

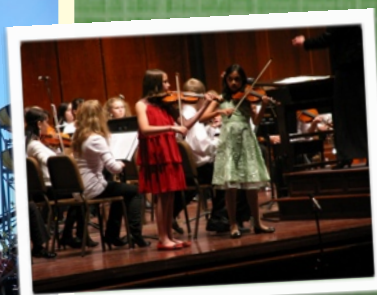
# Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras

“SSYO”

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*From left to right:  
SYO & VYOA Exchange Concert at Six Flags  
New England, SYS Concerto Competition winners  
Leija Helling & Neosha Narayanan play the Bach  
“Double” at the Season Finale, SYS Trip to the  
Metropolitan Opera*

## There’s a Little Symphony in Everybody. . .

### **. . .and the SSSYO Discovered theirs during the 2010-11 Season!**

From the rehearsal halls at Holyoke Community College to the concert halls, to the hills of Vermont, the 67th season engaged over 140 young musicians in many musical opportunities. The orchestras dove right into their season as the SYO, conducted by Jonathan Lam, hosted the first half of an exchange with the Vermont Youth Philharmonia in October 2010. Musicians attended an open rehearsal of the SSO and spent a magical day at Six Flags New England with music and fun in the park. Later that fall, the SYS, conducted by Marsha Hassett, traveled to New York to attend the comic *Don Pasquale* at the Metropolitan Opera where they were able to witness James Levine lead the orchestra.

The season flew with special events planned during each of the three concert

cycles. During the winter months, the students were treated to master class workshops presented by two of the esteemed soloists who appeared with the Springfield Symphony including Rachel Barton Pine, violin and Adam Luftman, trumpet. For Luftman, the trip to Holyoke Community College was a homecoming- having performed with the SSSYO when he was in high school. The classes were very well-attended by all of the SSSYO musicians, families, and community members.

The spring concert cycle was a culmination of all the hard work the students and conductors had invested through the year. The SYO completed the second half of their exchange with the Vermont Youth Philharmonia and traveled to Colchester, VT where they performed side-by-side with the VYP at the Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael’s College. Not even an “April

Fool’s Day” Blizzard slowed them down. For the SYO, the spring welcomed their first collaboration with the Children’s Chorus of Springfield, conducted by Dr. Wayne Abercrombie as they prepared a world premiere of a suite from the new opera by Paula Kimper, *Truth* at the Season Finale Concert in May. The same concert left the audience “seeing double” as the 2011 Concerto Competition winners from took the stage- with each orchestra featuring a concerto for 2 instruments! The SYS winners played the Bach Concerto for Two Violins, featuring Leija Helling and Neosha Narayanan of Amherst, MA. The SYO featured sibling duo Rebecca (trumpet) and Andrew (English horn) Cooper as they performed Copland’s *Quiet City*. The orchestras plan to pick up on the same high note on which they ended: **See Reverse for highlights of the 2011-12 SSSYO Season!!**



*Left: SYO with the Children’s Chorus of Springfield  
at the SSSYO Season Finale, Springfield Symphony  
Hall*

SYS Conductor, Marsha Hassett  
SYO Conductor, Jonathan Lam  
SSYO Manager, Hillarie O’Toole

# Special Events slated for 2011-2012

## SSYO Concert Schedule

### Season Premiere Concert ~

Nov. 20, 2011 ~ 3PM ~ Belchertown HS

### Winter Concert ~

Feb. 12, 2012 ~ 3PM ~ Westfield State University

### Season Finale Concert ~

May 20, 2012 ~ 3PM ~ Springfield Symphony Hall

## SSYO Will Visit Lincoln Center Oct. 2011

Musicians from both orchestras will have the opportunity to travel to New York City for a music-filled day at Lincoln Center. The SYO will participate in a morning workshop with a guest conductor and the SYS will get a back-stage tour of the world-famous arts facility. That afternoon, the musicians will attend a performance of the New York Philharmonic, with Alan Gilbert conducting.

## Julian Schwarz to present Master Class

Twenty year-old cellist Julian Schwarz is widely recognized as an up and coming performer in the major concert halls both at home and abroad. In January, he is the featured soloist with the SSO in the Tchaikovsky *Variations on a Rococo Theme*.



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The next day, he will work one-on-one with cellists from the SSYO, coaching the young students on their technique and musicality. The master class will be free & open to the public and will be held at HCC from 5:00-7:30PM on Sunday Jan. 29. For more information, email [ssyo@springfieldsymphony.org](mailto:ssyo@springfieldsymphony.org)

## SYO Branches Out: 3 Additional Concerts!

In addition to the three regular concerts of the 2011-12 Season, the SYO has committed to three additional appearances in the community. This year, the SYO will begin a partnership with "City Music Springfield," directed by Larry Picard of South Congregational Church to present Handel's *Messiah* with professional soloists. The choruses will be performed by the audience. That's right! A sing-along! This concert will take place at South Congregational Church on Sunday, December 18th. Ticket information will be available on our website later this fall.

In January, the SYO has been invited to appear prior to the SSO "Tchaikovsky & Beethoven" concert during the time normally reserved for Classical Conversations. This is a great opportunity for the young musicians to perform for an audience that may not otherwise be exposed to the youth orchestra. For more information on the Jan. 28 performance, call the Box Office at 413-733-2291 or visit [www.springfieldsymphony.org](http://www.springfieldsymphony.org).

The SYO is also honored to have been invited by Maestro Rhodes to accompany the SSO Chorus in their spring concert at West Springfield High School on April 1. They will present Honegger's *King David*. More information will be available on our website later this fall.



## SSYO Class of 2011

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2011! We wish you all the best on your new journeys:

Rosetta Berger ~ Wheaton College  
Mary Elizabeth DiProto ~ Central CT Univ.  
Bryan Erickson ~ U. New Hampshire  
Max Lu ~ Harvard University  
Nick McGlew ~ Worcester Polytech Inst.  
Rebecca Meyers ~ Mt. Holyoke College  
Nick Mollica ~ Worcester Polytech Inst.  
Natalie Paterson ~ Johnson & Wales Univ.  
Maria Ramsey ~ Vassar College  
Mary Stack ~ Stevens Inst. of Technology  
Christian Van Houten ~ Kalamazoo College  
Pamela Wasko ~ Univ. of Massachusetts  
Desmond Whalen ~ Holyoke Community Coll.  
Kara Williams ~ Westfield State Univ.

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair** Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Holyoke Barnes and Noble Bookstore! The perfect date to get your holiday and personal shopping done: books, music, cafe items, and so much more. Small ensembles and individual performers from the SSYO will perform live at the bookstore from 1:00p.m.- 4:00 p.m. A percentage of the stores sales will go directly to support the SSYO when shoppers present the SSYO Book-fair voucher at the register. To obtain a voucher, please email [ssyo@SpringfieldSymphony.org](mailto:ssyo@SpringfieldSymphony.org)



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