

C O N C E R T



BAY AREA
Youth Symphony

Cultural and Musical Exchange Program
Featuring Guests from the Cyprus Art Youth Chorus



August 5, 2010 at 7:30 pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Nassau Bay, Texas



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Program:

The Star Spangled Banner – John Stafford Smith

Turkish National Anthem – Zeki Ungor

Adiemus – K. Jenkins

Al Yemeni Mor Yemeni – Kamran Aziz
(Turkish Cypriot Folksong)

Panis Angelicus – C. Frank

West Side Story, America – L. Bernstein

Two Brass Cats – Chris Hazel

Mr. Jums

Black Sam

INTERMISSION

23 Nisan Song – I. Taviloglu

Peer Gynt Suite: In The Hall of the Mountain King
– E. Grieg

Pie Jesu – G. Faure

Soloist: Zeynep Erçelîk

Missa Brevis in D Major – W. A. Mozart

Sanctus

Kyrie

Gloria

Soloists: Mefîs Unayođlu, Gîzel Aktuđ,
Havva Özdemîrađ

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Cyprus Art Youth Chorus:

Aysel Üçöz

Alpar Ulual

Berîl Can

Buse Baynurođlu

Derçîn Akinci

Elîfsu Orhon

Fatma Cesîm Cîvîllî

Gamze Aydin

Gîzel Aktuđ

Gîzem Öner

Havva Özdemîrađ

Hayat Sebep

Mefîs Unayođlu

Mert Sari

Öykü Güvenay

Öykü Tural

Parla Ulual

Seval Bardak

Şerife Altuđra

Zeynep Erçelîk

Bay Area Youth Symphony:

Violin:

Amanda Cordero

Jayant Leal

Kaitlyn Lawrence

Pradeepan Parthiban

Pooja Yesantharao

Iris Jing

Michelle Nostrat

Giovanni Fuentes

Dominique

Annelise Hornack

Kashesh Tiwari

Alexander Swan

Cody Nace

Pieryn Sinwiroon

Melissa Gonzalez

Viola:

Benjamin Sun

Hannah Mason

Serayah Robertson

Simone Booker

Sarah Bivens

Cello:

Emily Song

Angel Maredia

Brenden Rumann

Linh Tran

Sydney Williams

Bass:

Jason Mudgett

Ashleigh Armstrong

Clarinet:

Leslie Collins

Rebecca Lehman

Bassoon:

Tracey Grifith

Olivia Davis

French Horn:

Matt Johnson

Grant Hopkins

Trumpet:

Curtis Gunn

Cody Perry

Patrick Severance

Trombone:

William Henry

Steven Martinez

Joel Mancini

Tuba:

Jim Laurentz

Percussion:

Chris Neagu

Kyle Laurentz

Cyprus Art Youth Chorus

Cyprus Art Youth Chorus aims to bring talented children of Northern Cyprus together and lead them into the world of classical music. Cyprus Art Youth Chorus was established in May 2006 and has given numerous concerts in Cyprus and abroad.

Friendship Concert of Turkish Republic of North Cyprus and Malta was on the 31st August 2008 at Bellapais Monastery. Collegium Musicum Choir of St. Johns Co-Cathedral Valletta, Antalya State Opera and Ballet Orchestra and Cyprus Art Youth Chorus performed Gabriel Faure's "Requiem" conducted by Maestro Dion Buhagiar.

The concert was repeated in Valletta on 8th September 2007 on Malta's Republic Day and was conducted by Turgay Hilmi. On the 5th November 2008 Cyprus Art Youth Chorus had the honour of performing in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI at Vatican. June 2009, Cyprus Art Youth Chorus participated France Music Festival and gave two concerts in Rennes with Ars Juvenis Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Patrick Otto.

September 2009, Cyprus Art Youth Chorus performed Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" in Kyrenia Amphitheater with Nürnberg Lehrergesangverein and Aegean Philharmony conducted by Maestro Bernd Dietrich.



Matt Tavilson, Symphony Conductor

Matt Tavilson currently serves as the director of orchestras at Clear Creek High School. As an orchestra director, he has taught in Irving ISD, Spring Branch ISD, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and Northland Christian Academy. In addition to his teaching, Mr. Tavilson is active as guest conductor in Europe and in the US. He has conducted the East Texas Symphony Orchestra, University of Texas at Arlington Symphony Orchestra, Basken University Orchestra, Eskisehir Symphony, Orchestra of Turkey and Dokuz Eylul Akademik Orkestra of Izmir.

Mr. Tavilson received his Bachelor's of Music from Ankara State Conservatory. In 1998, he pursued further study in music education and conducting where he completed his Master's degree in Music at Texas Tech University. During his study, he conducted the university orchestra and coached

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Turgay Hilmi, Guest Conductor

After graduating from Ankara State Conservatory in 1979, Turgay Hilmi continued his education in Nuremberg and Stuttgart, Germany. He performed in Nürnberg State Opera Orchestra between 1981–1986. Since 1986 he has been working as a lecturer in Freidrich Alexander University, Faculty of Education, Music Department.

He worked with many renowned orchestras such as Coburg Opera, Jena Philharmony, Vogtland Philharmony, Thuringen Opernhaus, Saarbrücken Radio Symphony Orchestra, Köln Radio Symphony Orchestra, Nuremberg Symphny Orchestra and Nuremberg State Opera Orchestra. He was a member of Kaiserburg, Augsburg and Cornetto Brass Quintetts.

Turgay Hilmi has performed in many festivals throughout Germany, France, England, Poland,

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Gözlem Özdeğirmenci, Teacher

Born in Nicosia, Cyprus, Gözlem Özdeğirmenci started her violin lessons at the age of 11 with Prof. Cengiz Ozkok, at the Hacettepe University Ankara State Conservatory, graduating in 2001. She also studied with Daniel Gaede, Professor at the Musikhochschule Nuremberg and former concertmaster of Vienna Philharmony. Between 1998 and 2001, she participated in various international workshops abroad as well.

She gave her first recital at the age of 15 under the auspices of Rauf R. Denktas, President of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. She continued her recitals and concerts in Cyprus, Turkey, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxemburg, Greece, Germany and France.

After graduating, she performed as violinist in Hacettepe University Academic Symphony Or-

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Special Thanks to:

His Excellency Ambassador General Consul Akil Oktem for welcoming the students and hosting a reception at his residence on Monday night.

The American Turkish Association of Houston and Gurcan Gulan, president of ATA for sponsoring tonight's reception.

Mary Voigt and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for opening this perfect venue for performance to our students and guests.

Our generous host families: Bauer, Cordero, Larsen, Laurentz, Lawrence, Metcalf, Raterink, Tavilson, Tiwari, Vasquez Thank you for your Texas hospitality!

The board members of BAYS for supporting this educational opportunity for the Turkish and American students.

Lisa Russell Black for pulling together the logistical details of the week and many other miscellaneous tasks.

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Matt Tavilson (continued):

strings for Lubbock Youth Orchestra. He also studied orchestral conducting under Dr. Sergio Espinosa at University of Texas at Arlington.

Mr. Tavilson has participated in many orchestras and festivals all around the world. Some of the orchestras he has played in include: Presidential Symphony Orchestra of Turkey, Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Midland-Odessa Chorale, Rosewell Symphony Orchestras, Troy Festival Orchestra of Germany, Mediterranean Youth Orchestra of France, and the International Bass Festival in Munich. Mr. Tavilson enjoys traveling around the world, running and spending time with his family.

Turgay Hilmî (continued):

Italy, USA, Canada, China, Japan, Luxemburg, Spain and Kuwait, he also performed with Presidential Symphony Orchestra, Çukurova State Symphony, Bursa State Symphony and Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra of Turkey as a soloist.

Turgay Hilmî is the Honorary Representative for cultural affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in Germany. He is also the general manager of Cyprus Art Music and Ballet School, and handles the international contacts of the School.

Gözlem Özdeğirmencî (continued):

chestra. Moreover, she played as a guest artist in Presidential Symphony Orchestra of Turkey, Ankara State Opera Orchestra and Cyprus State Orchestra.

In 2005, she founded Cyprus Art Music and Ballet School with Turgay Hilmî. Özdeğirmencî is currently a director of Cyprus Art and instructor in the violin department.