



Spring Showcase

Saturday, June 5, 2021

**Venetian Theatre
Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts**

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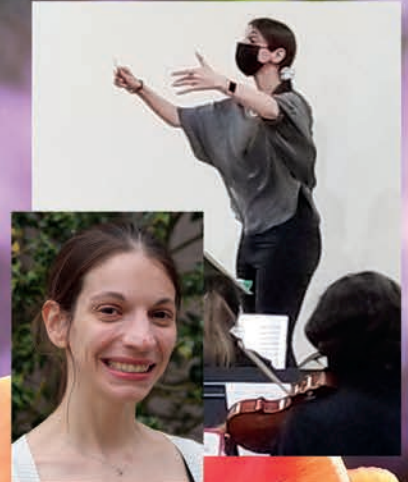
**The Westchester
Elementary Strings**

BERNARD KLINGER
Conductor



**The Westchester
Junior Strings**

JACQUELINE STERN
Conductor



**The Westchester
Youth Symphony**

KATHLEEN COLETTA FELDMAN
Conductor



In Memory of Vincent J. Lioni 1959 - 2020

On April 3, 2020, the GWYOA family lost our beloved Youth Symphony conductor, Vincent J. Lioni. While Vincent is on our minds, especially at this point in the season when his brilliance shone, the GWYOA Board plans to honor him with a Memorial Concert next Spring when we hope to have full orchestra and audience participation.

The GWYOA Board has created a retrospective of our 2019-2020 season.

It was a time that was born with the promise of extraordinary events, uprooted by the pandemic, broken by our need to mourn, yet ultimately strengthened by our passion to heal and build. We can never be the same, but remain committed to embracing the memory of Vincent and strengthening his mission.

GWYOA 2019-2020: A Remembrance

By Richard Cuneo / March 11, 2021

As it has every year since the late 1950s, the Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association began a new season in September of 2019 with an excited and exceedingly talented group of young musicians gathering to rehearse. Led by three conductors with decades of combined classical music experience, the GWYOA orchestras set their sights on the first major concerts of the 2019/2020 season: the 2019 Winter Concert, and the 2020 Lewis-Lioni Sonata Concert.

Meeting weekly at the Valhalla campus of Westchester Community College (WCC)—which was the long-time home of the GWYOA—the three orchestras got right to work, essentially sight-reading at a first rehearsal on September 9. From there, the 200+ musicians that made up the Elementary Strings, Junior Strings, and Youth Symphony, moved through a series of 13 intense rehearsals. Their final practice, on December 9, saw three performance-ready orchestras that were eager to take the stage for a concert. And on December 15, 2019, they did exactly that, thrilling a sold-out Winter Concert audience at WCC's Hankin Academic Arts Building with works by composers including *Mozart, Corelli, Bartok, Verdi, Wagner, Sibelius, Shostakovich, and Gershwin*.

After a short holiday break, the orchestras gathered at WCC once again on January 6, 2020, and on January 13, the Youth Symphony held its annual Lewis-Lioni Sonata Concert. At this event, the orchestra performance was combined with solo performances from Senior Youth Symphony members, who treated the audience to works by *Massenet, Paganini, Mozart, Charlier, and Mendelssohn*.

The day before that performance, the World Health Organization (WHO) released information about a novel coronavirus outbreak that had originated at a seafood market in Wuhan, China. As reported by the WHO that day, there was "no infection among healthcare workers, and no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission."

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Program

The Westchester Elementary Strings 12:45 pm
BERNARD KLINGER, *Conductor*

The Westchester Junior Strings 3:15 pm
JACQUELINE STERN, *Conductor*

The Westchester Youth Symphony 6:00 pm
KATHLEEN COLETTA FELDMAN, *Conductor*

Caramoor House Rules

COVID-specific Caramoor Rules

- Please wear a mask – all guests and musicians – at all times.
(Brass & winds musicians may pull their masks down only while they are performing.)
- Please remember to maintain social distancing. Do not crowd while entering or exiting the theater.

General Caramoor Rules

The following Rules apply to all events held at Caramoor.

- No food and drink please, except a water bottle for musicians.
- Smoking and vaping of e-cigarettes and other devices are not permitted inside any venue, including outdoor structures and tents.
- Animals/pets are not allowed on the property without prior authorization. Certified service animals to assist the disabled are always welcome at Caramoor.
- No dumping of waste (including without limitation ice and water) anywhere on the grounds, especially on the flowers.
- Children must be properly supervised during the entire course of the event.
- No picking of flowers or destruction of existing vegetation from surrounding grounds and gardens.
- Climbing of Venetian Theater structures is strictly prohibited, including but not limited to perimeter fences and gates, stage, statues etc.



The Westchester Elementary Strings

GEORG PHILLIP TELEMANN
arr. Robert D. McCashin

Concerto Grosso in D Major

KIRT N. MOSIER

Blue Rhythmico

FRANZ SCHUBERT
arr. Brian Holmes

Symphony No. 5, First Movement

arr. Virginia Croft

Fiddle-me-oo-re-a, Irish Folk Song

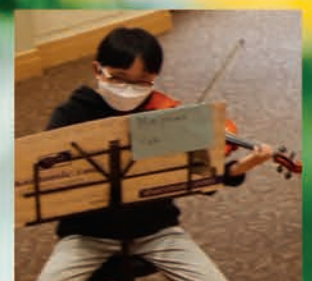
REINHOLD GLIERE
arr. Michael Allen

Russian Sailor's Dance



BERNARD KLINGER, *Conductor*

Bernard Klinger is a graduate of Hartt College of Music where he received bachelors degrees in Music Education and Viola Performance. He has a masters degree in Music Education from Columbia University Teachers College. Mr. Klinger taught strings and orchestra at Holland Hill School in Fairfield, Connecticut for 5 years. Before that, he taught strings and orchestra in the Chappaqua and White Plains School Districts for 33 years. He was principal violist in the Ridgefield, Connecticut, Symphony, and currently plays viola in the Greenwich Symphony. He is a Past President of the Westchester County School Music Association. Mr. Klinger has conducted the GWYOA Elementary Strings since 1997.



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The Westchester Elementary Strings

Violin I

Ari Bellman *
Zachary Behr
Viviana Chung
Mona Frank
Kyle Hung
Jake Inoue
Shawn Lin
Luke Liu
Brayden Lu
Jiayang Su
Minyoung Suk
Aadhya Vijil
Aditi Vijil

Violin II

Neve Aikman ^
Miranda Cabrera
Frances Chidley
May Confalone
Penelope Conway
Henry Jaeger
Levi LaBelle
Annabelle Lin
Saoirse O'Brien
Evan Siu
Priyanka Talla
Joseph Tantsyura
Sophia Wang
Mira Williams-Ameen

Viola

Navin Vasudev ^
Leila Ibrahim
Stephanie Vargas

Cello

Matthew Pascutti ^
Zoey Acker
Camilla Browand
Emilia Camillo
Aimi Castillo
Zeki Eren
Lian Guo
Rou-Jiun Mia Guo
Isaac Hiller
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Evangeline Santos
Theodore Stern
Erin Suk
Michael Wu
Zoe Yau

Bass

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* Concertmaster
^ Principal





The Westchester Junior Strings

PAUL WHEAR	Preludio for String Orchestra (1966)
VASSILI KALINNIKOV	Serenade in G minor (1891)
FELIX MENDELSSOHN	Sinfonia X in B minor (ca. 1823) Adagio - Allegro - Piu presto
DAG WIREN	Serenade for String Orchestra, Opus 11 (1937) Marcia
ASTOR PIAZZOLLA <i>arr. James Kazik</i>	Libertango (1974)



JACQUELINE STERN, *Conductor*

Jacqueline Stern has conducted Junior Strings since 1996, before which she was the founding conductor of Elementary Strings. She is Director of Instrumental Music at the Green Meadow Waldorf School, where she conducts the orchestras, teaches cello and music history and coaches chamber music. Ms Stern is an active orchestral and chamber music performer with many groups in the tri-state area including the trio Terzetta, Stamford Symphony and the Encore Chamber Players. She has played Baroque cello with the Artek Ensemble, Orchestra of the 18th Century, and New York Baroque. She has been an artist-fellow with the Bach Aria Festival and a full scholarship student at the Britten-Pears School for Advanced Musical Studies in England. Ms Stern has conducted, coached and been clinician at various music festivals in the metropolitan area. She holds a Bachelor of Music from Ithaca College and Master of Music from Manhattan School of Music, where she was a Helena Rubinstein Foundation Scholar. She has been a participant in the Music Educators' Workshop at the Resnick Education Center of Carnegie Hall since 2016 and a Conducting Fellow at the Pacific Northwest Conducting Institute and the Queens College Conducting Workshop.



The Westchester Junior Strings

Violin I

Aniketh Arvind ^
Reese Wang ^
Sara Driver
Ollie Baccay
Jonathan Bai
Olivia Chen
Maria Eberhardt
Arya Goyal
Aleah Inoue
April Middleton
Keith Mon
Keilah Om
Justine Pascutti
Lucas Rhode
Alejandro Sanchez
Palmer Wentworth
Alyssum Wong
Thomas Xin

Violin II

James Ding ^
Tiana Kaga ^
Natalie Baccay
Olivia Bercun
Alexander Bond
Owen Chen

Violin II (continued)

Ariana Chung
Giselle Goh
Cheng Jin
Morris Guo
Katie Hung
Elliott Levine
Selina Li
Erika Lunenfeld
Avi Medar
Brian Song
Daniel Song
Amir Thalappillil
Ava Wu

Viola

Lydia Lung ^
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Matthew Lebowitz
Lily Lebwohl
Ian McIlhenny
Lionel Yu

Cello

Jad Benslimane ^
Hazel Tjaden ^
Saskia Aikman
Nikita Basok
Jordan Brown
Lauren Capurso
Issac Chong
Thiago De Carvalho
Spencer Goh
Scarlett Hartzman
Trisha Iyer
Phoebe LaBelle
Hannah Loges
Emilly Moskowitz
Caera O'Brien
Richa Patil
Aadi Sethi
Andrew Song
Leon Wang
Andrew Xu
Jordan Zhao

Bass

Jayden Holmes ^
Jake Siegel ^
Wyatt Ellrodt
Eli Kamanja
Jason Ling
Liam Lobl
Ava Snyder

^ Co Principal



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The Westchester Youth Symphony

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART **Ave Verum Corpus**
In Memory of Vincent J. Lioni

EMMANUEL CHABRIER **Joyeuse Marche**

ARAM KHACHATURIAN **Masquerade Suite**
 I. Waltz
 V. Galop

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN **Symphony 104 in D Major, "The London," Hob I:104**
 I. Adagio-Allegro
 II. Andante
 III. Menuetto and Trio
 IV. Finale: Spiritoso



KATHLEEN COLETTA FELDMAN, *Interim Conductor*

Kathleen Feldman holds degrees in violin performance from Purchase College (SUNY) and music education from Manhattanville College (MAT), as well as a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Boston University. She is a music teacher with the Chappaqua Central School District, where she has taught strings district-wide since 2005. She is currently the orchestra director at Horace Greeley High School and teaches courses in music history and theory. She performs locally with professional groups such as The Chappaqua Orchestra, where she is a permanent guest conductor of the summer pops concert. A Past-President of the Westchester County School Music Association, she is currently an advisor to the Board of Directors. Prior to her work with GWYOA, she was orchestra director for the Westchester Putnam Youth Symphony, Senior and Junior divisions.



C. VICTOR LIONI, *Conductor Emeritus*

C. Victor Lioni was Musical Director and Conductor of the Westchester Youth Symphony for 27 years from 1970 until 1997. His teaching career has included: Hartford High School, White Plains High School and Kent State University. He was on the faculty of Westchester Community College for 25 years where he served as Music Curriculum Chairman, and remains as Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor of Music. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the Catholic University of America, Mr. Lioni has performed with the Rochester Philharmonic, the Hartford Symphony, the US Marine Band in Washington, DC, and as principal violist with the Greenwich Symphony. Mr. Lioni was Music Director of the Aaron Copland Music and Arts program in Westchester County. He presently serves as coordinator and Associate Conductor for the GWYOA Youth Symphony.

The Westchester Youth Symphony

Violin I

Sara Chuang *
Sydney Lonker *
Fanglin Yuan ^
Ritika Brahmadesam
James Conway
Anna Cho
Amelia Chung
Justine Espino
Harry Griff
Manolis Huerta-Stylianou
Margaret Johnson
Elizabeth Murray
Mark Tarazi
Jake Tetenman
Cadence Weddle
Reinesse Wong
Jaewon Yeo

Violin II

Alex Powell ^^
Julia Sun ^^
Jeremy Aponte
Angela Berg
David Bond
Miyako Cornelius
Ira Guruprasad
Sophia Huang
Elizabeth Kim
Jo-Lynn Kok
Rose Margolies
Remi Mellinghoff
Camille Stewart
Alessandra Smith
Tyra Williams
Rachel Zhang

Viola

Grace Tian ^
Esther Chan
Tevin Kim
William Krasnow
Zoe Lien
Cordelia Martin
Lawrence Martin
Erick Morales
Patrick Moran
Avaneesh Rao
Oscar Raso
Ava Ruggiero

Cello

Molly Gibson ^^
Samantha Martinez ^^
Cesar Aguilera
Cyrus Dadina
Luke Inoue
Klara Kunz
Taylor Lee
Joshua Levy
Riley McNeill
Joseph Miele
Luke Miller
Liam Sawian
Rylan Sturm
Mark Yukelis

Bass

Marissa Abramson ^
Richik Acharya
William Anderson
Taylor Bennett

Flute

Chaeyoung Lee
Catilin Rubsamén
Ellie Yang

Oboe

Joe Sdao ^
Alexander Olenér
Jingyan Zhang

Clarinet

Isabelle Paul ^^
Daniel Patchen ^^
Liana Cabezas

Bassoon

Sander Versteede

Trumpet

Walter Hoess ^^
Brian Mulvey ^^
William Fenton
Christina Huerta-Stylianou
Maxwel Lee
Alex Watts
Liam Watts

French Horn

Victoria Fenton ^
Sofia Carrillo
Ethan Hersch
Ben Wien
Zachary Wolk

Trombone

Olivia Cartano

Percussion

Kyle Dickson



* Co Concertmaster
^ Co Principal
^^ Co Principal

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Family Tributes

Thank you GWYOA for the joys of beautiful music, performance and friendship you've brought to our lives. Maria Eberhardt, you have come such a long ways since you toddled about clutching a red plastic violin! We are so proud of all you've done in music and your wonderful performances for GWYOA, school, church, and charity.

– Mom and Dad xoxoxo

Congratulations to all the musicians, conductors and Board members for continuing to create beautiful music through these eventful times. It lifts our spirits and brings us joy.

Thanks again,
– Shilpi Chandra and Anshu Goyal

To the 2021 GWYOA Family: Because of you, GWYOA's tradition of excellence has flourished even in the face of challenges that none of us thought we'd ever see. Thank you, and shine bright during the Spring Showcase!

– The Cuneo Family (Cali, 2020)

We are proud of our GWYOA musicians for their dedication to music in an extremely challenging year. We are grateful to our GWYOA volunteers, board, and our wonderful GWYOA conductors: Mr. Klinger, Ms. Stern, and Ms. Feldman for their stupendous efforts to bring music to our young kids again.

– The Zhao family

Our deepest gratitude to Ms. Jacqueline Stern for the wonderful opportunity given to the children to perform and bring joy even during this terrible pandemic. Through this platform, we have watched our son, Aniketh, develop a passion for violin and grow as a performer. We are so proud to be associated with the GWYOA and applaud the entire GWYOA team on a fabulous music season!

– Sapna Arvind and Arvind Sriram

GWYOA 2019-2020: A Remembrance

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Behind the scenes, the volunteer Board of Directors for the GWYOA was hard at work, organizing the weekly rehearsal process, overseeing seating auditions, managing the finances of the organization, and planning for the major event of every season—the Spring Gala Concert at Lincoln Center's David Geffen Hall.

On January 27, as the three orchestras continued the rehearsal process, taking on a new set of pieces by the likes of *Handel, Respighi, Berlioz, and Havorsen* (to name but a few) and with the Spring Gala always in their minds. In the few weeks since the WHO announcement, the coronavirus had become a larger event. On the same day as the rehearsal, CNN reported that more than 2,700 cases had been confirmed in mainland China and 82 people had died.

As well, there were more than 50 confirmed cases in 13 places outside of mainland China, including at least five in the United States. Based on that news, the GWYOA Board started taking actions to assure the safety of the musicians during rehearsal. Still, as detailed by ABC News, "The U.S. had faced a variety of infectious diseases in recent decades—SARS, MERS, avian flu, Zika, Ebola and others—and it was unclear how this new coronavirus would be notably different."

Throughout the month of February, all three orchestras continued to rehearse weekly at the WCC, while the GWYOA Board monitored health guidance coming from state and federal authorities. Based on that guidance, the Board continued to plan for the completion of the season and a successful Spring Gala. In March, however, that process came to a pause.

On March 9, CNN reported that the novel coronavirus, now more frequently referred to as COVID-19, had infected more than 108,000 people around the world and killed more than 3,800. And on March 13, the WCC announced that it would close its facilities for two weeks in order to help control the spread of the virus. That same day, then-President Trump declared a national emergency so as to free up federal resources. According to CNN, the U.S. now had 1,596 cases in 47 states and the District of Columbia, and 41 people had died. During what was believed to be only a short break, the GWYOA Board met regularly to navigate the organization through the growing crisis.

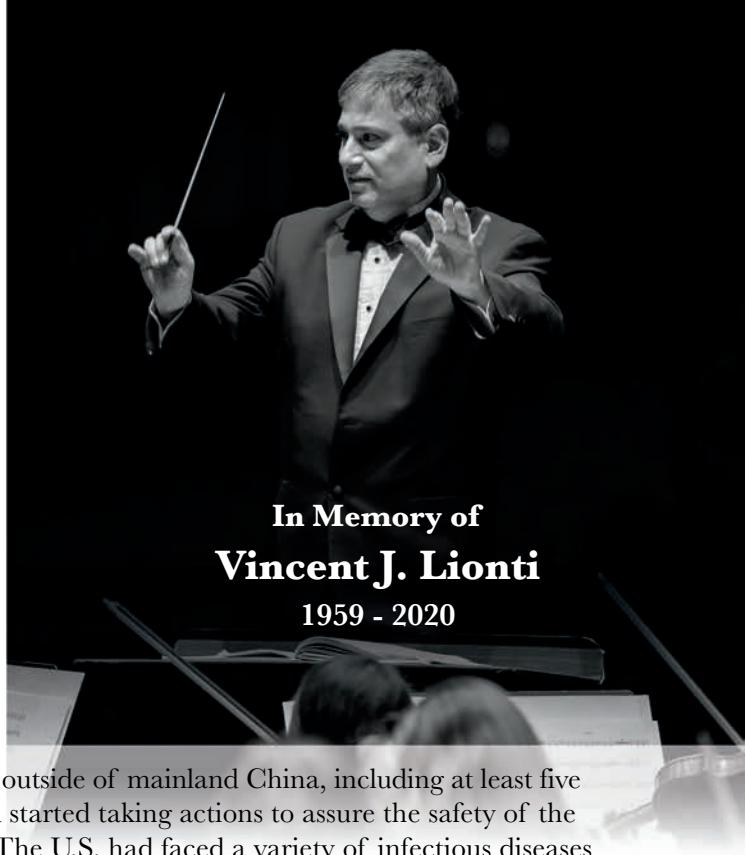
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On that day, Vincent Lioni, the conductor of the Youth Symphony, passed away from complications related to COVID-19. Vincent's career with GWYOA began when he was only 12 years old (as an orchestra musician playing under his father, Victor, who conducted the Youth Symphony for 27 years). Vincent led the Junior Strings from 1993-1997 and became the conductor of the Youth Symphony in 1997. Faced with the growing global health crisis and with enormous grief at the loss of Vincent, the Board made the unanimous decision on April 21, 2020, to cancel the remaining 2019/2020 season. While still processing the loss of a dear friend and cherished colleague, the Board began creating a series of tributes to Vincent while also acknowledging the Senior Youth Symphony musicians who had their final year with the GWYOA so unexpectedly cut short.

While there were no additional formal events in the 2019/2020 season, the Board forged on with plans for future seasons. Always looking to exceed government health and safety guidelines, the Board managed to virtually re-organize the remaining GWYOA musicians, audition new musicians, and plan for a virtual 2020/2021 season that all hope will evolve into a more-traditional "live" series of events.

While the GWYOA has been tremendously impacted by the pandemic, the Board remains committed to developing young people's musicianship through rehearsing and performing together; helping students develop self-esteem; and promoting harmony in our ethnically diverse community through training in classical music.



**In Memory of
Vincent J. Lioni
1959 - 2020**



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Youth Symphony

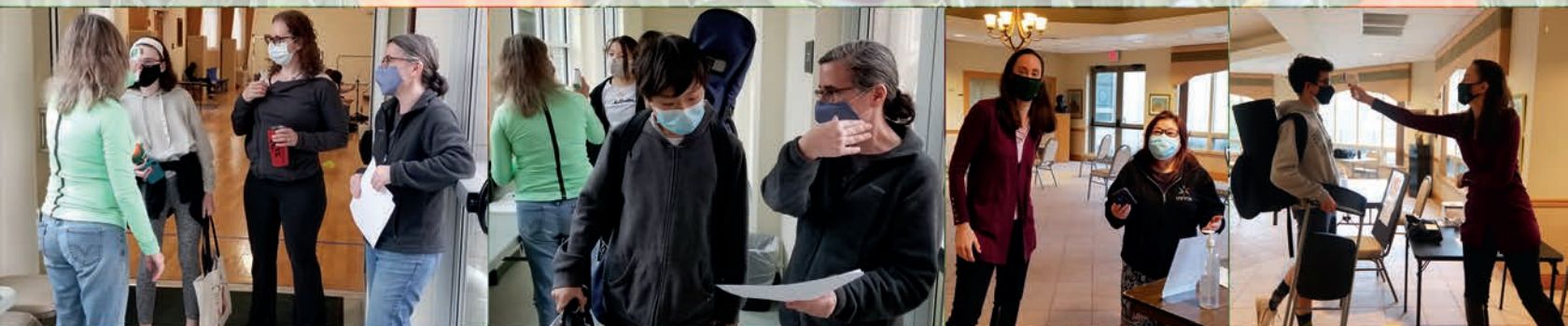
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For allowing the GWYOA to have a safe and successful 2020-2021 season.

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