



THE METROPOLITAN  
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

# The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York

Sunday, March 23, 2025

*The design above is from the 2024-2025 MYO Design Contest,  
created by Nassau Principal Orchestra member Rebecca Song.*

# The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York

Adelphi University Performing Arts Center

Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 3 PM



## **NASSAU STRING ORCHESTRA**

*Michelina Sobolewski, Music Director*

The 3-Minute Nutcracker.....Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
arr. Lloyd Conley

Rhosymedre.....Ralph Vaughan Williams  
from *Three Preludes* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Drifen.....Shirl Jae Atwell

## **NASSAU CONCERT ORCHESTRA**

*Peggy Ho, Music Director*

Blue Tango.....Leroy Anderson

Russian Sailors' Dance.....Reinhold Glière  
from *The Red Poppy* arr. Merle J. Isaac

Variations on a Famous Theme .....Ralph Matesky  
by Paganini

# The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York

Adelphi University Performing Arts Center

Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 7 PM



## **NASSAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

*Catherine Birke, Music Director*

Cello Concerto in E Minor, Op. 85.....Edward Elgar  
I. Adagio - Moderato

*Maximus Lin, Cello*

*Winner of the 2023-2024 MYO Concerto and Vocal Competition*

Symphonic Dances.....Gwyneth Walker

I. Prance

II. Petite Waltz/Grande Waltz

III. Dance of the Wild Ponies

IV. Tango

V. Charleston

## **NASSAU PRINCIPAL ORCHESTRA**

*Scott Stickley, Music Director*

William Tell Overture.....Gioachino Rossini

Pavane pour une infante défunte.....Maurice Ravel

Francesca da Rimini, Op. 32...Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky



## MUSIC DEGREES OFFERED

- BS in Music ..... with concentrations in
  - Composition
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  - Music Therapy
  - Instrumental Performance
  - Piano Performance
  - Vocal Performance
- BS in Music Education
- Music Minor
- Minor in Digital Recording Arts and Music Technology

## AUDITION DATES

- November 9, 2024
- December 14, 2024
- January 25, 2025
- February 15, 2025
- March 15, 2025
- By special appointment
- By video submission



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# About the Soloist



**Maximus Lin**



## **Maximus Lin**

*Winner of the 2023-2024 MYO Concerto and Vocal Competition*

Maximus Lin, age 12, is an eighth grader at Great Neck South Middle School. He has been a member of The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York since he was in fourth grade. Currently, Maximus is the principal cellist for MYO's Nassau Symphony Orchestra. He has also been the repeat principal cellist for All-County and LISFA, as well as a featured soloist at Carnegie Hall on both piano and cello.

# About the Music Directors



**Catherine Birke**



## **Catherine Birke**

Catherine Birke (Nassau Symphony Orchestra) is an energetic and passionate conductor, violinist, and educator. She is the Music Director of the Music Advancement Program (MAP) at The Juilliard School and the Director of Orchestras at Herricks High School. At Herricks, she conducts over 200 students in four thriving orchestras and her ensembles consistently earn the highest rating of "Gold with Distinction" at the NYSSMA Major Evaluation Festival. Under her direction, the Herricks HS Chamber Orchestra has placed multiple times in the American String Teachers' Association (ASTA) National Orchestra Festival. Her small chamber ensembles consistently earn high honors as well, including annual participation in the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society's (CMS) Young Musicians Program (YMP) competition. For six years, Ms. Birke served as the Director of Strings at the New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) School of Orchestral Studies and she has also taught on faculty at Hofstra University. A sought-after guest conductor and violinist, Birke has conducted All State festivals across the country and performs regularly as the Concertmaster of the South Shore Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Birke holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Temple University, a Master of Music degree from the University of the Arts, and an Advanced Certificate in Music Theory from Berklee College of Music.



# About the Music Directors



**Peggy Ho**



## **Peggy Ho**

Peggy Ho (Nassau Concert Orchestra) began her musical training on clarinet, piano, and violin in grade school. She holds a Bachelor of Music in education and clarinet performance from Ithaca College, a Master of Arts in music history from LI University, a Master of Arts in conducting from Hofstra University, and Doctorate in music education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Her clarinet teachers include Naomi Drucker, Richard Faria, and Ayako Oshima Neidich. Having traveled extensively throughout the world, Dr. Ho has performed as principal clarinetist with the North American Elite Youth Orchestra, the Long Island Youth Orchestra, and performed with the Rome Music Festival. She has guest conducted regional and district orchestras throughout New York. Her interest in the expansion of the performance education programs to include portfolio and project based assessment have led her to share her thoughts as presenter at various music conferences, including the Winter NYSSMA Conference, Balanced Curriculum Mind Conference, and NYSBDA Symposium. Dr. Ho is a featured educator in NYSSMA's DVD Music Views and has been published in School Music News. She is currently the Director of Bands at the Wheatley School in East Williston, NY.

# About the Music Directors



**Michelina Sobolewski**



## **Michelina Sobolewski**

Michelina Sobolewski (Nassau String Orchestra) received her Bachelor of Music Education from the Crane School of Music, where she studied Viola with Dr. Peter Bucknell and Dr. Shelly Tramposh. She received her Master's degree from Stony Brook University, and Suzuki certification from the Hartt School of Music under the guidance of Carrie Reuning-Hummel, one of the first Suzuki students in the United States. Mrs. Sobolewski is an active member of the music community, having served as a chairperson for Nassau County Music Educators Association (NMEA), the executive board of the Long Island String Festival (LISFA) and guest conductor for the Suffolk County Music Educators Association (SCMEA). She has performed with the Sound Symphony Orchestra, Crane Alumni Orchestra, and is a pit musician for the Manhasset School District. Mrs. Sobolewski has been a clinician for NYSCAME and Balanced Mind Conferences, presenting workshops on curriculum, mindfulness, and programming. In addition to her passion for music, she is a certified yoga instructor for both children and adults, focusing on how breathing and mindfulness can help to improve performance. Mrs. Sobolewski is currently an elementary orchestra teacher in the Herricks School District. Her orchestras perform regularly at the NYSSMA Major Organization Evaluation Festival, consistently receiving "Gold" and "Gold with Distinction" ratings.

# About the Music Directors



**Scott Stickley**



## **Scott Stickley**

Scott Stickley (Nassau Principal Orchestra) is one of The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York's longest-tenured conductors. Since MYO's inception, Mr. Stickley has seen the organization become one of the largest youth orchestra and choir programs in the country. Highlights of Maestro Stickley's tenure include the Carnegie Hall premiere of Jennifer Higdon's Cold Mountain Suite in May 2023, an audience-acclaimed tour of Italy in July 2022 featuring a performance at the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival; a performance at Jazz at Lincoln Center of the 2019 MYO award winning composition On-Again, Off Again by Juilliard graduate Jack Frerer, 2016 MYO Orchestra performance at the Granada International Festival of Music and Dance; a 2014 Carnegie Hall world premiere of Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's choral masterwork To the East and To the West; a dynamic 2007 performance at the New York State School Music Association Conference; a first-time MYO performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at David Geffen Hall in 2006; and a 2004 performance of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Paul Moravec's MYO commission and world premiere, New York Dances. Soloists featured with MYO under his direction include the New York Philharmonic's clarinetist Stanley Drucker, Metropolitan Opera soprano Danielle de Niese, and international piano soloist Gilles Vonsattel. Scott Stickley teaches instrumental music for the Herricks Schools, has served as interim director for the Adelphi University orchestra, and guest conducted the orchestra at the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. Hailing from Oregon, he holds degrees from the University of Oregon and the University of Michigan. He studied conducting at the Tanglewood Music Center and attended conducting seminars with Gustav Meier, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Roger Norrington.

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## Musicians by Ensemble





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## **Violin**

Hayton Chan, Great Neck North MS

Abigail Chen, Denton Ave. Elementary

\* \* Annie Chen, Herricks MS

Austin Chen, Long Island School for the Gifted

Sophia Chen, Herricks MS

Sierra Chin, Herricks MS

Stephanie Chiu, Herricks MS

Sophia Crimeni, New Hyde Park Memorial HS

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Isaac Feng, Plainview-Old Bethpage MS

April Han, Herricks MS

Michaela Han, Great Neck South MS

Ella Hong, Herricks MS

Mateo Jalil, Grand Avenue MS

Nathaniel Kaplan, Long Beach MS

Nichole Ki, Jericho MS

Adelyn Kim, Northside Elementary

Liz Kim, Adrien Block IS 25

Jasper Lam, Jericho MS

\* Cheryl Li, South Woods MS

Rachel Lim, South Woods MS

Chloe Lin, Garden City HS

Clara Sue, IS 25 Adrien Block

Melanie Wang, South Woods MS

Tianna Wang, E.M. Baker Elementary

Nicholas Williams, Valley Stream North HS

Haoran Wu, Lakeville Elementary

Xinran Wu, Lakeville Elementary

Victoria Xu, Great Neck South MS

# **NASSAU STRING ORCHESTRA**

*(Continued)*

## **Violin (continued)**

Emma Yuan, J. Ratner - R. Seaman Elementary

Linda Yue, Great Neck South MS

Christina Zhong, South Woods MS

Elisa Zhou, Daniel Carter Beard JHS 189Q

## **Viola**

Louis Di Biasi, Herricks MS

Kasen Kiang, Herricks MS

Dain Kim, Bethpage HS

\*Erin Kim, C.P. Weber MS

Madison Lee, Herricks MS

Waverly Shenoy, Locust Valley MS

Jason Shnayder, Hicksville HS

Luke Tam-Han, Herricks MS

Walter Velasquez, Uniondale HS

## **Cello**

Aiden Chen, H.B. Thompson MS

\*Kaitlyn Chen, Long Island School for the Gifted

Ivan Hao, South Woods MS

Caleb Ko, Jericho MS

Lance Leung, Homeschool

Kyra Lew, Herricks HS

Louis Lu, Herricks MS

Emily Moynihan, Manhasset MS

Asha Redito, Herricks MS

Mason Shao, Herricks MS

Sophie Wang, Manhasset MS

# NASSAU STRING ORCHESTRA

*(Continued)*

## **Cello (continued)**

Jicheng Xie, Great Neck North HS

Alicia C. Ye, Roslyn MS

## **Double Bass**

\*Janice Jiang, South Woods MS

Isaac Lue-Yat, Herricks MS

Eshan Thopcherneni, Herricks HS

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Fred Trumpy, Guest Performer

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## Violin

\*\* Simon Bae, H.B. Thompson MS  
Haruka Brown, South Side HS  
Angela Chen, H.B. Thompson MS  
Wesley Chin, Herricks MS  
Benjamin Ding, Jericho MS  
Aidan He, Manhasset HS  
Derek Hoshino, South Woods MS  
Sophia Kim, H.B. Thompson MS  
Kaitlyn Kistoo, Bethpage HS  
Teagan Lau, Herricks HS  
Geoffrey Li, South Woods MS  
Jenny Li, Herricks MS  
Olivia Li, Great Neck South MS  
\* Astele Liu, Homeschool  
Lucas McClure, Garden City HS  
Anuri Okike, Freeport HS  
Brian Pak, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS  
Deleena Rak, Friends Academy  
Mika Sekiguchi, Jericho MS  
Samantha Shih, Munsey Park Elementary  
Shenglin Tang, Great Neck South HS  
Ethan Teo, Island Trees HS  
Cocona Wang, Herricks MS  
Yvette Wong, Herricks MS  
Elkan Zhang, Great Neck North HS  
Ronald Zhao, Roslyn HS  
Austin Zheng, Jericho MS

# NASSAU CONCERT ORCHESTRA

*(Continued)*

## **Viola**

Ishaan Ahuja, Herricks HS

Sehaj Ahuja, Herricks MS

\*Ava Kim, North Shore MS

Isabel Siegel, Long Beach HS

Isabelle Wong, Manhasset MS

Lucas Wu, Grand Avenue MS

George Zou, Herricks MS

## **Cello**

Aliza Brass, Bellmore-Merrick JFK HS

Tomas Flores, Village Elementary

Garrick Liang, Syosset HS

Darcy Lie, Herricks HS

Jerry Lin, South Woods MS

\*Annalise Loo, Herricks MS

Maddox Pinzon, Herricks HS

Henry Pokrywka, South Woods MS

Takumi Rodger, Merrick Avenue MS

Caeli Suen, Syosset HS

Everett Summersille, Grand Avenue MS

Henry Wu, Shore Road School

## **Double Bass**

Genevieve Mohan, Garden City HS

\*Alyssa Tse, South Woods MS

## **Piccolo**

Cassandra Oswanigam, Herricks MS

# NASSAU CONCERT ORCHESTRA

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## **Flute**

\*Eleanor Ko, Herricks MS

Junyi Liu, Long Island School for the Gifted

Cassandra Oswanigam, Herricks MS

Lena Wong, Herricks MS

## **Oboe**

Luke Chung, Thomas A. Edison HS

Alysa Guo, Shelter Rock Elementary

\*Lia Hong, Townsend Harris HS

Eric Margraf, JHS 185

Jiahe Shi, Friends Academy

## **Clarinet**

Angela Guo, H.B. Thompson MS

Kenneth Kim, Woodland MS

\*Zihan Wei, Jericho HS

Alan Zhu, Manhasset MS

## **Bassoon**

Brandon Guo, Manhasset MS

\*Ava Hsiao, Herricks HS

## **Horn**

Luke Di Biasi, Herricks MS

Javan Lin, Herricks MS

\*Jack Prindle, Waldorf School of Garden City

Matthew Rams, Herricks MS

Audrey Su, Herricks MS

# NASSAU CONCERT ORCHESTRA

*(Continued)*

## **Trumpet**

Zayd Ashfer, Herricks MS

Alex Prince, Guest Performer

Aaron Prindle, Guest Performer

## **Trombone**

Christian Barton, Long Island Lutheran MS

Ryan Fini, Manhasset MS

\* Claud Tung, Herricks HS

## **Percussion**

Ryan Chen, Herricks MS

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## Violin

Bryan Cheng, Great Neck South HS

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Francesca Javor, Herricks HS

Kailyn Kim, East Meadow HS

Ava Lau, Paul D. Schreiber HS

Jeana Lee, Syosset HS

Daniel Lin, Bellmore-Merrick JFK HS

\* \* Brian Liu, Great Neck North MS

Sophie Liu, Paul D. Schreiber HS

Brandon Lo, Syosset HS

Danielle Lu, South Side HS

Maria Mancina, East Meadow HS

Vivienne Martin, East Meadow HS

Katie Oh, Island Trees HS

Catherine Purirojejananon, MacArthur HS

Kaitlin Qu, Great Neck South HS

\* Vincent Shao, Syosset HS

Kyle Shih, Herricks HS

Sydney Tan, Great Neck South HS

Katie Tao, Syosset HS

Jeremy Wang, Bellmore-Merrick JFK HS

Ethan Weng, Jericho HS

Kyle Wong, North Shore HS

Christie Yang, Herricks HS

Shiloh Yi, Great Neck South MS

Kevin Yue, Great Neck South HS

# **NASSAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

*(Continued)*

## **Violin (continued)**

Clarissa Zhang, The Wheatley School

William Zhao, Riverdale Country School

## **Viola**

Nolan Auyeung, Merrick Avenue MS

\*Michelle Chang, Syosset HS

Sophia Chang, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Chivonne Cheung, North Shore HS

Ivy Huang, South Woods MS

Kynan John, Paul D. Schreiber HS

Anay Kaul, W.T. Clarke HS

Dhruv Maheshwari, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Katherine Sfeir, Bethpage HS

Samantha Yan, Plainview-Old Bethpage MS

## **Cello**

Chloe Auyeung, S.H. Calhoun HS

Caden Cheung, Herricks HS

Shiyun Hu, C.P. Weber MS

Caden Kim, Woodland MS

Justin Koo, Island Trees HS

Aidan Li, Herricks HS

\*Maximus Lin, Great Neck South MS

Matthew Liu, Herricks HS

Lauren Park, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Minseong Seo, Paul D. Schreiber HS

Alicia You, Great Neck South HS

Hongming Zhang, Friends Academy

# NASSAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*(Continued)*

## **Double Bass**

\*Eva Gargiulo, Sacred Heart Academy

Kyle Scott, Syosset HS

Shitab Uddin, Plainedge HS

## **Piccolo**

Skylar Kiang, Herricks HS

## **Flute**

\*Regina Choi, Herricks HS

Kayla Hsu, Herricks HS

Skylar Kiang, Herricks HS

Vihaan Shankar, Syosset HS

## **Oboe**

Harry Gu, Bronx HS of Science

Rachel Kim, Syosset HS

\*Taliah Lee, Hunter College HS

Yejin Son, Great Neck South HS

## **Clarinet**

Nicholas Chacko, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Xin Liu, Great Neck South HS

Ronin Morita, Long Beach HS

\*Hayden Yum, Great Neck South MS

## **Bassoon**

Miles Polan, Floral Park Memorial HS

Cindy Lauda, Guest Performer

# NASSAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*(Continued)*

## **Horn**

Jonathan Fox, Herricks MS

Olivia Makin, North Shore HS

Owen Mammolito, Farmingdale HS

Mekiyah Parker, Westbury HS

\*Kaitlyn Rams, Herricks HS

## **Trumpet**

Patrick Corrigan, Regis HS

\*Liam Ha, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Alexander Mingoia Murphy, Garden City HS

## **Trombone**

\*Michael Rottino, Island Trees HS

Andrew Xanthos, Manhasset HS

Jerry Felker, Guest Performer

## **Tuba**

\*Theodore Gargiulo, Chaminade HS

Katherine Murillo, Hicksville HS



# NASSAU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*(Continued)*

## **Percussion**

Patrick Kennedy, Guest Performer

Fred Trumpy, Guest Performer

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Jordan Clemetson, Freeport HS

Angie Hau, Jericho HS

Abigail Ho, Syosset HS

\*Emily Hong, Syosset HS

Shawna Huang, Herricks HS

Lauren Kang, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS +

Joanna Kim, North Shore HS

Carrie LaBarca, St. Anthony's HS

Dennis Lim, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Shawn Lim, Syosset HS

Angelina Liu, Herricks HS

Brian Liu, Fiorello H. LaGuardia HS

\* \* Erica Liu, Bronx HS of Science +

Annika Margolies, Garden City HS

Sarah Ramirez Calderon, Uniondale HS

Jihoon Shin, Roslyn HS

Tyler Tsai, Herricks HS

Russel Wong, Syosset HS

## **Viola**

Louis AuYeung, Bellmore-Merrick JFK HS

\*Cadence Chen, Syosset HS

Krista Lee, G.W. Hewlett HS +

Jimmy Lin, Syosset HS

Kate Lin, Syosset HS

Athina Malafis, Bellmore-Merrick JFK HS

Dianne Noh, Herricks HS

Mina Stickley, North Shore HS



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## **Cello**

Constantine Cheung, Herricks HS +

\*Adam Chu, Herricks HS

Justin Greenberg, Syosset HS

Aisling Hassett, Paul D. Schreiber HS

Joshua Kim, Syosset HS +

David Kim-Shoemaker, Jericho HS

Albert Kuo, Herricks HS

Jaden Kwon, The Wheatley School

Joel Park, Syosset HS

Nicolas Pereira, Freeport HS

Carolyn Wang, Syosset HS

## **Double Bass**

Connor Chang, Herricks HS

Eason Chiu, Herricks HS

\*Lucas Giordano, G.W. Hewlett HS

Tommy Wu, Guest Performer

## **Piccolo**

Lilith Mangal, Garden City HS +

## **Flute**

\*Madison Cohen, Portledge School +

Julia Jusiega, Herricks HS

Lilith Mangal, Garden City HS +

Rebecca Song, Herricks HS

# **NASSAU PRINCIPAL ORCHESTRA**

*(Continued)*

## **Oboe**

Kyle Choi, Syosset HS ^

\*Azelle Kim, The Wheatley School ^+

Viktor Lorentz, Kellenberg Memorial HS

William Pereira, Manhasset HS

## **English Horn**

William Pereira, Manhasset HS

## **Clarinet**

Victor Chan, Roslyn HS ^+

Lina Kim, Herricks HS

Aaron Turbek, Long Beach HS

\*Anderson Wang, Herricks HS +

## **Bassoon**

\*Brady Bedell, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Cindy Lauda, Guest Performer

## **Horn**

Emily Gregori, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS

Cherry Lee, Jericho HS

\*Matthew Lee, Roslyn HS

Lawrence Song, Herricks HS

## **Trumpet**

Ryan Borruso, South Side HS +

Isabelle DePalma, Sacred Heart Academy

\*Cole Johnson, North Shore HS +

# NASSAU PRINCIPAL ORCHESTRA

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## **Trombone**

\* Alexander Baluyut, Great Neck North HS  
Abby Bernstein, Great Neck North HS  
Jaxx Mordhorst, North Shore HS  
Jerry Felker, Guest Performer  
Jenna Thomas, Guest Performer

## **Tuba**

Bradley Armand, Westbury HS +

## **Percussion**

Michael Chen, Roslyn HS  
Patrick Kennedy, Guest Performer  
Fred Trumpy, Guest Performer

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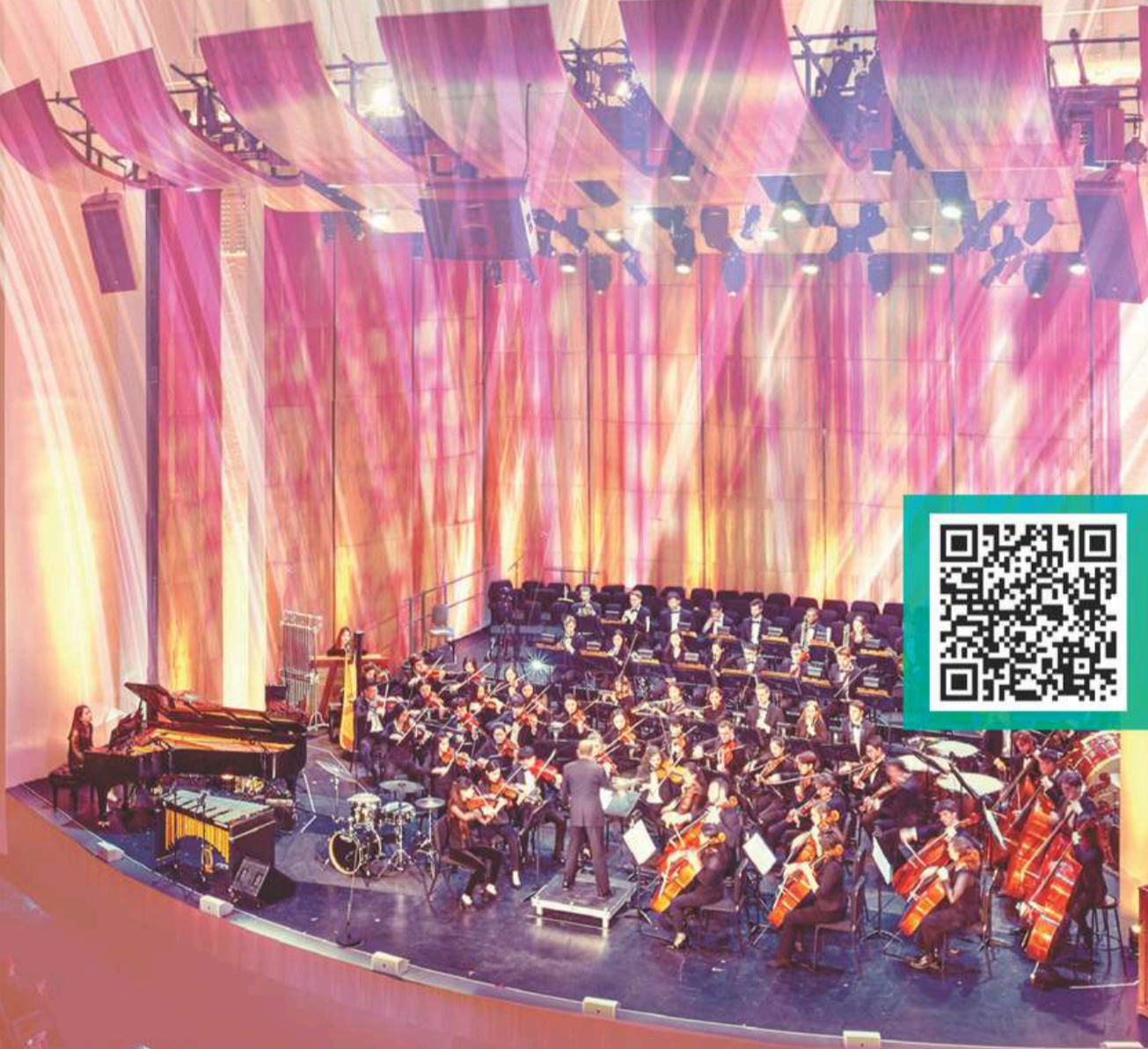
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The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York (MYO) is committed to fostering a community of talented young musicians from Long Island and providing them with an opportunity to rehearse and perform choral and orchestral masterworks at the highest possible level with recognized leaders in music education and performance. Founded in 1993 by John C. McNeur, MYO has grown from a 15-piece orchestra to seven orchestras and seven choirs, serving over 800 musicians between the ages of 8 and 18. MYO enjoys a rich tradition of international summer performance tours, beginning with the 1997 tour to Germany, France, and Austria through the most recent tour to France in July 2024.

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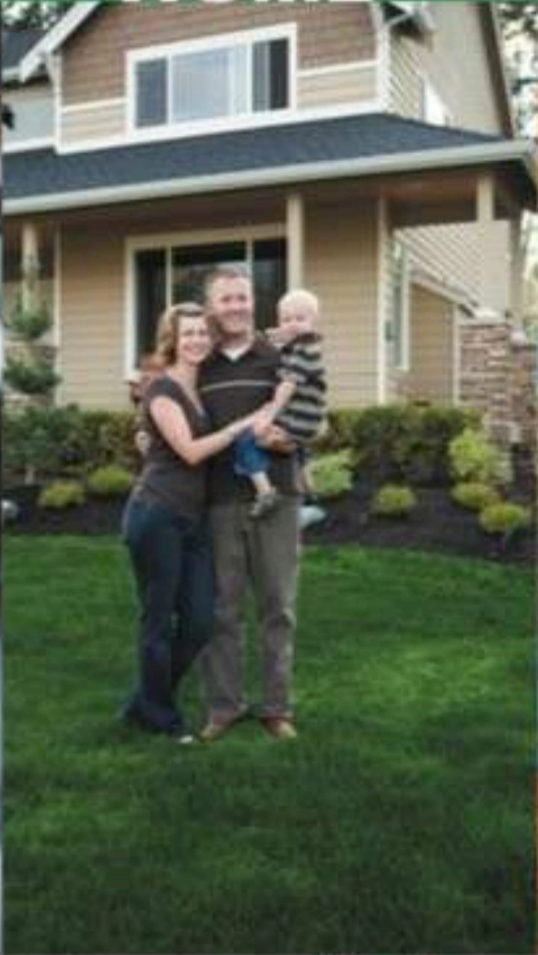
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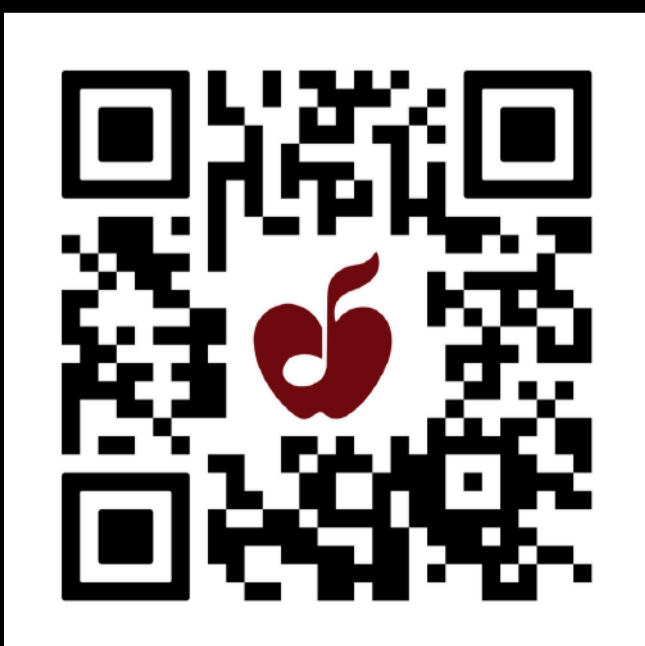




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