



BAY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS OF VIRGINIA

Concerto Competition Winners and Overtures to Close Season

By Bob Spaeth



Concerto Competition winners Dara Hankins (left) and Emily Ng (center) are to display their prize-winning talents on the March 21st concert, while Kristin Baird, who won first prize in the Concert Competition, will perform with the Symphonic Orchestra on the final concert this season on May 9th.

The 2005/2006 Bay Youth season will end with two concerts featuring our Concerto Competition winners. The Concerto Concert on March 21st at 7:30 PM, will feature Dara Hankins, cello and Emily Ng, piano. It will be at the Regent University Communications and Performing Arts Center. Ms. Ng will perform the opening movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto and Ms. Hankins will play the first movement of Elgar's Cello Concerto in E-flat minor (*Adagio moderato*) by Elgar. The Symphony will also perform the

last two movements from *Scheherazade* by Rimsky-Korakov. This program will open with the Concert Orchestra performing arrangements of the final movements of Haydn's 4th Symphony and Beethoven's 5th Symphony as well as *Greensleeves* by Vaughan Williams.

All the Bay Youth orchestras will perform at our final concert "It's Over—tures" at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake on May 9th at 7:00 PM. Kristin Baird, first-place winner of our Concerto Competition, will be featured in "Ziguenerweisen" by Sarasate with the Symphony

Orchestra. The orchestra will also perform Mendelssohn's "Hebrides" Overture and the Overture from "West Side Story" by Bernstein. During the evening there will be a tribute to the 30 seniors who will graduate from Bay Youth this year.

Tickets for the performances are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students and may be purchased at rehearsals or at the door the night of the performance. For more information, please call 757-618-1800 or email bayyouth@excite.com.

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Deadline for Summer issue is June 1, 2006. Don't be Late!

Edinburgh Fringe Tour Update

As of press time, the BYO concert tour to the Edinburgh Fringe in August, 2006 is full! We are delighted to announce that Mr. Greg Barnes, cofounder of Bay Youth Orchestras and conductor extraordinaire, will be joining the tour as guest conductor!

Tour t-shirts, totes and hoodies will be on sale at rehearsals from now until March 20th. Everyone going on tour needs to purchase a t-shirt to wear as we travel together on August 9th and 10th. (T-shirts are available in men, ladies and junior styles.) The hoodies will have the BYO logo and name embroidered on the chest and are available to everyone (in unisex and junior styles.) Please see Mr. or Mrs. Amoruso at rehearsal for order forms or e-mail Mrs. Amoruso at tessamoruso@aol.com.

As a reminder, tour rehearsals are scheduled for May 15th and May 22nd at ODU. We look forward to starting our adventure together. Cheerio

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Tuesday, May 16, 2006

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Fried Chicken
Seasonal fresh fruit
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Macaroni salad
Fresh veggies & dip
Baked beans
Apple Pie
Water, coffee, tea & soft drinks

Thank You, Leslie Stewart

By Muriel Evroy, Former Bay Youth President

Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia has regretfully accepted the resignation of Leslie Stewart, Music Director and Conductor of the Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra. But wait, she's not finished yet! Ms. Stewart will conduct two concerts left in the BYOV regular season, the Concerto Concert on March 21st, and the Season Finale on May 9th. In addition, Ms Stewart will accompany her orchestra on BYOV's first-ever international tour to Scotland and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August.

Ms. Stewart became the Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia Music Director and Symphony Conductor in 1998. Under her eight years of leadership with BYOV the orchestras have grown both musically and in size. Repertoire choices that have included collaborations with the Virginia Symphony, the Virginia Children's Chorus, and many guest soloists have enriched

the experiences of both the student participants and the audience members. Behind the scenes Ms. Stewart has worked with the board of directors and the staff to ensure a quality experience for all of the student musicians all while maintaining a balanced budget for the entire eight years! We are honored to have worked with such an intelligent and dedicated musician. We appreciate the countless hours she has sacrificed on behalf of our student musicians and our community.

The search for a new Music Director/Symphony Conductor is underway. Applications from potential candidates will be reviewed and finalists invited to a conducting audition later this spring with students in the Symphony Orchestra. This will be an important event for students who want to take part in the process. Stay tuned for updates!



photo: Bobbie Fisher

WHRO FM commemorated the 250th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Jan. 27th in a variety of ways: among them, a live on-air performance by members of the Bay Youth Concert Orchestra conducted by Helen Martell, the Suzuki Violinists of Ingleside led by Christina Morton and other local student groups.

WHRO exclaims a hearty "bravi!" to the players and their conductors who demonstrated that this music is still relevant, vibrant and necessary!

Photo: Bay Youth Concert Orchestra, Helen Martell, Conductor. Caitlin Cavanaugh, Katie Wilson, Annika Jenkins, Avian Hash, Livia Amoruso, Rebecca Willett, Philip Wiley, Eli Guzik, Catherine Robbins, Teresa Totheroh, Spencer Timme, Michael Stuckey, Andrew Gonzales, Jeremy Weidmaier, Matt Foster, Pearl McReynolds, Patty McGowan, Alyssa Frittelli, Nate Pencook



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BAY YOUTH
VIOLINISTS!**

ANNIKA JENKINS who recently performed as a soloist with the Virginia Beach Symphony!

JONATHAN MATTHEWS who will represent Virginia in the 2006 Honor Orchestra of America March 25th in Indianapolis!

NATALIA SANDERS who won first place in the Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt (Third District). Natalia will also be Concertmaster in the Newport News All-City

Orchestra!

HOLLY MILLER who won 2nd Place in the Yorktown Bland Competition!

Congratulations!

To These Bay Youth Members Who Will Be Participating In The 2006 All-state Orchestra And Bands!

Violin

Kristin Baird (Concertmaster)

Emily Ng

Poorna Phaltankar

Viola

Shirley Luu (Principal)

Jessica Cadorette

Stephanie Ethridge

Cello

Meghan Comstock

Dara Hankins

Jamie Howland

Diana Li

Deborah Ramos (Alternate)

Bass

Thomas O'byrne

Flute

Marla Smith

Clarinet

Heather Mcconchie

Rachel Totheroh

Trumpet

Tom Prescott

French Horn

Matt Cavano

Katie Michaelson

Bassoon

Keith Stolte

SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS

Aspen Music Festival

Aspen, CO

June 14-Aug. 20, 2006

3254-3254-3254

<http://www.aspenmusicfestival.com>

Camp Encore/Coda

Sweden, ME

June 28-July 23, 2006

July 23-Aug. 13, 2006

(full summer available as well)

617-325-1541 <http://www.ensemble-coda.com>

Chamber Music Institute at Ithaca College (Violin, Viola, Cello)

Ithaca, NY

July 2-22, 2006

607-274-3702 <http://www.ithaca.edu/cmi>

Colorado Music College Summer Music Festival

Colorado Springs, CO

June 10-July 4, 2006

719-389-6098

<http://ArtsFestival.ColoradoCollege.edu/MusicFestival>

Eastern Music Festival

Greensboro, NC

June 24-July 30, 2006

1-877-833-6753

<http://www.easternmusicfestival.org>

Indiana University Summer String Academy

(Violin, Viola, Cello)

Bloomington, IN

June 17-July 15

<http://www.music.indiana.edu/~smsa>

Killington Music Festival (Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano)

Killington, VT

June 26-Aug. 4, 2006

802-773-4003

<http://www.KillingtonMusicFestival.org>

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Madeline Island Music Camp (Strings and Piano)

Minneapolis, MN

June 11-July 9, 2006

612-871-7781

<http://www.music-camp.org>

Messiah College Chamber Music in Grantham

(Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano, Composition)

Grantham, PA

Aug. 6-Aug. 11, 2006

301-299-6526

psirotin@messiah.edu

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Oneonta, NY

June 25-July 9, 2006

July 9-July 23, 2006

July 23-Aug. 6, 2006

607-267-4024

<http://www.nysmf.org>

NYU Steinhardt "What Makes a Star?" (Music Business)

New York, NY

July 9-15, 2006

212-992-9380

musicbusinessinfo@nyu.edu

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Houghton, MI

June 25-July 17, 2006

2219-2219-2219

<http://www.youthprograms.mtu.edu>

Sarasota Music Festival

Sarasota, FL

May 28-June 18, 2006

9634-9634-9634

<http://www.sarasotamusicfestival.org/sarasota>

Sewanee Summer Music Festival

Sewanee, TN

June 17-July 23, 2006

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Bay Youth Events

Concerto Concert

Concert Orchestra & Youth Symphony

Regent University, Va. Beach

March 21, 2006 at 7:30pm

Spring Break

April 10-14, 2006

Season Finale

All Orchestras

Oscar Smith Hs, Chesapeake

May 9, 2006 at 7:00pm

Tour Rehearsal

ODU Band Room, Norfolk

May 15, 2006 6:30-9:00pm

Awards Banquet

Norfolk Yacht Club, Norfolk

May 16, 2006

Tour Rehearsal

ODU Band Room, Norfolk

May 22, 2006 6:30-9:00pm

Annual Auditions

ODU, Norfolk

June 5, 2006 4:00-9:00 pm

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Senior Spotlight

By Elizabeth Lutes



KRISTIN BAIRD

is a senior at Kellam High School and serves as Concertmaster for the Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra as well as for Governor's School for the Arts. Kristin

has been with Bay Youth for seven years performing with both the Concert Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra. She has also been named as Concertmaster for the Virginia All-State Orchestra for three years in a row!. Kristin plans to become a member of a major orchestra and to teach at a university. One thing that Kristin will take away from her experience in Bay Youth is that she has "...learned how to play well in orchestras and ha(s) been given the opportunity to experience the leadership of being concertmaster and soloist". She won first prize in this year's Bay Youth Concerto Competition.

JOSHUA BRYANT has been with Bay Youth Orchestras for one year as a percussionist and performs with both the Concert Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra. Joshua is a senior at Norfolk Collegiate and plans attend Virginia Military Institute. After graduation, he hopes to become a Nuclear Engineer and serve as an officer in the Navy. Joshua considers being a member of Bay Youth to be one of his most memorable accomplishments as a musician. Joshua says, "I want to give thanks to Ms. Stewart for pulling out my musical potential".

STEVEN DEAN is about to graduate from Norfolk Christian High School. He has been playing trumpet for seven years and has been a member of Bay Youth for three years. Steven has played with both the Concert and Symphony Orchestras and says something that he has learned while in

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Bay Youth is that, "waiting three hundred bars of rest is sometimes worth it". Steven has been honored to play with honor bands around the world including the Tokyo Area

Honor Band in 200. He has also participated in District II Concert and Symphonic Bands. After high school, Steven plans to attend college in New York to study Music Performance. Steven credits his trumpet teachers Wendell Banyay and Steve Carlson with giving him the inspiration, discipline and character to that have encouraged him with his playing and his life.

STEPHANIE ETHRIDGE is a senior at Kellam High School and the Governor's School for the Arts. Stephanie has participated in Bay Youth since eighth grade, starting in our String Orchestra. Her musical achievements include serving as Principal Viola of the Senior Regional Concert Orchestra as a freshman and participating in the Senior Regional Symphony Orchestra for the past three years. She has also attended the Brevard Music Festival for the past two summers. Stephanie plans to major in music education and would like to eventually teach at the Governor's School and perform professionally. Her private teacher, Jenny Snyder of the Virginia Symphony, is her mentor. "She's so bright and positive!"



LAUREN FOBBS is a home-schooled violinist who has participated in both the Bay Youth Concert and Symphony Orchestras. She has been playing violin for seven years. She says Bay Youth has taught her is how to push herself when practicing difficult music. Lauren has studied Virginia Symphony violinist Jeanie Dedominick

and whom she says “is not afraid to tell me what I’m doing wrong, but she doesn’t make me feel bad about it”. Lauren hopes to attend a conservatory when she graduates from high school to study violin performance and hopes to join The Virginia Symphony after receiving her degree.



JAMIE HOWLAND is a senior at Salem High School and Governor’s School for the Arts. This is Jamie’s first year with Bay



Youth and she is the Principal Cello in the Symphony Orchestra. Jamie plans to attend East Carolina University to major in Music Education in the fall and then go on to a luthier

school (a luthier is a person that makes stringed instruments). Jamie’s musical mentor is Leslie Frittelli, who Jamie thinks “is AWESOME!”. She is very happy with her experience in Bay Youth because she has had the opportunity to play some of the great masterpieces of music.

POORNA PHALTANKAR has been playing violin with Bay Youth for seven years, participating in the String, Concert and Symphony Orchestras. Poorna attends Kempsville High School and has been awarded early decision at the University

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of Virginia. She hopes to attend medical school after she graduates from college and aspires to become an oncologist. Poorna states “My musical accomplishments cannot

be measured by honors or awards because I play for my own happiness.” She admits that violin was not her first choice of instrument. “My parents told me that we didn’t have enough room for my preferred instrument, the piano. I guess the violin turned out to be okay too.”

DEBORAH RAMOS learned through Bay Youth how fun it was to play cello with a group, rather than being the only cellist at her school. Deborah is a senior at Deep Creek High School and Governor’s School for the Arts. She has been with Bay Youth for seven years, playing with ALL of our ensembles. Deborah plans to major in Music Education after high school. Her best experience through Bay Youth has been making new friends. She says, “Every year I never fail to have fun with someone new.”



NATALIA SANDERS is a senior at Warwick High School and has been in the first violin section of the Symphony Orchestra for the two years She has had a wonderful

experience at Bay Youth and credits our program with making her a better musician. Her fondest memory was playing the music of John Williams on our Side-by-Side concert with the Virginia Symphony last season. Natalia plans to minor in music when she goes to college. Her mother is her mentor, who she says has influenced her both emotionally and musically. Natalia says, “Although she is not a musician, she has guided me in the right direction and served as my best critic.”

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ZACHERY WHITE is a home-schooled violinist, who has been a member of Bay Youth for seven years. He has been



a member of the Jr. Strings, Strings and Concert orchestras and credits Bay Youth exposing him to various types of music and teaching him to play with other instrumentalists in a group. Zachery’s older brother Seth, a BYO alum, is his musical mentor and “has made me want to emulate...him, which has pushed me further and further along musically.” Zachery plans on majoring in Botany and Native American Studies. He hopes to research and publish a book on the various medicinal uses of North American plants and herbs.



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