

GTiYO Fall Newsletter

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Issue I

Michaela Beck and Lexi Smith



A Message From our Secretary

Hello GTiYO Families and Friends:

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2022-2023 performance season! We could not be more excited to welcome all of our families, new and old to this season. I think we are all more than a little excited to put the last several years behind us as we return to a more normalized rehearsal and concert schedule for the first time since Covid struck in the spring of 2020. My name is John Beck, and I am pleased to be joining the GTiYO board as its secretary. My family first became involved in GTiYO in the spring of 2021 when my daughter, Michaela, joined the orchestra as a cellist. Since then, I have seen the positive impact that this organization has on the students and families that are a part of its amazing community. Part of my job as secretary is to ensure an effective flow of communication between the organization and its families through the use of email, social media and our newly designed website. Next summer we hope to begin our international travel program again to further GTiYO's mission of bridging cultural diversity through music performance. If you ever have questions big or small, please feel free to reach out to me. My email is secretary@gtiyo.com. and I can be reached at 419-297-1828.

Best regards, John Beck

Upcoming Events

November 6, 20 and 27 - Rehearsal

November 13 - Fall concert; Doermann Theater at 6:30 pm

December 4, 18 - Rehearsal

December 18 - Christmas concert at The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

TBD - December performance at Toledo Museum of Art

January 8, 15 and 29 - Rehearsal

January 22 - Chinese New Year Performance

January 29 - Recital I; UT Recital Hall at 2:00 pm

February 5, 12 and 26 - Rehearsal

February 19 - Recital II; UT Recital Hall at 2:00 pm

March 5, 12, 19 and 26 - Rehearsal

April 2, 16, 23 and 30 - Rehearsal

May 7 and 21 - Rehearsal

May 21 - Spring concert; Doermann Theater at 4:00 pm

GTiYO Halloween Party

On Friday, October 28, GTiYO Student Council hosted a Halloween party at Mr. Song's house. It was a potluck event and everyone contributed by bringing something tasty. The weather was perfect to group together around the fire wrapped up cozily in blankets. We all had dinner together and enjoyed watching the movie *The Fear of Rain*. During the movie students enjoyed cooking marshmallows and having smores. Thanks Charlie & Reihana for coming to join us and learn about GTiYO. We hope you'll join us for the next holiday party!



Concert Master and Principals

We would like to take this chance to say Congratulations to the following students who will perform in the principal and co-principal positions for the 2022-2023 performance season.

Concert Master: Alex Xu

First Violin:

David Liu

Olivia Perry as co-principal

Second Violin:

William Hendricks

Corinne Moore as co-principal

Viola: Benny Kujawa

Hurricane Relief Fundraising for This Year's Fall Concert

As GTiYO has done in the past, this year student council made the decision to donate all of the fall concert ticket sales to a non-profit organization. We chose to donate to Convoy of Hope, an organization that works to provide food, water, and relief supplies to communities hit hardest by natural disasters. The money we raise will go towards helping those families and individuals that need the most help and support after the losses they faced. With the recent devastation surrounding hurricane Ian, student council wanted to take action and help. We were really touched seeing how people from around the world were stepping in to help & support one another, and thought we should join them. You can view more about them & their mission at: <https://convoyofhope.org/>



Student Council Elections and 2022-23 Officers

This past September, during our first student council meeting, elections were held for the 2022-23 officers. Congratulations to the following people: President- Michaela Beck, Vice President- Lexi Smith, Secretary- Nyomi Bell, Treasurer- Ritika Varghese, and our media team; Angelina Zhou, Benny Hsiao, Nadezhda Domingo, Olivia Perry, and Raymond Lyle



Front row from left to right: Michaela Beck, Ritika Varghese, Lexi Smith, Olivia Perry and Nyomi Bell. Back row: Raymond Lyle, Nadezhda Dominguez, Angelina Zhou and Benny Hsiao

New Member Referral Incentive Program

We are really pleased to announce a new referral incentive program for our students. GTiYO students are encouraged to invite family members and friends that play a string instrument to a Sunday rehearsal anytime as a referral. For the first referral that registers and pays their registration fees, the GTiYO student that referred them earns a \$100 Visa gift card. Any subsequent referrals that join and pay their registration fees will earn the GTiYO student an additional \$50 Visa gift card. So referring three people could earn you \$200! This program was rolled out at our October 2 "Bring A Friend Day", but remains in effect throughout the entire upcoming year.

Student Accomplishments



OMEA Northwest **Regional** orchestra participants:

David Liu- Violin 1

Courtney Spencer- Violin 1

Olivia Perry- Violin 2

Nyomi Bell- Viola

Benny Hsaio- Viola

Michaela Beck- Cello



OMEA **All State** Orchestra participant:
Benny Hsiao-viola

All State Alternate: Nyomi Bell- viola

National Merit Semifinalist- Benny Hsaio

National Merit Commended - Angelina Zhou



Little Asia Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser of the year was at Little Asia on Dorr street. Student council would like to thank Yuxin and Angelina for approaching us with this opportunity. The food was delightful, and there was a great turn-out. Whether you dined in, or did carry out, we appreciate your order! We were able to celebrate September birthdays as well, and there was many beautiful memories made that night. A special thanks to former GTiYO member Nat Potter who played multiple dazzling songs while we were enjoying our meals. It was nice to see the GTiYO family coming together to share a meal, and we hope to do this again before the season ends with more people.

Student Council

R&B Bubble Tea Outing

Our second fundraiser set up by the student council was at R&B Bubble Tea. It was an evening to remember. There was a great turn-out and many families decided to stay as well. The food was amazing; GTiYO was lucky enough to have enjoyed bubble tea, poke, ice cream, onigiri and more. Students had a blast playing board games with one another, and simply sitting and talking. We had no set amount of money we wanted to raise, but raised \$100. This day was very special and brought us close together. There were even some string members not in GTiYO who joined us. Thank you student council for putting this event together, and for showing up. We really appreciate R&B for having us, and hope more people show up to the next fundraiser!



Chamber Orchestra

Just a reminder, the GTiYO chamber group meets before rehearsal from 2:00-2:30 every **Sunday** unless specified. If you are interested in joining chamber please speak to Alex Xu (chamber leader) or Mr. Song for more information. The chamber group is currently working on 2 different songs. Chamber is for anyone who is interested in playing more challenging music and taking on another responsibility. Please note our chamber group is a year-long commitment, and you will be expected to attend all of the rehearsals. This group takes extra time to dive into their love for music, and they all stand out individually. Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up & taken part in chamber.



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