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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Performs Spring Concert Featuring Music by Mendelssohn, Saint-Saëns, Shostakovich, Lalo, and Barber

May 13 concert in Hochstein Performance Hall features HYSO soloists

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—On **Sunday, May 13, at 3:00 pm**, the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)**, directed by Casey Springstead, performs its spring concert. The program includes selections from Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Saint-Saëns' *Samson and Delilah*, and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5. The concert also features two HYSO Concerto Competition Winners – violinist Luke Pisani performing the first movement of Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnol* and violinist Karino Wada performing the first movement of Barber's Violin Concerto.

Photos of the two soloists, director Casey Springstead, and the full orchestra are available for download at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4gOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?usp=sharing>

Luke Pisani is a homeschooled 7th grader in his fourth season with the HYSO. Luke started violin at age 3, and studied with Marcos Kreutzer until he was 8 years old. Luke now studies with Shannon Nance. Starting at age 5, Luke played in each of Hochstein orchestras, and he also studies piano with Dr. Gary Palmer. Luke's accomplishments include: ISMA Rochester (1st prize, Sprouts division), Junior AllStars Piano Competition (Honorable Mention), and the Hochstein Merit Scholarship. Luke is pursuing the Honors Music Certificate at Hochstein. The Genesee Valley Association of Philanthropy Professionals honored Luke with their Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award for fundraising efforts on behalf of Hochstein.

A senior at Olean High School, **Karino Wada** started violin and piano under her parents at age 2½, and currently studies the violin with Shannon Nance. Karino has been the co-concertmaster of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra since 2016. She performs regularly with the Olean High School Orchestra, HS honor chamber ensemble, Olean Community Orchestra, and Chamber Music Society of Olean. In 2016, Karino studied at the Young Artist Summer Program at the Curtis Institute of Music in

Philadelphia, PA. She will be attending the Meadowmount School of Music in summer 2018 and will double-major in violin performance and English at Northwestern University in Fall 2018.

The 75-member **HYSO** is a full orchestra for advanced strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion students in grades 7–12 from the greater Rochester region. Directed by Casey Springstead, the HYSO presents three concerts per year along with periodic international tours including the spring 2018 tour of Portugal and Spain.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School celebrates 97 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, Hochstein continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

Sunday, May 13, 2018; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; \$5 general admission at the door

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