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Happy Holidays!

CYSO would like to wish all of its family and friends a very happy and healthy Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year.

Thank you to our students, parents, volunteers and friends for making the Fall 2009 Season a resounding success. We are looking forward to the Spring 2010 Season of concerts and events.

Special Announcement

It is with both great pride and sadness that we announce that Yoo-Jin Hong has accepted a new position with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as Manager of the Civic Orchestra and Training Programs, where she will begin after the start of the New Year.

Help Chicago's young musicians this holiday season by [making a donation to CYSO today!](#)

Over the past four-and-a-half years, students and families in every CYSO program have had the great pleasure of working with Yoo-Jin. During her first two seasons with CYSO, Yoo-Jin was an Operations Assistant for the Symphony Orchestra, Encore Chamber Orchestra and the Chamber Music Program. During the 2007-08 Season, Yoo-Jin took on the role of Operations and Education Manager, where she has been serving our students in Concert Orchestra, Debut Orchestra, Preparatory Strings I & II and *Music Pathways*, CYSO's music education program in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS). Yoo-Jin's care for and commitment to our CYSO musicians and the CPS school students whom CYSO serves has been second to none. Without her creativity, knowledge, intensity and passion, CYSO would not be where we are today. We are all grateful to her for making CYSO a better place, and she will always be welcomed as one of our CYSO family.

Please join us in congratulating Yoo-Jin as she begins this new journey in her life. We wish her the very best and know that she will be a huge success!

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CYSO Masterclass Series - January

CYSO Masterclass Series
David McGill, CSO Principal Bassoon
Note Grouping - The Lifeblood of Phrasing
Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6:00 pm
Curtiss Hall, 10th Floor, Fine Arts Building
410 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago
Free and open to the public

Fall 2009 CDs Available!

Live recordings of all CYSO Fall 2009 concerts are available for pre-order.

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T-shirts Also Available!

Adult unisex, Ladies and Youth sizes available.

NEW- Long sleeved shirts!

Colors include Navy, Chestnut brown, Light pink and Periwinkle.

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David McGill

Appointed principal bassoon in 1996 by former CSO music director Daniel Barenboim, bassoonist/author David McGill began his tenure with the CSO in the fall of 1997. He came here from the Cleveland Orchestra, where he had been principal bassoon since 1988. Prior to that, he was principal bassoon of the Toronto Symphony from 1985 to 1988, and principal bassoon of the Tulsa Philharmonic from 1980 to 1981.

David has appeared as soloist with the CSO, including at Carnegie Hall in 2005 and with John Williams in performances of his concerto for bassoon, "The Five Sacred Trees." He has also performed as soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony, the Oklahoma Symphony, the Tulsa Philharmonic, the Annapolis Symphony, Orchestra London, Symphony New Brunswick, the Colorado Philharmonic and the student orchestras of the Curtis and Cleveland institutes of music. He was principal bassoon of the World Orchestra for Peace in 1995 and the Solti Orchestral Project at Carnegie Hall in 1994, both under the direction of Sir Georg Solti. He has also performed at the Marlboro, Tanglewood, Colorado Philharmonic (now National Repertory Orchestra) and Aspen music festivals.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about David McGill.

2010 Annual Gala Celebration

The Noteworthy Night **Swingin'**

Saturday, Feb 6, 2010
6:00 PM

Four Seasons Hotel
120 East Delaware Place
Chicago

Featuring cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions... and a performance of some of the best loved music of the Big Band Era by our world-renowned Symphony Orchestra. Join us for this celebration benefiting the youth music training and education programs of CYSO.

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Student News

Don't forget to send us your news! We love to learn about recent awards and recognition for our students. Send your news to info@cyso.org and we'll be sure to put it on the CYSO website!