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March 28 - 7:30pm
Roosevelt University

CYSO Announces Exciting New Program Initiative!

Violinist David Taylor & Cellist Stephen Balderston Join CYSO in Exciting New "Principal Players" Initiative

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras (CYSO) announces its new "Principal Players" initiative to provide expanded instrumental training to Chicago's most talented young musicians. Music Director Allen Tinkham, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Associate Concertmaster David Taylor and renowned cellist Stephen Balderston will lead up this exciting program which offers mentoring, leadership training, orchestral music instruction and chamber music coaching to CYSO's first chair string instrumentalists. Participants will also receive full CYSO tuition scholarships. Musicians compete for the opportunity to participate in this initiative and will perform in CYSO's Symphony Orchestra, Encore Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Music Program.

CYSO is committed to not only developing the next generation of classical musicians, but also classical music's future leaders. In addition to working with these exceptional young people on their instrument proficiency, Mr. Tinkham, Mr. Balderston and Mr. Taylor will instruct participants in the nuances of being the leader of an orchestral section, as well as an entire ensemble. They will gain strong presentation skills and knowledge of how to be successful advocates for music. These skills are increasingly important in an ever changing world that presents more options for entertainment and cultural enrichment each year.

"CYSO provides an experience and level of instruction that is rarely offered to young musicians. 'Principal Players' is a special once-in-a-life-time opportunity and I am happy to be a part of it. Participating students represent some of the best that the region has to offer. They reflect the talent, hard work and hours of practice that makes them the future of classical music and the very best at what they do in Chicago." *David Taylor, CSO Assistant Concertmaster*

To sign up for CYSO auditions [CLICK HERE](#).

[CYSO Chamber Music](#)

April 5 - 12:00pm
Roosevelt University

[CYSO Masterclass Series - The Amelia Trio](#)

April 16 - 6:00pm
Fine Arts Building

[Concert Orchestra](#)

May 3 - 3:00pm
University of Chicago

[Symphony Orchestra](#)

May 10 - 7:30pm
Symphony Center

[Debut Orchestra and Preparatory Strings](#)

May 12 - 7:30 pm
Northeastern Illinois University

Fall CDs Available!

Live recordings of all CYSO Fall 2008 concerts are available.

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CYSO T-shirts Also Available!

Adult unisex, Ladies and Youth sizes available.

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

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CYSO Congratulates This Year's Concerto Competition Winners!

**Concert Orchestra Concerto Competition
Held on February 11, 2009**

Winners

Joy Vucekovich, violin - Concerto No. 1 in G minor by Bruch
Mickie Yeagley, cello - Concerto No. 1 in G minor by Kabelevsky

Catherine Zhou, piano - Concerto No. 20 in D minor by Mozart

Honorable Mention/Runner-up

Ursula Steele, violin - Concerto No. 1 in G minor by Bruch

**Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition
Held on March 4, 2009**

Winners

Kevin Hu, violin - Violin Concerto in D minor by Sibelius
Sophie Luo, piano - *Hungarian Fantasy* by Liszt

CYSO 2009-2010 Season Auditions

CYSO 2009-2010 Season Audition dates are still available, but going fast! A complete schedule of remaining audition dates and requirements can be found at www.cyso.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to fill out an audition form.

Party for a Purpose with the Associate Board



Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 7pm - 10pm

[Mad River Bar and Grille](#) - 2909 N. Sheffield Ave, Chicago

\$25 in advance, \$35 at the door

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW](#)

Package includes 3-hours of unlimited beer (domestic drafts), wine, pizza and pasta. Ticket price also includes a raffle ticket for great prizes! All proceeds will benefit CYSO's youth training and education initiatives.

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!

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