

## Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra

### Weekly Communications

#### Special points of interest:

- *Benefit Concert for Haiti*
- *Featured Member, Diane Yang*
- *Notes on the CYSO Chamber Orchestra*

The Preparatory Orchestra Concert scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at Ginger Cove has been cancelled due to major renovations. The Preparatory Orchestra Concert will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at Arnold Elementary. Call time for the

orchestra will be announced soon!

Remember if you are interested in summer music camps, Executive Director, Linda Foss, has a long list of opportunities and information. See

her during your usual break during rehearsals for more information.

Finally, a belated congratulations to Catherine Waddell (Sr. Flute choir and symphony) who made all county band on flute.

### Musical Benefit: Musicians of Mercy

In the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Sarah Elert's (CYSO Concert violinist) instructor, Heidi Daniels and friends have decided to take a stand. They have recruited over 70 professional musicians to form **Musicians of Mercy**, a pending non-profit organization to bring relief to countries in need. All musicians are volunteering their time and talents to bring you their first production.

Please consider attending this charitable event and join them for a reception following the concert this Sunday, February 28 at 5 PM at Old St. Paul's Church, 223 Charles Street, in Baltimore. (See advertisement at right.) The event is free and all donations go to **Save the Children**: [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

**MUSICIANS OF MERCY**  
PRESENTS  
*A Benefit Concert for Haiti*

February 28, 2010 - 5:00pm  
Free Admission - Donations Accepted

All donations will go to benefit  
**Save the Children**  
[www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

Old St. Paul's Church  
223 Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD  
(Corner of Charles & Saratoga Streets)

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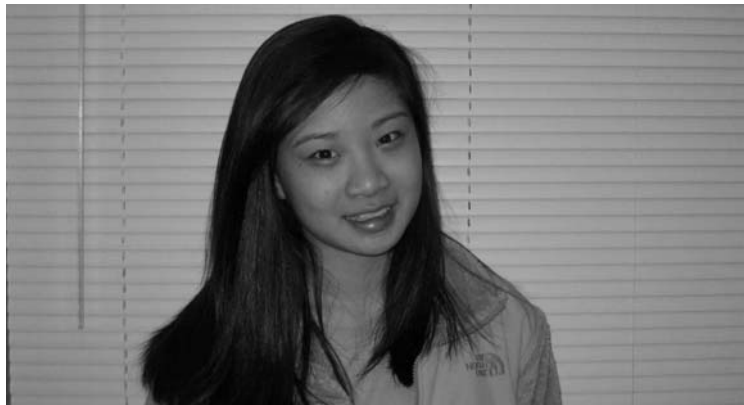
## Featured Members: CYSO 3rd Place Concerto Competition Winner, Diane Yang

Diane Yang, violinist with the Symphony Orchestra, earned a third place win in CYSO's Concerto Competition with her rendition of Scene De Ballet, Op. 100 by Charles de Beriot. As a result of her win, Diane will perform with the CYSO Concert Orchestra on May 22, 2010 at the 2pm Finale Concert at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. In this article, she talks about her strong family ties to music and her impressive musical achievements in musical competitions. Congratulations, Diane!

*I joined CYSO last fall and am concert-mistress of the Symphony Orchestra. I was born in Syracuse, New York and grew up in a musical family. My mom is a violinist, my dad was a composer and now is a software developer, my grandmother is a pianist, and my grandfather is a composer. My mom has been teach-*

*ing me on the violin since I was 4 years old. Before I moved to Maryland, I lived in Huntsville, Alabama.*

*Normally, I wouldn't say I like competing but I don't dislike it either. I think of it as a chance to get better experience with your instrument. I've won the Alabama Teachers Music Association state violin competition every year since I was 8 years old, and won solo, chamber, and Concerto 3 categories in 2009. I was a finalist of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, playing Men-*



Diane Yang, 3rd place winner of the CYSO Concerto Competition

*delssobn concerto in E minor when I was 10 years old.*

*Now, as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, I study at the Peabody Preparatory Program with Mrs. Rebecca Henry as my teacher. Apart from violin, I take figure skating at the Naval Academy.*

## Report on the CYSO Chamber Ensemble by Ben Newsom

After a successful holiday season for the CYSO Chamber Ensemble, the musicians (Paige Berkebile, Joseph Klinger, Kimberly Bill, Sarah Elert, Dana Judy, Caroline Cameron, Joey Hall and Spencer Newsom) all agreed to pursue a Spring season together. Little did they know of the eclectic repertoire expectations.

We have chosen music that has "appeared" in movies, on Broadway, in TV mini-series and on Casey Kasem's *American Top 40*. Our music ranges from Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer* (The Sting) to Beethoven's Opus 131 Movement 6 (Band of Brothers) to a Welsh lullaby *Suo Gan* (Empire of the Sun) to *Bella's Lullaby* (Twilight Saga) to Elmer Bernstein's *Theme from the Magnificent Seven*. When we include Andrew Lloyd Weber's *I Don't Know How to*



*Love Him* from Jesus Christ Superstar, arrangements from the Beatles, Michael Jackson, and *Over the Rainbow* from the Wizard of Oz, we are pursuing a very diverse repertoire.

These musicians set a high bar for themselves and are exceeding expectations. The "challenge" or

"stretch" piece for the season was to be the *Theme from the Magnificent Seven*. It is ready now. At a recent rehearsal, a guest stopped by and was impressed enough with their performance that he

"expected Yul Brynner and Steve McQueen to come riding in any moment."

The musicians are scheduled to perform during the silent auction and reception at the Gala Concert on March 13 and at the Chefs on the Bay event sponsored by the Annapolis Junior League at Loews Annapolis Hotel from 6-10 PM

## Upcoming Events

Changes may occur in the schedule and updates will be listed in this newsletter and posted to the website.

February 4, 11, 18, 25	Rehearsals for all ensembles	Bates Middle School
February 20-21	Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair	Details TBA
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Rehearsals for all ensembles	Bates Middle School
March 13 Auction 5:30 PM Performance 7 PM	<a href="#">CYSO Gala and Silent Auction</a>	St. John's College, Key Auditorium, Annapolis
March 19 Call time 5 PM Performance 8:00 PM	<a href="#">CYSO Symphony performs with Morgan State Choir and Opera Workshop</a>	Gilliam Concert Hall, Maryland Fine Arts Center, Baltimore
March 20 Performance 3:00 PM	<a href="#">CYSO Spring Concert with String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Orchestra, and Senior Flute Ensemble</a>	Riva Trace Baptist Church Davidsonville
March 27 Call time 1:45 PM Performance 3:00 PM	<a href="#">CYSO Junior Flute Community Outreach Concert</a>	Ginger Cove
March 28 CANCELLED!!!	<a href="#">Preparatory Orchestra</a>	Ginger Cove
April 8 Call time TBA Performance 7:00 PM	<a href="#">Preparatory Orchestra</a>	Arnold Elementary

## Concert Apparel

One astute CYSO mother has found a great place to buy concert clothes. Concertblack.com offers black 3/4 length concert shirts, and is a good place to buy pants and skirts as well. If you have outgrown your concert clothes and need something that fits in time for the Gala, check out <http://www.concertblack.com>.

Thanks to Margaret Taylor - Strings Ensemble member Katherine's mom.



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### Contact Information:

Please contact ensemble managers to report all absences as far in advance as possible. Our attendance policy is posted on our website.

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Our office, located at The Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, is staffed from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Tuesday and 10-4:30/ 5-9 Thursdays, September thru May. The room number is 103A, located across the hall and a couple of doors down from the Hard Bean Café.

CYSO follows Anne Arundel County Public Schools closures. In case of inclement weather check [www.schoolsout.com](http://www.schoolsout.com) or contact the Executive Director at the CYSO hotline (above).

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We would like this to be a member-driven newsletter. We are seeking members who would like to volunteer to help find and write articles, especially from the Wind Ensemble, Senior Flute Choir, or Symphony Orchestra. Contact

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or see Anna Tayman or Sarah Elert during breaks for the Concert Orchestra.