



PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S



**ORANGE COUNTY
YOUTH SYMPHONY**

**Sunday, February 27, 2022, 4pm
WINIFRED SMITH HALL**

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLE

Cathy Olinger and Albert Jeung, conductor

RICHARD MEYER (b. 1957)

Bailes Para Orquesta (Dances for Orchestra)

Aden Chen and David Chung, violin

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872-1958)

(arr. Arnold Foster)

Rhosymedre (Prelude on a Welsh Hymn Tune)

JOHANNES BRAHMS (1833-1897)

(arr. Albert Parlow)

Hungarian Dance No. 5

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

FROM THE MANAGER

I'd like to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt thank you to the orchestra members of the Orange County Youth Symphony, String Ensemble, staff, family, and community who continue to support and believe in the importance of music in our lives. OCYS and OCYSE has a diverse roster that represents student musicians from nearly 50 high school and college programs from Orange County and the surrounding areas. Today, the Orange County Youth String Ensemble will present a program filled with optimism and celebration of our youth musicians making great music together. Enjoy the concert.

CATHY OLINGER

Conductor | Orange County Youth String Ensemble

MEYER: BAILES PARA ORQUESTA (DANCES FOR ORCHESTRA)

Composer Richard Meyer is most well-known for his contributions to string orchestra literature for developing and advanced ensembles. His "Dances for Orchestra" highlight various Latin American styles with lots of gust and energy between two solo violins and the supporting string orchestra.

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: RHOSYMEDRE (PRELUDE ON A WELSH HYMN TUNE)

Rhosymedre is a Welsh hymn tune that was named after a village in Wales of the same name in the 19th century. Vaughan Williams initially arranged it for an organ composition of his entitled Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes. Since then, the tune has been closely associated with the composer, and has been arranged for various instrumentations and ensembles.

BRAHMS: HUNGARIAN DANCE NO. 5

Johannes Brahms composed a total of 21 Hungarian Dances based on Hungarian themes between 1869 and 1880. He met Hungarian violinist Eduard Remenyi at a performance and learned more about Gypsy music, as well as the Hungarian dance known as the Czárdás. As a result, he found inspiration from the melodies of his music to compose these 21 dances. No. 5 is arguably the most popular one performed and heard out of all of them, and highlights dramatic, Gypsy styles.

THE ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SYMPHONY

Founded in 1970, the Orange County Youth Symphony (OCYS) is the official youth orchestra of Orange County. As an honor ensemble, OCYS requires all accepted musicians to participate in their year-round respective school string, band, or orchestral programs. Participation in OCYS reinforces school ensembles by providing additional musical opportunities to top-performing young musicians in Orange County.

With its commitment to excellence, OCYS has performed at major music conferences throughout the United States and has toured Europe and Asia to critical acclaim. In 2012, OCYS was the winner of the American Prize in Orchestral Performance—Youth Orchestra Division. Deemed "the real thing" by The Los Angeles Times, OCYS is now led by Music Director and conductor Johannes Müller Stosch.

In the summer of 2013, OCYS toured the United Kingdom and attended the famed Proms Concerts as guests of the Royal Philharmonic Society. Representing Orange County's best young adult musicians, OCYS performances have been lauded by both critics and audiences throughout the United States, Austria, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, among others.

In May 2014, OCYS was presented by the Philharmonic Society of Orange County to a sold-out Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in a performance that included Beethoven's ninth Symphony and the West Coast premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's "Frieze." This concert was selected by both *The Orange County Register* and *The Los Angeles Times* as top picks during the 2013-14 season and was later broadcast on PBS SoCal.

OCYS additionally serves to support and supplement music programs across the county. Presented in longtime partnership with the Philharmonic Society of Orange County, the annual Concerts for Fifth Grade series has impacted hundreds of thousands of students since the 1980s. OCYS recently began inviting select high school programs to jointly perform in its season finale concert, doubling the size of each ensemble and providing new platforms for access and inspiration to all students. In the past three years, the orchestra has included Beckman, Tesoro, and Diamond Bar High Schools.

CATHY OLINGER, CONDUCTOR ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLE



Cathy Olinger received her Bachelor of Music degree with Graduate work at California State University, Long Beach. She has taught all levels of instrumental and choral music. As the founding Director of Instrumental Music program at

Tesoro High School in the Capistrano Unified School District, she developed a comprehensive Music Department with more than 500 students enrolled in the music department. In 2015, Tesoro High School was recognized as a GRAMMY Signature School for its consistent level of excellence in all facets of its music program, making it one of only five high school programs nationwide to receive the award.

Mrs. Olinger has served as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator throughout California. She was honored to conduct the All Southern California Middle School (SCSBOA) Honor Orchestra Conductor in 1999 and 2015 and is currently serving as a Vice President on the board of directors for the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association—one of the largest regional music organization in California.

She has been recognized as an Educator of the Year for the California League of High Schools, a recipient of the Irene Schoepfle Award for distinguished contributions in Orange County Music Education, and the Encore Award for outstanding achievement in Music Education. Most recently, she received the SCSBOA Honorary Life Membership.

Currently, Mrs. Olinger works at CSULB in the music education department as a student teacher supervisor and instructor for instrument methods classes. From working with the finest ensembles on the west coast to one-on-one coaching in the classroom, Mrs. Olinger sets high standards for achievement and musical excellence. She is a passionate advocate of music education who provides opportunity for students to develop an appreciation of music with the skills and discipline necessary for achieving musical success throughout a lifetime of experiences.

ALBERT JEUNG, STRINGS ASSISTANT/ OCYSE



Albert Jeung is the Director of Orchestras at Aliso Niguel High School in the Capistrano Unified School District. He is a Past President of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association where he served as President for four years. He

has been a guest clinician at many music education

state and regional conferences, and has conducted numerous honor orchestras in California, Colorado, Hawaii, Utah, and Nevada.

His many awards include: "Arts Educator of the Year for Secondary Instrumental Music" for Orange County, CA (2006, 2013), the CA Music Education Association "Orchestra Educator of the Year," (2011), a state PTSA Honorary Service Award (2012), and the "Honorary Life Member Award" by the Southern CA School Band and Orchestra Association for a lifetime achievement in music education (2014).

JASON EZQUERRO, ASSISTANT MANAGER AND LIBRARIAN / OCYS



Jason Ezquerro is an aspiring music educator who has worked with many schools and youth ensembles throughout Southern California. Since joining the staff of Orange County Youth Symphony in 2019, Jason has been able to work on

concert repertoire with members of the orchestra and helped to organize rehearsals, as well as compose upcoming season plans. He currently studies Instrumental Music Education with a minor in Finance at California State University, Long Beach and enjoys playing the double bass in the Symphony Orchestra.

DANIELLE CULHANE, OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL MANAGER



Danielle Culhane received her Bachelor of Music and M.A. in Education from Vanguard University. She currently is the director of band and orchestra at Paramount Park Middle School, Paramount and has been the Operations & Personnel

Manager for the Orange County Youth Symphony for over ten years. Danielle has traveled throughout Europe with OCYS as a manager, performer, and passionate music educator who instills the knowledge and value of music for every student. She has been recognized as Teacher of the Year 2017-2018 for her school site as well as for the Paramount Unified School District.

Ms. Culhane believes music education provides an opportunity for students to develop an appreciation for music and encourages the skills and discipline necessary for achieving musical success throughout a lifetime of experiences. Students learn the importance of a cooperative team effort while working with fellow members to accomplish the shared goals.

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLE

FIRST VIOLIN

Aden Chen, Concert Master
David Chung, Principal
Kate Johnson
Ella Li
Rassul Li
Sari Nakajima
Claire Spradley
Kyle Wang

SECOND VIOLIN

Carina Zhang, Principal
Rianna Carreon
Reuben Johnson
Andrew Kim
Margarita Markova
Katie Rackohn
Nicole Zheng

VIOLA

Eric Kim, Principal
Chelsey Harrison
Vishal Seenivasan
Adarsh Pashikanti

CELLO

Elma Cheng, Principal
Lily Collier
Ethan Irianto
Daniel Keum
Ella Na
Raymond Wang
Bryce Tran
Claire Vides

DOUBLE BASS

*Jason Ezquerro

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thank you to all the OCYS Members, Family, and Community for your continuous support!

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Albert Jeung, String Coach/Assistant OCYSE Conductor

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SYMPHONY ALUMNI MUSICIANS

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Jacob Cruz, Piccolo
Julianne Fung, Bassoon
Marlon Garcia, Bassoon
Melissa McElroy, English Horn
Andrew Nguyen, Clarinet
Kara Yi, Oboe

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SUNDAY | MAY 8, 2022

Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

PROGRAM

To be announced

Praised as possessing “stylistic, charismatic, expressive and expert” leadership, German-born conductor Johannes Müller Stosch conducts the Orange County Youth Symphony in its season finale, celebrating a triumphant season of musical growth and camaraderie.

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