances on select weekends and events, such as Neurodivergent Night and Baby Steps.

...AND MORE!



MEMBER BENEFITS

SERVICE HOURS

There are countless ways for OCYS/E members to volunteer throughout the year and earn service hours. Hours are awarded for performing their usual duties as an orchestra member, such as playing for Pretend City and the Concerts for Fifth Grade, as well as for optional engagements, such as working with the Music Mobile at community events, or running the OCYS/E table at Philharmonic Society concerts. There is no shortage of ways to give back and add to their community service experience!

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

All members of OCYS/E are eligible to receive two complimentary tickets to most Philharmonic Society concerts.

VIP ACCESS

OCYS/E is always the first in line for engagements with presented artists as part of our educational outreach, such as a private meet-and-greets and open rehearsals.



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