



El Camino
Youth Symphony
Association
4055 Fabian Way
Palo Alto, CA 94303

El Camino Youth Symphony

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Season 2009-2010





The ECYS Tradition— Excellence in Music Education and Performance

*Two core principles underlie the ECYS mission: **Music Education**, to nurture, train and develop young musicians from culturally diverse backgrounds and encourage a lasting appreciation of music; and **Musical Excellence**, to provide high-quality performance opportunities for young people and outstanding musical events for the wider community.*

DURING THE SUMMER OF 2009, THE SENIOR SYMPHONY INSPIRED AUDIENCES THROUGHOUT POLAND AND GERMANY. THE SYMPHONY POSES HERE IN THE GLORIOUS GEWANDHAUS OF LEIPZIG. THE SYMPHONY ALSO PERFORMED IN WARSAW, KATOWICE, WROCLAW AND POTSDAM.

ECYS is distinguished by its unusually large and diverse number of ensembles, a creative structure that enables the ECYS faculty to offer an enriching musical education to the widest possible range of youth. The young musicians of ECYS range from those at the beginning of their musical training to those ready to establish their creative careers as performing artists. A vibrant repertoire challenges them to excel as ensemble and solo players, and to discover their own talents and leadership abilities.

ECYS performances meet critical acclaim and inspire local, national and international audiences. ECYS musicians have opportunities to perform with soloists of international stature, and receive mentoring and coaching from a distinguished roster of professional musicians and conductors dedicated to opening the world of orchestral music to the next generation.

Cover: Daniel Berezet, Sinfonietta Fall Classic



Dr. Camilla Kolchinsky, Music Director

DR. CAMILLA KOLCHINSKY enters her sixteenth season as ECYS Music Director and conductor of the Symphony, Sinfonietta and Galbraith Honor Strings. She received a Master of Music Degree with distinction from the State Music Conservatory of Moscow and completed the doctoral level program in conducting at the State Music Conservatory of Leningrad. She appeared regularly with the Bolshoi Theater, the National USSR State Orchestra, and the Moscow Philharmonic. She has conducted the Philharmonic Orchestra in London, the Israel Philharmonic, the Swedish Radio Orchestra in Stockholm, the Oslo Philharmonic, the Brussels Radio Symphony Orchestra and many others.

“Ms. Kolchinsky possesses a virtuoso conducting technique. She is artistic and charismatic on stage. She rehearses equally well with young students and musicians of world-class professional orchestras. Her work was highly acclaimed by Sir Yehudi Menuhin.”

DR. FELIX ANDRIEVSKY,
PROFESSOR, ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON

Special Guest Artist Claire Huangci, piano

On March 13, 2010 at Flint Center in Cupertino, Claire Huangci will perform the Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 2 with the ECYS Symphony. Winner of the Chopin International Piano Competition, 19-year-old pianist Claire Huangci astonishes all who hear her perform. Legendary pianist Vladimir Krainev has dubbed her the pianist with “the fastest fingers in the world.”





Thomas Jang,
Symphony Season Finale

Season at a Glance

October

18 Senior Symphony Season Opener, FLINT CENTER

November

21 Sinfonietta Orchestra Fall Classic, SPANGENBERG THEATRE

December

5 Flute Ensembles Fall Concert, COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

6 Fall Concert: Chamber Players & Camerata Orchestras,
Galbraith Honor Strings, Wind Orchestra, CUBBERLEY THEATRE

13 Senior Symphony Holiday Concert, CALIFORNIA THEATRE

February

14 Sinfonietta Orchestra Winter Spirit,
ALBERT & JANET SCHULTZ CULTURAL ARTS HALL

March

6 Flute Ensembles Winter Concert, COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

7 Winter Concert: Chamber Players & Camerata Orchestras,
Galbraith Honor Strings, Wind Orchestra, CUBBERLEY THEATRE

13 Senior Symphony Annual Benefit Concert, Claire Huangci, soloist,
FLINT CENTER

April

3 Sinfonietta Orchestra Concerto Festival, SPANGENBERG THEATRE

May

8 Ice Cream Social Concert: Chamber Players & Camerata Orchestras,
Galbraith Honor Strings, Wind Orchestra, Flute Ensembles,
ALBERT & JANET SCHULTZ CULTURAL ARTS HALL

15 Sinfonietta Orchestra Spring Dance, SPANGENBERG THEATRE

June

6 Senior Symphony Season Finale, FLINT CENTER

July

23 Summer Workshops Concert, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PALO ALTO

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EL CAMINO
YOUTH SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
California, USA
Directed by Camilla Kolchinsky Music Director Hannah Tarley



KONCERT
S. BARBER - UWERTURA "SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"
F. MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY - KONCERT SKRZYTKOWY
P. CZAJKOWSKI - SYMFONIA NR. 4
sala koncertowa im. G. Fitelberga
Górnośląskie Centrum Kultury
Katowice
27 czerwca 2009 (sobota)
godz. 19.30
Wstęp wolny

THIS IS A FAVORITE
POSTER FROM THE
TOUR, ADVERTISING
THE SYMPHONY'S
PERFORMANCE
AT THE
SALA GRZEGORZ
FITELBERG
IN KATOWICE,
POLAND.
THIS HALL
IS FAMILIAR
TERRITORY
FOR MUSIC
DIRECTOR
KOLCHINSKY,
WHO CONDUCTED
SOLOIST
ILYA KALER
AND THE POLISH
RADIO SYMPHONY
THERE IN 1994.

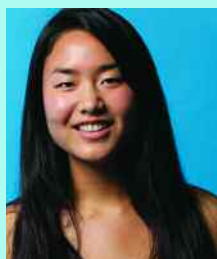
Season Opener

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009, 2:30 PM
FLINT CENTER, DE ANZA COLLEGE
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino
BEETHOVEN *Symphony No. 5*
TCHAIKOVSKY *Variations on a Rococo Theme*,
Jeffrey Kwong, soloist
CHOPIN *Piano Concerto No. 2, Mvt. I*,
Rieko Tsuchida, soloist
TCHAIKOVSKY *Capriccio Italien*



Jeffrey Kwong

Rieko Tsuchida



Holiday Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009, 2:30 PM
CALIFORNIA THEATRE
345 South First St, San Jose ALUMNI FREE!
Featuring young artists **Deborah Ahn, violin**,
Pavitra Rengarajan, flute and **Alice Park, violin**
Please visit www.ecys.org for complete program



Deborah Ahn

Alice Park



Annual Benefit

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010, 7:30 PM
FLINT CENTER, DE ANZA COLLEGE
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino
Tickets: \$35/\$25
Featuring Special Guest Artist
CLAIRE HUANGCI, piano
ROSSINI *Overture to William Tell*
SAINT-SAENS *Piano Concerto No. 2*,
Claire Huangci, soloist
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV *Scheherazade*

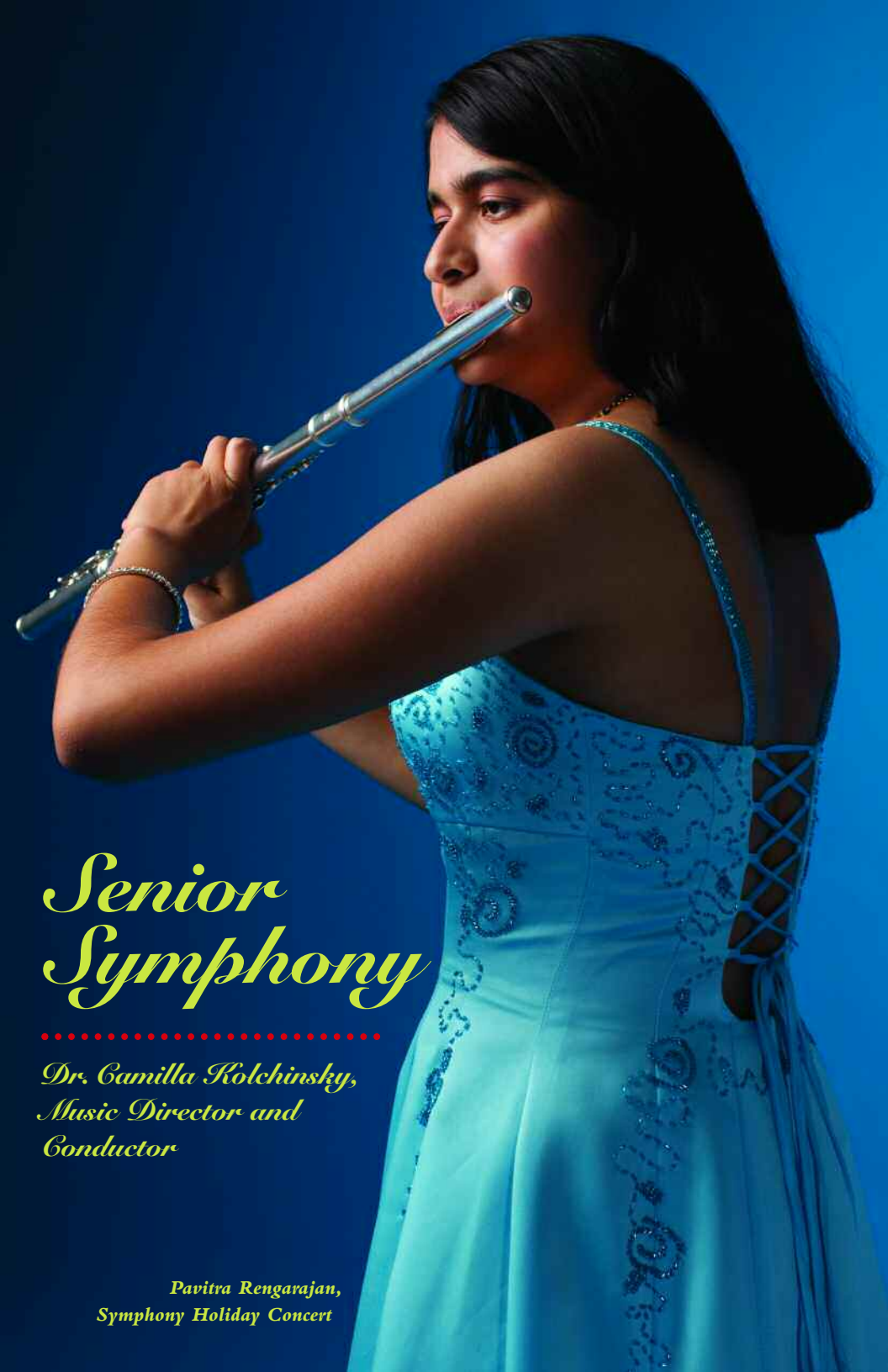
Season Finale

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010, 2:30 PM
FLINT CENTER, DE ANZA COLLEGE
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino
SAINT-SAENS *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*,
Tiffany Shen, soloist
ELGAR *Cello Concerto, Mvt. IV*,
Thomas Jang, soloist
RAVEL *Tzigane*, **Yujin Ariza, soloist**
SHOSTAKOVICH *Symphony No. 5*



Yujin Ariza

Tickets to Flint Center and California Theatre performances are available at the door. Flint Center tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com. Service fees may apply. All tickets are \$12/6 with the exclusion of the Annual Benefit.



Senior Symphony

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*Dr. Camilla Kolchinsky,
Music Director and
Conductor*

*Pavitra Rengarajan,
Symphony Holiday Concert*

Albert Chen



James Poe



Ashley Huh



Thomas Kim



Gun Ho Lee



Stephanie Chu



Conducted by Dr. Camilla Kolchinsky

Fall Classic

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009, 7:30 PM
SPANGENBERG THEATRE AT GUNN HIGH SCHOOL

780 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto

HAYDN *Symphony 101*

BRUCH *Violin Concerto No. 1, Mvt. III, Albert Chen, soloist*

GOEDICKE *Concert-Etude for Trumpet, Daniel Bereket, soloist*

BIZET Selections from *L'Arlesienne Suites Nos. 1 & 2*

Winter Spirit

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010, 2:00 PM

ALBERT & JANET SCHULTZ CULTURAL ARTS HALL

3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

SCHUBERT *Symphony No. 3*

LALO *Symphonie Espagnol, Mvt. I, Blade Chapman, soloist*

SPOHR *Clarinet Concerto, Mvt. III, Sole Chang, soloist*

NICOLAI *Overture to Merry Wives of Windsor*

Concerto Festival

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010, 7:30 PM

SPANGENBERG THEATRE AT GUNN HIGH SCHOOL

780 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto

MOZART *Overture to Titus*

MOZART *Piano Concerto No. 19, Mvt. I, James Poe, soloist*

XHANHAO GANG *Butterfly Lovers Concerto, Mvt. III,*

Holly Xiao, soloist

HAYDN *Cello Concerto in C, Mvt. I, Ashley Huh, soloist*

WIENIAWSKI *Violin Concerto No. 2, Mvt. III, Gun Ho Lee, soloist*

OFFENBACH *Ballet Parisienne*

Spring Dance

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010, 7:30 PM

SPANGENBERG THEATRE AT GUNN HIGH SCHOOL

780 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto

BEETHOVEN *Symphony No. 8*

MENDELSSOHN *Violin Concerto in E minor, Mvt. I,*

Thomas Kim, soloist

GRIFFES *Poem, Stephanie Chu, soloist*

WEBER *Overture to Oberon*

Tickets all concerts: \$12/6. Box Office opens 45 minutes prior to the concerts.

Sinfonietta Orchestra



*Sole Chang,
Sinfonietta Winter Spirit*

Senior Symphony Tour 2009

The El Camino Youth Symphony poses in front of the renowned Gewandhaus of Leipzig, Germany, where they performed on July 3, 2009.



“More than 100 young people belonging to twelve different nationalities are all of one Russian soul. The inner conflict between despair, hope and joie de vivre in Tchaikovsky’s life’s confession is seldom such a moving experience as with the El Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra.”

BIRGIT HENDRICH, LEIPZIGER VOLKSZEITUNG, JULY 7, 2009



Holly Xiao,
Sinfonietta Concerto
Festival

FALL AND WINTER
PERFORMANCES AT
CUBBERLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER
4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
CONCERT AT
ALBERT & JANET
SCHULTZ CULTURAL
ARTS HALL
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

Tickets: Dec & Mar: \$12/6,
May \$10/no passes

Galbraith Honor Strings

Conducted by Dr. Camilla Kolchinsky

Chamber Players & Camerata Orchestras

Conducted by Dr. Michail Gelfandbein

El Camino Wind Orchestra

Conducted by Christopher Florio

Fall Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009, CUBBERLEY THEATRE

2:00 PM Chamber Players Orchestra and Galbraith Honor Strings
Featuring soloists Anika Hirai, *violin* and Linus Lu, *viola*

3:15 PM Camerata Orchestra and El Camino Wind Orchestra
Featuring soloist Emilie Ma, *cello*

Winter Concert

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010, CUBBERLEY THEATRE

2:00 PM Chamber Players Orchestra and Galbraith Honor Strings
Featuring soloists Sarah Lee, *violin* and Andrew Lin, *piano*

3:15 PM Camerata Orchestra and El Camino Wind Orchestra
Featuring soloist Charis Tang, *piano*

Talent "A La Mode" Ice Cream Social Concert!

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010, 6:15 PM

ALBERT & JANET SCHULTZ CULTURAL ARTS HALL

Chamber Players, Camerata, Intermezzo Flutes, EC Flutes, El Camino Wind
Orchestra, Galbraith Honor Strings. Featuring soloists Jason Lee, *violin*,
Samuel Kwong, *violin* and Miles Chan, *violin*



MICHAEL GELFANDBEIN received his PhD at the Leningrad Conservatory of Music under M. Rostropovich, with post graduate study in conducting with I. Musin, and served as Principal Cellist of the Leningrad Philharmonic for 25 years.

CHRISTOPHER FLORIO received his graduate degree in conducting from UCLA, where he studied conducting with Dr. Thomas Lee and was Associate Conductor of the UCLA Wind Ensemble. Since 2005, Mr. Florio has directed the instrumental program at the Harker School in San Jose.



For expanded conductor bios please see www.ecys.org

Flute Ensembles

Conducted by *Melody Holmes*

EL CAMINO FLUTE ENSEMBLE
INTERMEZZO FLUTE ENSEMBLE

Fall Concert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009, 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1112 Bernardo Ave, Sunnyvale

Winter Concert

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010, 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1112 Bernardo Ave, Sunnyvale

Talent "A La Mode" Ice Cream Social Concert!

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010, 6:15 PM

ALBERT & JANET SCHULTZ
CULTURAL ARTS HALL
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

Tickets: Dec & Mar: \$12/6; May \$10/no passes

MELODY HOLMES, Lecturer in Flute at Stanford University, MA, BA, Teaching Credential, San Jose State University. Studied with Isabelle Chapuis-Starr, Bettine Clemen. Master classes with Jean-Pierre Rampal, Ransom Wilson, Julius Baker, and James Pellerite. Maintains a private music studio providing instruction in performance, musicianship, and theory.



Summer Workshops 2010

Stay tuned-up over the summer!

JULY 12-23, PALO ALTO

ECYS Summer Workshops are open to members and non-members.

Ages 6-14 may enroll in:

WORKSHOP I—BEGINNING ORCHESTRA (ALL INSTRUMENTS)

WORKSHOP II—INTERMEDIATE STRING ORCHESTRA

WORKSHOP III—INTERMEDIATE WIND ENSEMBLE

The Workshops conclude with a festive performance on the evening of July 23.

For more information, visit www.ecys.org/summer_workshops.html

Chamber Music

The **Chamber Music and Performance Outreach Program** is an opportunity for ECYS musicians to combine their appreciation of chamber music with performances for underserved members of the community.

Chamber music originated as an intimate form of music that was played for its own sake, in the homes of musicians and music lovers. The social and musical pleasure derived from playing in a small ensemble makes it a favorite endeavor of professional and student musicians.

ECYS chamber musicians earn community service through their participation in the program, and represent ECYS at outreach performances and competitions.

The Chamber Music Program is offered to members of Symphony, Sinfonietta, Galbraith Honor Strings and the El Camino Flute Ensemble. The chamber ensembles rehearse weekly with a professional coach from mid-September through

mid-May. Interested members may apply through the ECYS office.

Above top, left to right:
Pavitra Rengarajan,
Rosette Su,
Lulu Zhong,
Julian Huang

Above, left to right:
Anny Dow,
Michelle Yin,
Linus Lu,
Kaela Han

Chamber Music Faculty:

Debra Gardner, Assistant Conductor & Director of Winds
Sara Styles, String Ensemble Coach



Supporting Our Mission

For more than four decades, the El Camino Youth Symphony has been an exemplary arts education organization. As the Bay Area's foremost non-profit instrumental training and education program, ECYS has given nearly 10,000 youths at all levels of musical training the opportunity to develop both socially and artistically.

At a time when opportunities for music education are being extinguished, while the power of musical education to make a profound difference in the lives of youth has never been more universally understood, ECYS invites you to reach out and to fill a critical gap in public funding of the arts.

We welcome you to join us as advocates of young artists and their place in the grand tradition of musical education and excellence. We depend upon generous friends to fund our program, as tuition and ticket sales cover only a portion of our expenses.

On behalf of the ECYS Board of Directors, thank you for your interest in music education, and thank you for considering supporting the El Camino Youth Symphony Association. We would be honored for you to join our family of supporters.

Cathy Spieth, *Executive Director*
El Camino Youth Symphony Association

ECYS President Jun Huh congratulates Jeff Rangel, who accepted the 2009 Annual Benefactor's Award on behalf of Applied Materials.



**Left to right:
Chris Jiang, Adele Chen,
Jenny Shum**



*Thank you
for your
support!*



*Blade Chapman,
Sinfonietta Winter Spirit*



SYMPHONY MEMBERS GATHER AROUND A STATUE OF FELIX MENDELSSOHN, THE FORMER GEWANDHAUS MUSIC DIRECTOR AND COMPOSER. THE STATUE IS LOCATED IN LEIPZIG, GERMANY, ACROSS FROM THOMASKIRCHE (ST. THOMAS CHURCH), WHERE JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH WORKED AS A CHOIR DIRECTOR.



*Tiffany Shen,
Symphony Season Finale*

Membership & More

Musicians ages 6 to 20 are invited to make an audition appointment with ECYS. Contact the ECYS office or visit www.ecys.org for more information and an online application form.

Music teachers, public and private, are invited as special guests to ECYS concerts. Teachers who are not currently on our mailing list are invited to contact the office to receive a concert pass and informative mailings.

The El Camino Youth Symphony (ECYS) is located in Palo Alto, California, the home of Stanford University, about 35 miles south of San Francisco. Its name comes from the Spanish words *el camino real*, the royal highway created along the Pacific Ocean by the early Spanish explorers and missionaries.

The El Camino Youth Symphony Association provides the financial and administrative support necessary to maintain the ECYS music education and performance programs. The Association's Board of Directors is composed of parents and interested community members who volunteer their time and effort. Funding comes from a variety of sources, including membership dues, concert ticket sales, benefit concerts, and donations by individuals, foundations, and corporations.

We invite you to become an ECYS patron and contribute to the music education of our young musicians. Your donation may be sent to:



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