

YOUTH ORCHESTRA, CYCNY

The Youth Orchestra is a Queens-based youth orchestra since 1996, and has been a 501 (c) (3) organization since 2002. Our mission is to provide orchestra training and performing opportunities for musical students age 10–18, with unique repertory that includes Classical, Popular, Jazz, Broadway, Film, and Asian music. The orchestra premieres and commissions work by American and Asian composers, and has organized eleven summer concert tours to Asia, Europe and the West Coast for global and cultural experiences. New members are recruited through auditions in September and January. Weekly rehearsals take place at Middle School 158 in Bayside, New York from September to June. Our members perform concerts from local community center to renowned concert venue, such as Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center.

Our Directors are: Chijen Christopher Chung, Music Director/Conductor, Patsy Chen, Artistic Director, Jason Chang, Executive Director, and Instructors are: Chijen Christopher Chung and Tony Huang for Strings, Lovell Chang for Wind and Brass, ChiChing Grace Lin for Percussion and Hsinyi Huang is the Librarian.

During the 2019-20 Season, the orchestra had performed Holiday Concert at Cardozo High School in Bayside on December 15th successfully.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the rehearsals and concerts from March 15th through June 13th had to be cancelled. We presented the virtual Graduation of Class 2020 and Year End Celebration on June 20th.

Starting the 2020-21 Season, the orchestra has been conducting the weekly virtual rehearsals on each Saturday from 1-4pm since September. The traditional Holiday Concert, which we've performed every year since 1998, is scheduled on December 20th online.

Award-winning musician Yasuhiko Fukuoka is editing the spectacular digital submissions from our members which was presented at the Virtual Holiday Concert 2020.

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