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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra performs Spring Concert

*Program includes music by Rossini, Gould, Strauss,
Montgomery, Bernstein, and Grieg*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)** performs its spring concert on **Sunday, May 14, at 3:00 pm**. Casey Springstead directs the orchestra in a program that includes Rossini's exciting Overture to *William Tell*, Gould's tour de force *American Salute*, Johann Strauss Jr.'s popular "Thunder and Lightning" Polka, *Starburst* by Leonard Bernstein Award and Sphinx Medal of Excellence winner Jessie Montgomery, and Bernstein's dramatic Suite from *On the Waterfront*. HYSO Concerto Competition winner Julian Chumacero performs the distinctive first movement from Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor.

This concert will also be live streamed on Hochstein's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool>.

Julian Chumacero was selected, along with Elizabeth Runion, as one of two winners of the HYSO Concerto Competition after a very competitive round of auditions in November. A junior at Victor Senior High School, he has been studying piano with Elier Suarez for 5 years. He has received prizes in the Vincent Lenti Piano Competition, Nazareth Piano Competition, and Junior All-Star Piano Competition. He has also been studying violin with Pia Liptak at Hochstein for 5 years. He has participated in the NYSSMA Area All-State and Conference All-State festivals and is also part of the Westiyane String Quintet at Hochstein. He is in the Hochstein Honors Certificate Program and has been awarded scholarships from the Hochstein Merit Scholarship Competition. Julian is captain of the Varsity Cross Country Team and was named a Section V All-Star in 2022 and also runs in Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. He is a member of his school's Math Team, Masterminds Club, Key Club, Music Society, and National Honors Society.

The 79-member HYSO is a full orchestra for advanced strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. Directed by Casey Springstead, the HYSO presents three concerts per year along with periodic

international tours including a 2016 tour of Austria and Germany, a 2018 tour of Portugal and Spain, and the 2022 tour of Germany and the Czech Republic. In Spring 2024, HYSO will tour Italy with performances in Rome, Florence, and Cremona – along with visits to Vatican City, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and La Scala Opera House in Milan.

Photographs of past HYSO concerts, along with photos of soloist Julian Chumacero, are available in this folder on Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4qOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?resourcekey=0-fgqftceHiuNfAXp1Ly0PFQ&usp=sharing>.

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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,000 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school's historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

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