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## El Camino Youth Symphony's Season Opener

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Yujin Ariza, soloist (violin).

CUPERTINO — The award-winning El Camino Youth Symphony, under the baton of Dr. Camilla Kolchinsky, returns to Flint Center at De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., to premiere its 46th season with the “Season Opener” Concert on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The program features Beethoven’s Symphony No. 3; Prokofiev’s Concertino for Cello, Julia Shim, soloist; Dvorak’s Violin Concerto in A Major, Mvt I, Yujin Ariza, soloist; and Rimsky-Korsakov’s Capriccio Espagnol.

Now entering her 15th season as ECYS music director and conductor of the Symphony Orchestra, Kolchinsky’s resume includes a master of music degree from the State Conservatory of Moscow and the completion of a doctoral level program in conducting at the State Music Conservatory of Leningrad. She appeared regularly with the Bolshoi Theater, National USSR State Orchestra, and Moscow Philharmonic.

Since coming to the West in 1976, she has conducted the Philharmonic Orchestra in London, Israel Philharmonic, Swedish Radio Orchestra in Stockholm, Oslo Philharmonic, and Brussels Radio Symphony Orchestra.

This summer, Kolchinsky and the Senior Symphony will embark on a European tour, where they will perform at several halls throughout Poland and Germany, including the internationally renowned Gewandhaus in Leipzig.

Soloist Yujin Ariza, age 14 and a freshman at Menlo High School, made his Carnegie Hall solo debut in May as a winner of the American Fine Arts Festival in New York, performing Bach’s Partita No. 3.

Born into a musical family, Ariza began to study the violin at age 3 and the piano at age 4. Beginning at an early age, he won numerous competitions and awards, including the Chinese Music Teachers Association of Northern California (CMTANC) competitions, where he won first place in 2002 and 2008, the Junior Bach Festival, the American Arts Festival and the El Camino Youth Symphony Concerto Competitions. He also received piano awards at the International Russian Music Competition and CMTANC Competitions.

As a chamber musician, Ariza has appeared at Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival and Institute every year since 2005. He is a member of both the El Camino Youth Symphony and the San Francisco

Youth Orchestra.

He played in master classes lead by Martin Chalifour, Phillip Setzer, Joseph Swensen and the Borromeo String Quartet. He currently studies violin with Li Lin and previously studied piano with Irina Sharogradsky.

Soloist Julia Shim, a junior at The Harker School, has been playing the cello for seven years under Kyung-Hwah Kim. She has been a member of ECYS for four years and a principal of the cello section for the last two seasons. She had the opportunity to participate in the Central Europe tour in 2005, and the Baltic tour in 2007.

In addition to competitions, Julia has participated in the San Francisco International Summer Music Festival and a variety of benefit concerts presented by the Gift of Music Foundation. This fall, she participated in the Sempre Strings program at USC's Thornton School of Music.

At school, Shim is an officer of the Music Outreach Program Society and the Film Club, principal cellist in the Upper School orchestra, a member of the Harker Link Crew, and plays on the varsity lacrosse team.

This year marks the El Camino Youth Symphony's 46th season of excellence in music education. The Senior Symphony is the highest among the nine levels in the ECYS program and is composed of exceptionally talented young musicians from all over the Bay Area.

Under the baton of Dr. Kolchinsky, the orchestra's standards have been consistently raised, resulting in professional soloists of international renown regularly performing with the ECYS Symphony. Recent guest soloists include the concertmasters of the Los Angeles Philharmonic (Martin Chalifour), the Philadelphia Orchestra (David Kim) and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (Robert Chen).

Later this season, on March 28, 2009, two special guests will perform the Brahms' Double Concerto with ECYS at Flint Center: Michelle Kim, violin, and Sumire Kudo, cello, both members of the New York Philharmonic.

Tickets for this week's concert are \$12 and \$6 at the door and at Ticketmaster.com (service fees may apply). For further information, visit [www.ecys.org](http://www.ecys.org) or call (650) 213-7111.

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