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Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony will celebrate 30 years at Winter Concert

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EAU CLAIRE—The Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony (CVYS) is celebrating its 30th anniversary season with the Winter Concert, December 12 at 2 p.m. in UW-Eau Claire’s Gantner Concert Hall. The Winter Concert will be showcasing 30 years of history, talent, and feature special guests.

The guests of honor will include founding member and original board president, Colleen Bates, and original conductor for 25 years, Ivar Lunde, Jr.

"I love to share and explore music with others, especially the younger generation," Lunde said. He believes the Youth Symphony provides an opportunity for youngsters to join together, experiencing the fun of making music.

Current CVYS conductor, Dr. Peter Haberman, said of the 30-year-old symphony, "There is a strong dedication and commitment to this organization, and a real vision for building and creating deep musical experiences for the youth of the Chippewa Valley."

The Winter Concert will celebrate the youth symphony’s 30th anniversary season, hosted by master of ceremonies Mary Jo Wagner. The concert will feature a holiday music selection and will be the premier of assistant conductor Christine Baumann.

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Pieces to be performed include the following.

- Russian Sailor's Dance from *The Red Poppy*
- The Montagues and The Capulets from *Romeo & Juliet*
- Berceuse & Finale from *Firebird Suite*
- Nutcracker Suite
- A Christmas Festival

A free reception will follow the concert.

Admission is \$3 for adults. Children and students are free. For more information, please visit 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. Dr. Haberman is available for interviews.

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