

# GWYOA

Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association

*Dedicated to the development of  
young people's musicianship  
through rehearsing and  
performing together*

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## **LEWIS-LIONTI** *Sonata Concert*



**Monday, January 13, 2020**  
**7:00 pm**

Hankin Academic Arts Building  
Westchester Community College

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## Program

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### The Westchester Youth Symphony Seniors

Meditation from Thais..... *Jules Massenet*

**Lily Desiderio**, Cello

**Nely Burla**, Piano

Cantabile in D Major..... *Niccolo Paganini*

**Deborah Johnston**, Violin

**Lisa R. Spraragen**, Guitar

Concerto in A Major K. 622, 1st Movement..... *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

**Rebecca Zhu**, Clarinet

**Nely Burla**, Piano

Etude #1..... *Theo Charlier*

**Jordan Bench**, Trumpet

Caprice #20..... *Niccolo Paganini*

**Brandon Yazdi**, Violin

Quartet #6 in F Minor, 3rd Movement, Adagio..... *Felix Mendelssohn*

**Audrey Bond**, Violin

**Sabrina Mellinghoff**, Cello

**Bjorn Pagen**, Viola

**Brandon Yazdi**, Violin



**GWYOA Distinguished Alumni Award**

Honoree: **Robert Plotkin**

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## The Westchester Youth Symphony

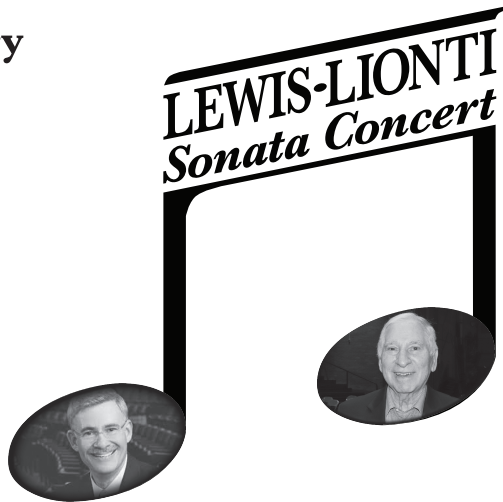
Finale to Symphony No. 5  
in D minor, Opus 47 ..... *Dimitri Shostakovich*  
(1937) (1906-1975)

A Gershwin Medley..... *George Gershwin*  
(1898-1937)

*Dessert reception to follow the performance*

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## Concert History



The **Lewis-Lionti Sonata Concert** was established by the GWYOA Board in 1997. The concert gave outstanding Youth Symphony seniors an opportunity to perform a major concerto with full orchestral accompaniment. In addition to recognizing the musical accomplishments of our students, the concert was established to honor the many years of dedicated GWYOA service rendered by **Dale Lewis**, former director of the Junior Strings, and **Victor Lionti**, currently associate conductor of the Youth Symphony.

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## 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award

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Honoree: **Robert Plotkin**

Bob Plotkin first encountered the Lioni's when he was a twelve year old violinist at the *Westchester Music and Arts Camp* in the early 70's, when Victor conducted and Vincent headed up the viola section. Bob also played violin in GWYOA's Junior Strings (as Concertmaster in his senior year) during Dale Lewis' tenure as conductor.

After Junior Strings, Bob played in Youth Symphony where he had the honor again to play under the baton of Victor Lioni.

Bob attended Columbia University's School of Engineering and Applied Science and received a BS in Electrical Engineering. During this time he played violin with the university orchestra. After graduation, he went on to earn an MS in Computer Science from NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering.

Bob was an engineer at IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center for ten years, then moved into the financial sector as a director of technology and Chief Technology Officer for an Internet startup. Bob continued to play and perform music with various chamber groups as well as the *92Y School of Music Orchestra*, *Bloomingtondale Chamber Orchestra*, *Riverside Orchestra*, *Group Opera of New York*, and currently *Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra*.

Bob is married to Lisa Olsson, a cellist who teaches and performs in various chamber ensembles. Bob and Lisa have both played in the Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra for the last fifteen years. Their daughter, Emily Plotkin is a 2017 graduate of the GWYOA program, having played in Elementary Strings, Junior Strings and Youth Symphony.

When not playing violin, Bob can be found on a golf course or behind the lens of his camera. He has had the pleasure of photographing many GWYOA concerts at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Westchester Community College.

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# The Westchester Youth Symphony



**Vincent J. Lionti**, *Conductor*



**C. Victor Lionti**, *Conductor*

## Violin I

Audrey Bond \*  
Brandon Yazdi \*  
Sophy Yu \*\*  
Justine Espino \*\*  
Albert Ai \*\*\*  
Aaron Kuo \*\*\*  
Junko Abe  
Anna Cho  
Madison Donolli  
Anika Dhuri  
Deborah Johnston  
Jessie Liu  
Amy Liao  
Elizabeth Murray  
Allison Oh  
Kenneth Poor  
Maxwell Semegran  
Sabrina Vuong

## Violin II

Fanglin Yuan ^  
Manolis Huerta-Stylianou ^  
Sara Chuang ^^  
Ritika Brahmadesam ^^  
Cadence Weddle ^^^  
Amelia Chung ^^^  
Angela Berg  
James Conway

## Violin II (continued)

Harry Griff  
Ira Guruprasad  
Chaehong Lim  
Sydney Lonker  
Lily Milkis  
Leo Morifuji  
Christopher Park-Chenet  
Aditya Sridhar  
Camille Stewart  
Jake Tetenman  
Tyra Williams  
Reinesse Wong  
Jaewon Yeo

## Viola

Bjorn Pagen ^  
Sasha Boguraev ^  
Geoffrey Lien ^^  
Rishabh Gharekhan ^^  
William Krasnow  
Cordelia Martin  
Lawrence Martin  
Erick Morales  
Kate Radom  
Oscar Raso  
Harmony Schwartz  
Jacob Sellitti  
Justin Vitale

## Cello

Sabrina Mellinghoff ^  
Michael Tu ^  
Lily Desiderio ^^^  
Mary Cuff ^^^  
Molly Gibson  
Taylor Lee  
Samantha Martinez  
Wesley Miller  
Rose Schupack-Dias  
Anahita Subramanya  
Ann Walsh  
Mark Yukelis

## Bass

Ethan Schwartz ^  
Nicole Estelami ^  
Taylor Bennett  
Leah Menachery

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\* Co Concertmaster  
\*\* Co Associate Concertmaster  
\*\*\* Co Assistant Concertmaster  
^ Co Principal  
^^ Co Associate Principal  
^^^ Co Assistant Principal

# **The Westchester Youth Symphony Orchestra** *(continued)*

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## **Flute**

Gillian Gold  
Nicole Liao  
Joy Park  
Caitlin Rubsamen  
Michael Stoica  
Ellie Yang

## **Oboe**

Tessa Daley  
Kiriann Fitzpatrick  
Elena Lowe  
Joseph Sdao  
Tanay Shah  
Jingyan Zhang

## **Clarinet**

Isabella Graci  
Rei Nakamura  
Daniel Patchen  
Benedict Peng  
Ethan Zalasin  
Rebecca Zhu

## **Bassoon**

Rina Hasuo

## **French Horn**

Sofia Carrillo  
Cali Cuneo  
Isabelle Dawson  
Justin Eimer  
Victoria Fenton  
Ethan Hersch  
Lucas Lee

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Sofia Carrillo  
Cali Cuneo  
Isabelle Dawson  
Justin Eimer  
Victoria Fenton  
Ethan Hersch  
Lucas Lee

## **Trumpet**

Jordan Bench  
William Fenton  
Walter Hoess  
Zach Hommel  
Maxwel Lee  
Brian Mulvey

## **Trombone**

Olivia Cartano  
Cyrille Jousse  
Henry Pence  
Jake Smajlaj

## **Tuba**

David Castro

## **Percussion**

Kyle Dickson  
Alex Louis  
Sarah Silverman

## Upcoming Events

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Complete information available at [www.gwyoa.org](http://www.gwyoa.org)



*Spring Gala*

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

David Geffen Hall  
Lincoln Center, NYC

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**AUDITIONS**

### **Open Auditions for the 2020-2021 Season**

We welcome new musicians and current members moving up to audition to participate in another exciting season of inspiring music! For complete information and to register, please go to [www.gwyoa.org](http://www.gwyoa.org).

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

For non-members interested in joining the GWYOA orchestras

**Monday, May 4, 2020**

For graduating members of Elementary Strings and Junior Strings who wish to move up to the next orchestra. And for non-members interested in joining the Elementary Strings orchestra.

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The **Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association** is a not-for-profit organization providing excellent grounding in cooperation, helping young people to develop self esteem, and promoting harmony in our ethnically diverse community through classical music training. GWYOA consists of three orchestras made up of students in grades four through twelve from Westchester County, and from the surrounding counties in the Tri-State area working in cooperation with the Westchester Community College in Valhalla, NY.

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