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Final concerts of the Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season

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EAU CLAIRE—The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony (CVYS) is performing a finale concert and a benefit concert to conclude its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season. The finale concert, Celebrating the Talents of Our Youth, will be held in UW-Eau Claire's Gantner Concert Hall on Saturday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. The benefit concert, Symphony at Sunset, is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eau Claire Golf & Country Club.

The performance, Celebrating the Talents of Our Youth, will feature the full 85-member orchestra as well as a youth symphony soloist, student conductor and student composer. The concert's featured soloist is the CVYS 2011 Concerto Competition Winner, Abigail Ulcej, on violin.

Looking forward to her upcoming solo, Ulcej said, "I'm pretty excited, and as it gets closer, I know I'm going to get nervous." Ulcej, now a junior at Colfax High School, will perform Mozart's Concert #4 in D Major, Movement 1. Additional pieces to be performed by the CVYS on May 14 include the following.

- Giovanni Gabrieli, Canzona per Sonare No. 2 & Sonata Pian'e Forte
- Hunter Hanson (Student Composer), Monday
- Sergei Prokofiev, The Montagues and Capulets
- Warren Johnson, Kinesthesia
- Tito Puente/Malone, Oye Como Va
- Steven Bryant, Dusk
- Franz Schubert, Symphony No. 8 ("Unfinished") in B Minor

Prokofiev's Montagues and Capulets will be directed by Student Conductor, Jonathan Hansen.

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The Youth Symphony has a lot to celebrate during the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Finale Concert. The CVYS Director Peter Haberman said, “We are going to recognize the tradition we are establishing in history. We also want to stop and appreciate our past conductors such as Ivar Lunde and Eugene Powers.”

Celebrating the Talents of our Youth tickets are \$3 for adults and free for students.

The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony also looks forward to performing in the Symphony at Sunset concert. Symphony at Sunset is a benefit concert in support of the CVYS and its mission of enhancing young lives and enriching the community.

Symphony at Sunset will have different ticket levels for members in attendance. The Premier Supporter ticket level (\$75 per person/\$100 per couple) includes front row seating at tables, hot hors d’oeuvres and a bottle of wine. Friends of the CVYS ticket level (\$30 per person) includes reserved seating at tables, a cheese platter and a bottle of wine. General admission is free; however, donations from all in attendance are encouraged.

The benefit concert will feature a sampling of the 2010-2011 concert season. A youth symphony string quartet will provide music while premier and friend level guests enjoy hors d’oeuvres, cheese and wine. There will also be a silent auction available before and after the concert.

For more information about the two concerts, please visit [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](mailto:info@cvyouthsymphony.org) or by calling 715-955-4085. Dr. Peter Haberman and Abigail Ulcej are available for interviews.

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