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CVYS Concerto Competition Finals Jan. 29 at UW-Eau Claire  
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EAU CLAIRE — The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony Concerto Competition Finals will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 29. This event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire’s Haas Fine Arts Building.

The top three finalists of the Concerto Competition will receive a cash prize. The first-place winner will be featured during the CVYS’ 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season Finale Concert on May 14. Top five finalists include:

- Dakota Lancour of Eleva, viola
- Brittaney McCarthy of Chippewa Falls, violin
- Maria Smith of Eau Claire, cello
- Abigail Uljec of Colfax, violin
- Luke Van de Loo of Eau Claire, piano

Student musicians from the youth symphony qualified for the finals by submitting a musical recording. During the preliminary round of competition, a three judge panel selected the top five finalists. Those finalists will perform live for the general public and a panel of judges comprised of University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire music professors Dr. Tulio Rondon, Dr. Phillip Ostrader and Dr. Namji Kim. The winner will be determined on January 29th, the day of the event.

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The Youth Symphony is a full string and wind orchestra under the direction of Dr. Peter Haberman. The orchestra is comprised of young musicians in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade that demonstrate an ability to perform at an advanced level. For the remainder of the 2010-2011 seasons, CVYS will perform two concerts and also provide rural outreach through an all orchestra bus tour.

The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony is sponsored in part by Wisconsin Public Radio, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley Vein Center. For more information, please visit our website at [www.cvyouthsymphony.org](http://www.cvyouthsymphony.org). The Youth symphony office is located in the Eau Claire Regional Arts Center. Office staff can be reached through email at: info@cvyouthsymphony.org or by calling 715-955-4085.

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