

# GTiYO Summer Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

New member auditions- August 21  
Retreat at UT- August 27  
\*Labor day no rehearsal- September 4  
Rehearsal resumes- September 11, 18, 25,  
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & November 6, 13,  
20, & 27  
Fall Concert at Doermann Theater-  
November 13  
Rehearsal- December 4, 11, & 18  
Christmas Concert at The Historic Church  
of St. Patrick- December 11  
Rehearsal- January 8, 15, 22, & 29  
Recital 1 at UT Recital Hall- January 29  
Rehearsal- February 5, 12, 19, & 26  
Recital 2 at UT Recital Hall- February 19  
Rehearsal- March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 16,  
23, 30  
\*Easter no rehearsal- April 9  
Rehearsal- May 7, 14, & 21  
\*Mother's Day Rehearsal Optional- May 14  
Spring Concert at Doermann Theater- May  
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## Jin Wong's Senior Speech

Jin was a long-time second violinist of GTiYO. This past June, he graduated from Southview. This fall he will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During his last formal performance for GTiYO, the Senior Recital, Jin gave an inspiring speech that touched the hearts of all attendees. Hearing his speech really exemplified the fact that GTiYO impacts the lives of students. On behalf of the GTiYO family, we wish Jin the best of luck in his future endeavors, and we hope he'll come and visit us soon! This next page will include Jin's speech, we hope to reach as many people with these words as possible.



My name is Jin and I have been a member of GTiYO for the past five years. Throughout that time I've participated in some amazing concert fundraisers, international GTiYO concert tours, complained about Sunday practices with my friends, and even practiced during a pandemic. Yet, through all the highs and lows, joining GTiYO was still one of the best experiences of my high school career. In our fast-paced, interconnected world, effective communication across many different languages and cultures has become more important than ever.

This was never more clear to me than during our concert tours in countries such as Germany and China. While I can't speak fluent German or Mandarin, none of that mattered when we picked up our instruments and shared our love of music. From the joyous faces of the clapping audience to the awestruck faces of my friends as we watched students of our age share their culture through performing instruments such as the Erhu and the Chinese Lute, it was clear that music had transcended our differences in language and culture.

All in all, being a part of GTiYO has taught me much more than just how to play the violin. Through our benefit concerts, GTiYO has shown me the difference we can make when we work together, and through our concert tours, that the world is a much more fun and vibrant place when we are able to see past the supposed boundaries of cultural differences and immerse ourselves in our diversity. Ultimately, spreading passion, uplifting others and transcending cultures, in my opinion, that is what makes music amazing.

***That is GTiYO.***



# Spring Concert!

This past May 22nd, GTiYO held the annual Spring Concert and the orchestra played a beautiful mix of traditional Chinese, classical, and lively songs. In addition we were fortunate enough to hear a performance from GTiYO's chamber orchestra, and it was incredible. On top of that, we were able to honor our 7 incredible seniors; Zilin, Ariana, Jin, Olivia, Jerry, Nat and Suzy. It is truly heartwarming to see how our orchestra has grown and improved this past year. All of the new students have added a lot to GTiYO this season. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!



# Senior Recital

As another school year ends another group of seniors sadly says goodbye. GTiYO has certainly been fortunate enough to have had Zilin Chen, Ariana Fahl, Jerry NING, Jin Wong, Suzannah Kholi, Olivia Li, and Nat Potter in our orchestra. Every rehearsal these students stepped up and made GTiYO more enjoyable. Even during the pandemic they kept practicing, working hard, and staying committed. GTiYO is eternally grateful to have spent the time we did with our seniors this year, they have all influenced us one way or another. We wish you the best of luck in the future & will miss you immensely.



## 2022 International Festival

During the time of lock down GTiYO was unable to perform and take part of many opportunities. However, this past year many of these events and opportunities have been set back on track and we have been fortunate to once again take part in such honorable events. Once again GTiYO was able to perform at the 2022 International Festival in Downtown Toledo. Many students have never performed for the festival and it was very unique to see numerous different cultures come together to celebrate one another. We were lucky enough to perform first during the event to kickoff this years festival. There were many great performers and the festival was beautiful as always.



## Cedar Point Trip

As unfortunate as it was that GTiYO was unable to make an international trip over this summer, GTiYO was fortunate enough to have the option to go to Cedar Point. Although it is not the same, it was still a nice treat to be given free tickets to the park and spend an entire day there with the people closest to you. All members were up bright and early to be taken together by bus at 8 A.M. The weather was perfect, and the sunset immeasurable. All the students said they had a blast, and enjoyed all the activities. The roller coasters were exhilarating, but the carnival rides & fair games made for a good break as well. Thanks GTiYO for the tickets.

