

The YOSAC Cadenza

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear YOSAC friends and families,

YOSAC has had an exciting season transitioning from our outstanding conductor of 27 years, Dr. Jason Klein, to our dynamic conductor for this year, Ms. Heidi Dahms, who led our orchestras through a very successful Veterans Day concert and a memorable concert featuring Mr. Philip Santos, violin instructor at CSUEB. Coming up is our final concert on Sunday, May 17, which will treat the audience to a number of movie themes. Please join us in saying farewell to Ms. Dahms and in supporting our musicians as we close out the season!

As current members of YOSAC already know, Ms. Dahms will not be returning next season and will pass the baton to Mr. (soon to be Dr.) Bill Harrington, parent of Sarah (Symphony Orchestra) and Rachel (String Orchestra) and a long time highly respected music educator and professional French horn player in the Bay Area. He graduated with a four-year full scholarship from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and holds an M.A. in Music from California State University, East Bay along with a California Lifetime Teaching Credential in Music. He will be finishing his Doctorate in Music Education through Boston University by the end of this year.

As a music educator, Mr. Harrington is Past President of the California Orchestra Directors Association, Music Director at Patten Academy and Minister of Music at Christian Cathedral. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer at Columbia College (Coast Guard Island) and California State University East Bay, where he teaches music appreciation and American music. As a professional musician, he has performed on the French horn with virtually every professional orchestra in the greater Bay Area. He currently plays with the Modesto Symphony, the Brassworks of San Francisco Brass Quintet and Band, and most recently, with the Oakland Ballet and the Lamplighters Operetta Company. He is also Music Director and Conductor of the Patten Symphonette, a community orchestra composed of both professional and amateur musicians.

Mr. Harrington will hold auditions for all current YOSAC students as well as prospective students on Saturday, May 30, from 5-9 pm. This is his chance to assess the abilities of all current students as well as prospective students. An audition application is available online at YOSAC.org. Please encourage other young musicians you know to audition for the 2015-2016 season. Let's make our orchestra bigger and stronger by all of us spreading the word wherever we can!

I hope you will consider taking advantage of one or more of the great opportunities for making music in the summer: La Honda Music Camp, Jenny Lin Summer Music Camp, and the Young Musicians Chamber Music Program. You can find details farther on in this newsletter.

We are so grateful to all those who have donated to support our young musicians and would very much appreciate anything you're able to contribute at this time. As is the case for many nonprofits, tuition does not cover all the costs of running a quality program like YOSAC. So many have been so generous, and we hope your generosity will continue. Thank you for caring!

Sincerely,
Carol Morgan, Chair
YOSAC Board of Directors

FAREWELL FROM MS. HEIDI DAHMS

Dear YOSAC members & families:

I would like to take this moment to thank all of the YOSAC students for their hard work and great music making this year.

It was 30 years ago that I joined YOSAC as a violinist, and I have had a continuing association with YOSAC all during this time. I wish only the best for YOSAC, as Maestro Harrington assumes the role of Music Director/Conductor.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors, and I wish them best of luck in college.

Sincerely,
Heidi Dahms

WELCOME FROM MR. WILLIAM HARRINGTON

Hello!

I am thrilled to be selected as the next Conductor for YOSAC. YOSAC seeks to provide a high quality orchestral experience for intermediate to advanced musicians who love to make music with other student musicians around the greater East Bay. Playing in a youth orchestra can also be an important component of college applications. Growing up, I had profound experiences playing in youth orchestras and bands that inspired me to make a career in music, and I desire those same experiences for my orchestra students in their music making.

I come from a long line of musicians. My mother and father met in the school marching band. My mother went on to receive her PhD in Musicology and was a Professor of Music at Cal State Fullerton for 25 years, while my father was a four time Grammy nominated jazz trombonist and jazz educator. My wife plays the cello and is also a college professor in Ancient History and a PhD graduate from UC Berkeley. We have two girls, ages 16 and 9. Both played in YOSAC this year and loved it! While my family is very busy during the school year, we love to travel abroad in the summers, and have visited over 30 different countries.

I am very passionate about making music and I am looking forward to sharing the great world of music with all of you.

William Harrington

JENNY LIN FOUNDATION SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

The Jenny Lin Foundation Summer Music Program is a free Bay Area music experience for music students entering 8th grade in the fall. Rehearsals are held at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:45-9 pm. The program starts on June 22, with the final concert on July 31. The conductors are highly respected members of the music community. Many YOSAC students have taken part in the past, and it's a great way to keep their music skills over the summer. For information, you can contact them at: www.jennylinfoundation.org.

YOUNG MUSICIANS CHAMBER MUSIC PROGRAM

The Hayward Odd Fellows Sycamore Lodge on B St. in Hayward is once again providing a free program for string students this summer. Students 10-18 years old are grouped according to ability and experience. This is a unique experience to play in small groups with coaching from music educators and professionals, all at no cost! Rehearsals take place during the first two weeks in August, with a final concert on Aug. 15. Several YOSAC members have participated in the past and found the program fun, exciting and valuable.

HAYWARD LA HONDA MUSIC CAMP

The Hayward La Honda Music Camp is organized to challenge students in a variety of creative pursuits and is devoted to the development of musicianship for grades 6-12. This is accomplished through a program of study, concentrated rehearsal, performance, recreation and general camp life. La Honda Music Camp will be held July 25 – August 1. So many YOSAC students have attended over the years and have had the time of their life! This year once again La Honda has very generously awarded \$350 scholarships to two YOSAC students, chosen by lottery: Jordan Rouleau and Marcus Mackey. Congratulations to both! For more information about the camp, visit their website, www.lahondamusiccamp.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERT DATE

Sunday, May 17, 2015

Eden United Church of Christ, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward. The church is located off of Grove Way between Mission Blvd. and Foothill Blvd.

All students to report at 1:20 p.m. Concert starts at 3:00 pm; ends at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

**Tickets: \$10.00 requested donation
\$5.00 for students or Seniors**

Proper concert attire is required:

Symphony Ladies: Long black dress or black long sleeve blouse and long (hits mid-calf) skirt, black dress shoes and black hosiery only. No bare legs, no sandals, thongs or strappy shoes. Modest hairstyle pulled back away from your face, please.

Symphony Men: Full black suit, white shirt, and black tie, black socks only and black dress shoes (no athletic shoes).

All String Orchestra members wear: Long-sleeved white dress shirt, blouse or turtleneck, and black dressy pants (no jeans) or long (mid-calf/ankle length) skirt, black socks only and black dress shoes.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

YOSAC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that have assisted with auditions, concerts, publicity, room parents, and other various tasks throughout the season. We really appreciate our volunteers.

SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all of the YOSAC students who participated and helped us to have success in our See's Candies fundraisers for the 2014-2015 season. A very special thank you to our **top fundraiser sellers**. They each received a gift certificate for Cold Stone Creamery in appreciation for their efforts. This season the students raised \$1480.00 profit for YOSAC. Thank you again for all your help and for supporting YOSAC.

AUDITION INFORMATION

The auditions for the 2015-2016 season will be held by appointment only on **Saturday, May 30, 2015, 5 PM to 9 PM**. Please complete the audition application at www.YOSAC.org.

Once your application is received, you will be contacted to confirm your audition date/time. **All new and returning students will need to audition.**

Violin, viola, cello and bass: You will be required to play the audition music chosen by the conductor.

All winds, brass and percussion: You will be required to play one scale of your choice and one solo or excerpt of your choice.

Auditions last approximately 5-10 minutes for each student. **Violin, viola, cello, and bass audition music will be posted on the YOSAC website for download on 5/15/15.** All other instruments please follow the directions above.

GRADUATING SENIORS!

YOSAC would like to congratulate the graduating seniors of the Class of 2015. We hope that you have a successful future and may all your dreams come true.



ASMIN DEO - Has played viola with YOSAC for 8 years. She is planning to attend California State University East Bay and will major in Health Science.



GAURI GANJOO - Has played trombone with YOSAC for 2 years. She is planning to attend Mount Holyoke in Massachusetts and currently has an undeclared major.



MARISOL GONZALEZ - Has played violin with YOSAC for 2 years. She is planning to attend University of California at Santa Barbara and will major in Economics.



TEDMON TRAN - Has played bass, viola, and cello with YOSAC for 5 years. He is planning to attend California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo and will major in Electrical Engineering.



We would also like to congratulate seniors Daniel Agustin and Christian Gerardo, who joined us for the last set of this season. Daniel will attend San Francisco State University and currently has an undeclared major and Christian will attend San Jose State and will major in Music.

BEYOND THE HORIZON ENSEMBLE

Our Beyond the Horizon Ensemble has been practicing faithfully each week to represent YOSAC with high quality performances for outside events. Recently they played for the Stonebrae PTA spaghetti dinner and received many compliments. This summer they will play for Hayward Library's summer reading program as well as a 4th of July event sponsored by three City of Hayward council members. Thank you, Gerardo Ayala, Ian Carlos, Elizabeth Egan, Sarah Harrington, Nathan Huynh, Owen Lawrence, Brent Luker, Aria Roach, and Tedmon Tran! And thank you, Bill Harrington and Ted Seitz for volunteering to coach these dedicated students!

CASTRO VALLEY FALL FESTIVAL

YOSAC is planning to have a booth at Castro Valley's Fall Festival on Sept. 12 and 13, thanks to the leadership of Sydnee Purcell's mother Tiffany. Please try to keep the dates free so you can help man the booth and help publicize YOSAC. Thanks!

TINY TICKETS (BART):

YOSAC is collecting BART "tiny tickets" as a fundraiser. If you have a BART ticket that has a small amount remaining on it, please consider donating it to YOSAC at the May Concert. There will be a collection box at the front door. Thank you!

YOSAC SPRING CONCERT
MAY 17 at 3:00 PM
EDEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
21455 BIRCH STREET, HAYWARD

YOSAC AUDITIONS
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
SATURDAY, MAY 30
5 PM TO 9 PM

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