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Welcome to another exciting season for the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra! We are thrilled to be experiencing exciting growth within our organization reflecting the vibrancy and creativity of our Eastside communities. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we extend our thanks for your support in encouraging our students as we seek to fulfill our vision of inspiring lifelong passion through music!

As an organization, we are building our focus on community outreach, extending leadership in the arts, growing musical experiences for our students and developing sustainable funding for our orchestras. We invite you to join us at concerts throughout the season and in support of our musicians as we celebrate the accomplishments of these talented students culminating with a performance at Benaroya Hall in May, 2020. We are grateful for your support! Warmly,

Kristi Jo Lynn
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Our 2019–2020 season explores how composers are inspired by People, Places, and Things. Throughout the history of music, specific geographical locations, buildings, important events, and people have been the basis for composers’ compositions. Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition honors the artwork of a recently deceased dear friend of his, Rimsky-Korsakov’s Russian Easter Overture recreates the memories he had of hearing the bells from a church service wafting across a river. Elmer Bernstein’s score for The Magnificent Seven commemorates the main characters of that movie. Tchaikovsky’s Marche Slave celebrates Russian intervention in the Serbo-Turkish War. The list goes on and on.

In each concert this season, each ensemble will feature at least one composition representing our People, Places, and Things theme. We hope you enjoy the exploration by our six orchestras and three instrumental ensembles of the many musical offerings this subject provides.

Dr. Teresa Metzger Howe
Music Director

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Spring Masterworks Concert at Benaroya Hall
Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Celebrate the finale of Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra’s 55th concert season at the grand Benaroya Hall. On Saturday, May 16, 2020, 300 brilliant student musicians will take the stage from seven of BYSO’s nine orchestras and ensembles including the Youth Symphony, Philharmonia, Sinfonia, Premiere Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Flute Orchestra, and Flute Choir. Highlights include Franz von Suppe’s Morning, Noon and Night Overture, Hugo Alfvén’s Midsummer Vigil, Swedish Rhapsody No. 1, and much more.

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ACROSS
1. Who composed Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola?
2. How many students are in percussion ensemble?
3. Professional videos of these concerts may be ordered today from byso.org through March 23. Thank you for your cooperation.
4. BYSO has three summer ___ coming up in July.
6. What animal is a caballito?
7. May 9 is the date of BYSO’s ___ Garden Party or May 16 Spring Masterworks Concert.
8. Aaron Copland was born in which country?
9. “Mahler’s Mysterious March” is taken from a theme in his first ___.
10. Brahms and Dvorak each wrote a Hungarian and Slavonic ___.
11. Who did Beethoven dedicate his third symphony to?
12. James Bond’s character is a ___.
13. You can see the painting of the falling ___ from a theme in Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5.
14. 1868 was the year Chopin ___.
15. “Russian Easter Overture” is based on a theme in Tchaikovsky’s ___.
16. “Missa Solemnis” is the ___ of Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9.

DOWN
1. Who composed Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola?
2. The Masterworks program includes composers from Russia, Austria and which other country?
3. Name the missing string instrument: violin, viola, cello, ___.
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Located in Bellevue, WA, BYSO welcomes student musicians of all ethnic backgrounds, religions, physical capabilities, and financial circumstances from across the Eastside, Seattle, and surrounding communities. BYSO currently has six large orchestras and three instrumental ensembles.

**Cadet String Orchestra** is our entry-level orchestra, for students who generally have 1–3 years of experience playing their instrument. Prior orchestra experience is not required but students must be able to read music.

**Debut String Orchestra** is designed for progressing students with 3+ years of experience playing their instrument and some prior orchestra experience.

**Premiere Orchestra** introduces intermediate students to full orchestral instrumentation (strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion).

**Sinfonia** helps advanced intermediate students further refine their skills with more challenging pieces for full orchestra.

**Philharmonia** prepares high-level musicians for possible entry into Youth Symphony with advanced literature for full orchestra.

**Youth Symphony** is for our most advanced students. These experienced, brilliant young musicians tackle the works of all the great masters.

**Flute Choir** is an ensemble for flutists at the Sinfonia level. Throughout the season, Flute Choir members take turns playing in Sinfonia and performing works just for the Flute Choir ensemble.

**Flute Orchestra** is an ensemble for flutists at the Philharmonia level. Throughout the season, these flutists take turns playing in Philharmonia and performing in their own challenging Flute Orchestra ensemble.

**Percussion Ensemble** is for advanced percussionists. These musicians provide percussion for the top two orchestras in addition to performing demanding percussion-only works in their own ensemble.

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**2019-20 Season Concert Schedule**

**Winter Concert Series**
Sunday, March 8 – Meydenbauer Theatre
2:00 | **Overture** Cadet & Debut String Orchestras
4:30 | **Showcase** Philharmonia, Flute & Percussion Ensembles
7:30 | **Masterworks** Youth Symphony
6:45 pre-concert commentary

Monday, March 9 – Bellevue High School
7:00 | **Highlight** Premiere Orchestra, Sinfonia, & Chamber Music Ensembles

**BYSO Fifth Annual Growing Musicians Garden Party**
Saturday, May 9 – Bellevue Botanical Garden
2:30 | **BYSO Ensembles**

**Spring Concert Series**
Sunday, May 10 – Sammamish High School
7:00 | **Showcase** Youth Symphony, Cadet & Debut String Orchestras

Saturday, May 16 – Benaroya Hall
2:00 | **Masterworks** Youth Symphony, Philharmonia, Sinfonia, Premiere Orchestra, Flute & Percussion Ensembles

**Summer Camps**
July 6-10  Summer Strings
July 13-17  Summer Symphony
July 20-24  Summer Music Institute

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**Happy Birthday to our Winter Concert Birthdays**
March 8: Jasmine Wong (Debut), Sydney Kincaid (Philharmonia)
March 9: Mengxi Lu (Philharmonia)
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Meet our Conductors

Music Director
Dr. Teresa Metzger Howe is the Music Director of BYSO and the conductor of its top-tier ensemble, Youth Symphony. She is also the conductor of Rain City Symphony in Seattle and a past conductor of BYSO’s Premiere Orchestra, Pontiac Bay Symphony Orchestra, the University of Washington’s Symphony Orchestra and Summer Orchestra, and the Rose City Chamber Orchestra, among others.

Dr. Metzger Howe has studied and worked closely with several of today’s leading conductors, including Peter Eros, David Hoose, Ken Kiesler, Ken Woods, and Christopher Zimmerman. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in orchestral conducting from the University of Washington, a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from Butler University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Theory from Manchester College.

Philharmonia
Joseph Kempisty holds a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from The Ohio State University and a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Washington. He has performed as a violist or double bassist in several area orchestras and was a school administrator for 14 years.

Sinfonia
Barney Blough is an active performer with Orchestra Seattle and directs the Newport High School orchestra in the Bellevue School District. His conducting teachers include Pulitzer Prize winner Gunther Schuller. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Music Performance (Horn) and a Master’s degree in Music Education from Central Washington University.

Premiere Orchestra
David Drassal received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Music Education from Central Washington University. He has performed as a violinist with orchestras throughout the area and first joined BYSO as a violin coach. He also directs the orchestras at Tyee Middle School in the Bellevue School District.

Debut String Orchestra
Mollie Ewing received a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education and a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Portland. A violinist, she taught orchestra in the Issaquah School District for nine years and currently teaches in the Renton School District. She is a guest adjudicator, clinician, and conductor for local school districts.

Cadet String Orchestra
Andrew Kam received his Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from the University of Miami and his Master’s degree in Violin Performance from the University of Oregon. He is a violinist in the Tacoma and Yakima symphonies, teaches orchestra at Bellevue High School, and plays in music festivals throughout the region.

Flute Orchestra
Sandra Saathoff is a freelance flutist (including Irish, Baroque, & Native American flutes), clinician, and principal flute of the Seattle Philharmonic. A published author & music arranger, she has also performed and taught throughout the United States & Europe, and served on the executive boards for NFA & SFS.

Flute Choir
Dr. Merrie Siegel Parmley holds a Bachelor’s degree from Eastman School of Music, and her M.M. and D.M.A. from Rice University. She recently premiered the concerto House of Doors, dedicated to her. She has held faculty positions at 5 universities and conservatories in the U.S. and Mexico, and is currently in her 10th year as Flute Choir Director.

Percussion Ensemble
Storm Benjamin received his Bachelor’s degree in Music Performance from Central Washington University and his Master’s degree in Music Performance from Central Michigan University. He has played with Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra, Yakima Symphony Orchestra, and has received percussion awards at the North American Brass Band Association.
Assistant Conductors & Coaches

Sinfonia
Ashley Horn

Premiere Orchestra
Benjamin Petersen

Debut String Orchestra
Marianna Vail

Cadet String Orchestra
Greg Savage

Instrument Coaches

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Viola: Camber M. Charlot, Seth May-Patterson, Carolyn Wyman

Cello: Erin Brown, Erika Fiebig, Shiang-Yin Lee, Tim Pizzichemi

Double Bass: Abigail Blackwell, Ramon Salumbides

Flute: Dr. Na Young Ham

Oboe: Yuh-Pey Lin

Clarinet: Mary Kantor, Jenny Ziefel

Bassoon: Steven Morgan, Shannon M. Nelson

Horn: Paulette Altman

Trumpet: Matthew Frost

Trombone: Elizabeth McDaniel

Harp: Juliet Stratton

Percussion: Denali Williams

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Velocity
Brian Balmages (b. 1975)
Velocity is a piece about movement and rhythmic energy. The motive is short – only two measures, and is repeated while new harmonies develop over several repetitions. You will hear the violins and violas develop tonal clusters, along with the cellos and basses, after which point a new theme is played by the first violins. As the piece continues, the cellos and basses then play the original motives, and the upper strings introduce yet another contrasting theme. Brian Balmages is an award-winning composer, conductor, producer, and performer. In 2012, Mr. Balmages received the prestigious Albert Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association.

Mahler’s Mysterious March
Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)
arr. Jim Palmer
Mahler’s Mysterious March features the minor version of Frére Jacques, heard in Gustav Mahler’s First Symphony. The melody and variations feature a range of dynamics and contrasting styles such as pizzicato and rhythmic embellishments. Gustav Mahler was an Austro-Bohemian Romantic composer, and one of the leading conductors of his generation. As a composer he acted as a bridge between the 19th century Austro-German tradition and the modernism of the early 20th century. Jim Palmer is an editor, arranger, clinician, and the Orchestra Director and Fine Arts Department Chairman at Allatoona High School in Acworth, Georgia. Mr. Palmer was recently named the recipient of the American String Teachers Association Elizabeth A. H. Green Award for a distinguished career in string teaching.

Mi Caballito
John Nieto (b. 1942)
Straight from the mariachi tradition of San Antonio, Mi Caballito is an original and programmatic piece. The form is “Son Jalisciense” – developed to be played with one vihuela (a 15th century Spanish instrument shaped like a guitar), two violins and a guitarrón (which replaced the harp). Mi Caballito (little horse) is about a time in the composer’s life spent in Texas and visiting the horses at rodeos. Born in Madrid, Spain, in 1958 he joined the band Los Pekenikes, playing the drums. He began his career as a professional musician in 1962 in orchestras and jazz dance groups. He made musical arrangements for singers like Massiel, Julio Iglesias, and Los Bravos while simultaneously making his own compositions. Mr. Nieto has been awarded seven Goya Awards for his compositions.
Winter Showcase Concert

4:30 PM • Sunday, March 8, 2020

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
Storm Benjamin, conductor

Three Scenes from the Desert
Desert Sunrise, Waltz for a Rainy Day, Red Rock Canyon
Alex Stoppa

Inspired by the deserts of Southern Nevada and California, Three Scenes from the Desert is separated into three movements. The music ranges from fast-paced polyrhythmic mallet grooves to gentle lullaby-like melodic lines.

FLUTE CHOIR
Dr. Merrie Siegel Parmley, conductor

Le Coq est Mort
Traditional French

This French children's song is sung as a canon. Our arrangement also employs beatboxing, whereby flutists overblow across the embouchure hole. This technique only hints at the actual pitch and results in a very percussive sound.

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
arr. M. Orriss

This work is from the oratorio Solomon, a choral genre based on biblical texts. Originally from Act III, this lively arrangement features instrumental passages which include a famous duo for oboe, featuring our piccoloists.

Scarborough Fair
Traditional English
arr. Amy Rice-Young

This well-known ballad is typical of melodies from the Middle English period. This piece references traditional folk tune Scarborough Fair, while the lyrics, "parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme," date back to more recent 19th century versions.

FLUTE ORCHESTRA
Sandra Saathoff, conductor

La Danse de la Nuit
Francesco Camuglia (b. 1990)

La Danse de la Nuit is an original composition scored for five flutes and piccolo. It is a thrilling piece that makes sure no player is left out of the excitement! The piece begins in a brisk tempo, the “dance” part of the piece, and later goes into a slower, mysterious section, which is the “night” part of the piece. Francesco Camuglia, flutist and composer, continued his studies in Berlin after receiving a Fulbright grant.

PHILHARMONIA
Joseph Kempisty, conductor

English Folk Songs Suite
March: “Seventeen Come Sunday”
Intermezzo: “My Bonny Boy”
March: “Folk Songs from Somerset”
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
arr. Gordon Jacob

English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams’ music connects directly with this season’s theme People, Places, and Things. He was part of a nationalist movement in music, beginning in the late 1800’s, that strove to promote and create music of distinct nations and cultures. He traveled all around the English countryside gathering and notating hundreds of folk songs, many of which he used in his compositions. English Folk Songs Suite, one of his most popular works, was originally composed in 1923 for military band. Vaughan Williams’ student Gordon Jacob took that work the following year and arranged it for brass band and also for symphonic orchestra, which is the version you will hear today.

Variations on a Shaker Melody from Appalachian Spring
Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Hoe-Down from Rodeo
Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Aaron Copland was born in 1900 in Brooklyn, New York, and is one of the most well-known composers from the United States. His musical works often incorporated folk music from the Americas. Variations on a Shaker Melody is an excerpt from Copland’s Appalachian Spring ballet which was composed in 1943-1944. The Shaker melody on which these variations are based is called “Simple Gifts.” Throughout the work, you will hear the melody alternating between solo instruments, overlapping with variations in different sections of the orchestra, returning with a brass fanfare, and concluding powerfully with full orchestration. In the last few measures, Copland returns to the clarinet performing the first part of the melody, leaving a final, reflective thought for the listener as the orchestra fades to silence.

For our concert finale, Philharmonia will be performing Hoe-Down, the final movement from Copland’s 1942 ballet called Rodeo. Copland incorporated fiddle tunes and folk songs from the American countryside in this movement which has become one of his most often performed and most recognizable pieces. Hoe-Down is an exciting piece for both the performers and the audience, and we hope you enjoy it!
**PREMIERE ORCHESTRA**  
David Drassal, conductor  
Benjamin Petersen, assistant conductor  

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**Sarabande and Allegro**  
Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)  
arr. Frederick Muller  

Arcangelo Corelli is one of the most important composers from the Baroque Era and known mainly for his influence on the development of violin style and the Concerto Grosso. These two movements are originally from two completely different and unrelated pieces of music. Sarabande is the third movement from Corelli’s solo sonata Opus 5 No. 7, while the Allegro is from the Concerto Grosso Opus 6 No. 4. Though originally from different sets of music and different instrumentation, these two movements work well together, as the Sarabande is in D minor and the Allegro is in D Major.

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**Hungarian Dance No. 6**  
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
arr. Merle J. Isaac  

Johannes Brahms is a German-born composer who spent most of his professional life in Vienna. Brahms originally composed a set of 21 Hungarian Dances for two pianists. They were published in two sets, one in 1869 and the other in 1880. The dances capitalized upon two musical trends of the 19th century. One was dance-style music written for piano four-hands (one piano played by two pianists). The other was music inspired by Europe’s diverse blend of minority cultures. The dances would go on to be more popular at the time than his four symphonies which were composed earlier. The dances proved so popular that many of them were orchestrated by Brahms or his colleagues.

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**SINFONIA**  
Barney Blough, conductor  
Ashley Horn, assistant conductor  

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**Slavonic Dance No. 3**  
Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)  
arr. Merle J. Isaac  

Antonín Dvořák was a Czech composer who followed the nationalist example of Bedřich Smetana by absorbing folk influences and finding effective ways of using them in the symphonic tradition. Dvořák’s Symphony No. 9 in E minor, better known as New World Symphony, has become one of the most treasured and popular pieces throughout the world. The Slavonic Dances were written in 1878, partly because of the popularity of the Hungarian Dances written by Brahms in 1869. While Brahms used actual folk melodies in his dances, Dvořák used original melodies that retain the true flavor of Slavonic folk songs and dances. While Slavonic Dance No. 3 is lively and vigorous, others are tender and a bit sad. However, all of them demonstrate the composer’s craftsmanship and artistry and caused his name to become known throughout Europe.

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**How to Train Your Dragon**  
John Powell (b. 1963)  
arr. Sean O’Loughlin  

John Powell was born in London, and originally trained as a violinist as a child before studying at London’s Trinity College of Music. He later ventured into jazz and rock music, playing in a soul band called the Fabulistics. After college he composed music for commercials, which led to a job as an assistant to the composer Patrick Doyle on several film productions, including Much Ado About Nothing. How to Train Your Dragon is a 2010 3D computer-animated action fantasy film by DreamWorks Animation loosely based on the 2003 book of the same name. The story takes place in a mythical Viking world where a young Viking teenager named Hiccup aspires to follow his tribe’s tradition of becoming a dragon slayer. After finally capturing his first dragon, and with his chance at finally gaining the tribe’s acceptance, he finds that he no longer has the desire to kill it and instead befriends it. Powell composed a very orchestral score, combining bombastic brass with loud percussion and soothing strings, while also using exotic, Scottish and Irish tones with instruments like the penny whistle and bagpipes. Overall, the score was very well received by film score critics. Powell earned his very first Academy Award nomination for his work on the film, ultimately losing to Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross for their score for The Social Network.

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**SINFONIA ENSEMBLES**  

**Sinfonia String Quartet**  
Ashley Horn, coach  

**Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, First Movement**  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  

**Tango Moderato**  
Michael McLean (b. 1952)  

**Sinfonia Wind Quintet**  
Jenny Ziefel, coach  

**Five Easy Dances, Movements 2, 3, and 4**  
Denes Agay (1911-2017)  

**Justorum Animae**  
William Byrd (1543-1623)
Petite Symphonie
Adagio and Allegretto
Andante cantabile
Finale
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
Youth Symphony Wind Ensemble
Matthew Frost, conductor

Gounod was born in Paris into an artistic and musical family. He was a student at the Conservatoire de Paris and won France’s most prestigious musical prize, the Prix de Rome. His studies took him to Italy, Austria and then Prussia. He was deeply religious, and after his return to Paris, briefly considered becoming a priest.

Gounod’s career was disrupted by the Franco-Prussian War. He moved to England with his family for refuge from the Prussian advance on Paris in 1870. After peace was restored in 1871 his family returned to Paris but he remained in London. After nearly three years he returned to France. He died near Paris at the age of 75.

He composed mainly church music, songs, orchestral music and operas. His Petite Symphonie was written in 1885 for nine instruments. It has four movements, three of which will be performed today.

Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat Major for Violin, Viola and Orchestra, KV 364
Allegro maestoso
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
BYSO Concerto Competition soloists, Micah Hyink, violin and Hope Hyink, viola

Mozart, born in Salzburg, Austria, is arguably the most influential composer from the early Classical period. His output was prodigious, especially considering that he lived only 45 years. Mozart was a child genius whose musical talents surfaced by the age of four. He played violin and piano and also began composing at an early age. Mozart wrote 41 symphonies, innumerable chamber pieces, many concerti and several operas, including the very popular Don Giovanni and The Marriage of Figaro. He died in Vienna, Austria in 1791.

Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat Major for Violin, Viola and Orchestra, KV 364 was written in 1779. The orchestra serves more as a symphonic ensemble in its own musical right, rather than as an accompanist. The themes heard in the opening orchestral exposition are independent of the themes played by the soloists. A development and recapitulation ensue before the soloists perform a cadenza, followed by the orchestra’s conclusion of the movement.

INTERMISSION

Capriccio Italien, Op. 45
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Tchaikovsky was a Russian composer of great renown. He was born in 1840, the third of seven children. He began civil service in 1859, but by 1862 he had abandoned that profession to enter the St. Petersburg Conservatory. His prodigious output included 11 operas, six symphonies, and three ballets.

When Tchaikovsky was traveling in Italy during the early months of 1880, he began to collect and sketch the material for his Capriccio Italien. His orchestration choices for the tunes create the composition’s effectiveness. After an opening trumpet fanfare, a mournful, moody theme is presented by the strings. Two tarantellas and a presto section propel the piece to its spectacular finish.

Russian Easter Festival Overture
Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

Rimsky-Korsakov, who received tutelage from three of the “Mighty Five” Russian composers (Cui, Mussorgsky, and Balakirev), became well known for his brilliant orchestrations His Russian Easter Festival Overture, composed in 1888, was inspired by his memory of hearing monastery bells and chants drifting across the river to his childhood home. He incorporated themes taken from a collection of old Russian Orthodox liturgical chants called the obikhod. Two unusual time signatures are used: 5/2 and 2/1. Wistful solos from violin, flute, cello, clarinet, and trombone are interspersed among vigorous themes played by the full orchestra.

Winter Masterworks Concert
7:30 PM • Sunday, March 8, 2020
FEATURED SOLOISTS

Winners of BYSO’s 2019-20 Concerto Competition, Hope and Micah Hyink perform a duet backed by the Youth Symphony for tonight’s Winter Masterworks Concert. This is the first time in BYSO history that two finalists share the stage, made even more special by their sibling bond.

Micah, 15, and Hope, 14, have been members of Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra for six years. Both Micah and Hope started playing the violin and piano at the age of six. Micah continued with violin as his main instrument and Hope transitioned to the viola at age nine. Since the two siblings are home schooled, Micah considers BYSO rehearsals to be a major social outlet. Hope adds, “I like meeting new people and making new friends. I’ll treasure some of the friendships I’ve made at BYSO for a long time.”

When the two give the strings a rest, Micah enjoys playing baseball, mountain biking, and reading World War II history. Micah also just celebrated his official birthday for the fourth time on February 29. Hope enjoys photography, reading, ballroom dancing, and solving the Rubix cube.

Tonight’s performance will feature the duet playing Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat Major. Hope looks forward to sharing the great dynamic range and echo effects that this piece offers with the sounds of a full orchestra behind them. We hope you enjoy the show.
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Accelerate your musical skills this summer! Summer Symphony students have two daily orchestra rehearsals, instrument sectionals and chamber ensembles coached by professional musicians, and a fun elective class of their choice, such as world drumming or ukulele.

For strings, woodwinds, brass & percussion. Musicians must have played in a band or orchestra for at least one school year and be able to read music. This camp is a good fit for students at the level of BYSO’s Debut String Orchestra or Premiere Orchestra. **Tuition:** $430

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As an organization, we are building our focus on community outreach, extending leadership in the arts, growing musical experiences for our students and developing sustainable funding for our orchestras. We invite you to join us at concerts throughout the season and in support of our musicians as we celebrate the accomplishments of these talented students culminating with a performance at Benaroya Hall in May, 2020. We are grateful for your support!

Warmly,
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Our 2019–20 season explores how composers are inspired by People, Places, and Things. Throughout the history of music, specific geographical locations, buildings, important events, and people have been the basis for composers’ compositions. Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition honors the artwork of a recently deceased dear friend of his. Rimsky-Korsakov’s Russian Easter Overture recreates the memories he had of hearing the bells from a church service wafting across a river. Elmer Bernstein’s score for The Magnificent Seven commemorates the main characters of that movie. Tchaikovsky’s Marche Slave celebrates Russian intervention in the Serbo-Turkish War. The list goes on and on.

In each concert this season, each ensemble will feature at least one composition representing our People, Places, and Things theme.

We hope you enjoy the exploration by our six orchestras and three instrumental ensembles of the many musical offerings this subject provides.

Dr. Teresa Metzger Howe
Music Director

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Coming up Next
Spring Masterworks Concert at Benaroya Hall
Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Celebrate the finale of Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra’s 55th concert season at the grand Benaroya Hall. On Saturday, May 16, 2020, 300 brilliant student musicians will take the stage from seven of BYSO’s nine orchestras and ensembles including the Youth Symphony, Philharmonia, Sinfonia, Premiere Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Flute Orchestra, and Flute Choir. Highlights include Franz von Suppe’s Morning, Noon and Night Overture, Hugo Alfvén’s Midsummer Vigil, Swedish Rhapsody No. 1, and much more.

Tickets will be available online through Benaroya Hall or at the Benaroya box office. Note that tickets to this concert are not included in BYSO’s season ticket packages.

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BYSO WINTER CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1. Who composed Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola?
2. How many students are in percussion ensemble?
3. Name the missing string instrument:
   - VIOLIN
   - VIOLA
   - CELLO

**DOWN**

1. BYSO has three summer ___ coming up in July
2. Aaron Copland was born in which month?
3. “Mahler’s Mysterious March” is taken from a theme in his first ___
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