

GTiYO Spring Newsletter

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Michaela Beck and Lexi Smith

A Message From the Treasurer



Greetings GTiYO members, families, and friends,

My name is Rhonda Asselin and I am honored to join the GTiYO board as the treasurer for the 2-21/2022 season. My family has been with Mr. Song and the orchestra since the very first year it was formed. My eldest daughter Hannah played the violin, and my youngest daughter Rebekah currently plays as a violist. We have been so fortunate to travel with GTiYO to Spain, Austria, China, and Toronto to perform and experience their rich musical cultures. Our involvement with the orchestra has given my family and I so many wonderful memories both here and abroad. I am so excited to contribute my time and effort to help fulfill the motto of *"Bridging Cultural Diversity through Music Performances"* and ensuring that GTiYO players and families can have the same wonderful experiences that my family and I have had over the years.

Christmas Concert!

On December 12th, GTiYO held their annual Christmas concert at the historic St. Patrick's Church in Downtown Toledo. The building of today's church began in 1892, and opened on December 25, 1900. Anyone who has been to the church can attest to the beauty and structural intricacy of the church. Community involvement is a core value of GTiYO, and playing at venues in the community is a great way for students to familiarize themselves with the area they live in. It was another beautiful performance congratulations students!

Upcoming GTiYO Events

Sunday, March 6

Rehearsal, University of Toledo

Sunday, March 13

Rehearsal, University of Toledo

Sunday, March 20

Rehearsal, University of Toledo

Recital II, UT Recital Hall (2:00-3:00)

Sunday, March 27

Rehearsal, University of Toledo

Sunday, April 3

Rehearsal, University of Toledo

Sunday, April 10

Rehearsal, University of Toledo

Sunday, April 24

Rehearsal, University of Toledo





Listed from left to right: Dan Perry, Yang Kun Song, Olivia Perry, Benny Kujawa, Alex Bernath, Theresa Gavarone (Ohio State Senator), David Lui, Samuel Murphy, William Hendricks, Corinne Moore, Nat Potter, Lexi Smith, Craig Stough (Sylvania's mayor)

Appearances in the Community

On January 20, a double quartet of GTiYO members played at an event for the Sylvania community. Attendees of the evening included Sylvania's mayor, Craig Stough, and other notable members of the Sylvania city council. As musicians, the ability to perform in small groups is an important experience, as you are able to build relationships with the people you play with.

Thank you!

As part of community outreach, GTiYO puts on an annual fundraising concert, with 100% of ticket sales going to a chosen cause. This year, students raised \$2,000 in ticket sales for the Toledo Children's Hospital Covid Unit.

Jerry Ning proposed the idea of having the Toledo's Children's Hospital be this year's cause, and all student council members were soon in agreement. We have all felt the effects of Covid in our lives, nevertheless each student continues to strive in bringing joy to the community through music. Several students went above and beyond the expectation and truly displayed the core values of GTiYO, selling 10 tickets each, or the equivalent to \$100.



Students who sold 10 tickets are listed left to right: William Hendricks, Nat Potter, Michaela Beck, David Liu, and Alex Xu.

Solo & Ensemble

Many of the students in GTiYO participated in Solo & Ensemble, which took place on the 22nd of January. Solo & Ensemble is where students prepare a piece chosen from a list on the OMEA website. From there an adjudicator then rates it and gives their feedback. All of the students worked keenly to prepare, and they performed-wonderfully. Congratulations to these 14 students!



Name:	Score:
Michaela Beck	1
Nyomi Bell	1
William Hendricks	1
Benjamin Hsiao	1
Suzannah Kholi	1
Benny Kujawa	1
Matthew Li	1
David Liu	1
Jerry Ning	1
Olivia Perry	1
Nat Potter	1
Lexi Smith	1
Tallon Southworth	2
Alex Xu	1

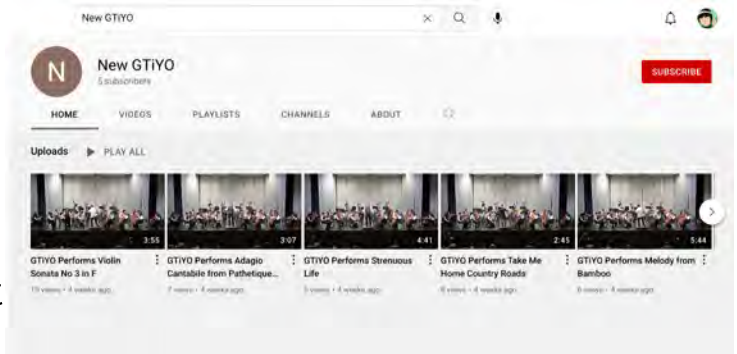
Senior Recitals

This past January a majority of the Solo & Ensemble; high school soloists, performed their pieces in the annual Senior Recital. This recital was many members' first time playing alone. There were many beautiful pieces heard and everyone did an outstanding job. Thank you Mr. Oliver for accompanying them, it is greatly appreciated.



Follow GTiYO!

GTiYO previously had a YouTube account to watch past concerts, due to unfortunate events the password was lost. Now there is another Youtube Channel, 'New GTiYO', where you can watch recent performances. It would be a tremendous help to watch, subscribe, and like the posts to keep the channel going.



GTiYO On Social Media

Facebook - Greater Toledo International Youth Orchestra

Instagram - gtiyo_toledo

YouTube - New GTiYO

WeChat - Scan the QR code to the right to join WeChat



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