



Williams, George Members Again Of Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra

For the second year in a row, two Newark High School students are members of the 2018–19 Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, the highest-level youth orchestra in The Hochstein School's five-tier youth orchestra program.

They are Mallory Williams, a NHS senior who plays trumpet, and sophomore Rachel George, who plays French horn.

The HYSO is an advanced youth orchestra comprised of grade 7-12 advanced musicians from all over the Rochester region. Students compete annually for a seat in the orchestra, performing in at least three concerts throughout the school year. This season, students from 24 different schools are participating.

Since 2000, the HYSO has performed in cities in Spain, Portugal, Austria, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Italy, Switzerland, and Ireland and debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2002. Williams

and George toured with the HYSO last spring in Spain.

The HYSO's first concert of the year is November 11 at 3 pm in Hochstein Performance Hall in Rochester. The program includes Bernstein's "Overture to *Candide*," selections from Ravel's "*Le Tombeau de Couperin*," Bruch's "*Kol Nidrei*" (with the RPO's Tigran Vardanyan as violin soloist), Rakoczy March from Berlioz's "*The Damnation of Faust*," and the last two movements of Tchaikovsky's "*Symphony No. 5*." The Ravel and Bruch works are in honor of the end of World War I. The concert falls on the 100th anniversary of the armistice as well as the 100th anniversary of David Hochstein's death.

Besides being in the HYSO at Hochstein last year, Williams has been in the Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony since she was in 9th grade; and was in Philharmonia when she was in 10th grade.

George, who has been taking private French horn lessons at Hochstein since she was in 7th grade, was in its Junior Wind Symphony when she was in 7th and 8th grades; was in Philharmonia when she was in 8th grade; in the Youth Wind Symphony in 9th grade, in addition to being a member of the HYSO last year.

Both Williams and George are members of the NHS Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Brass Quintet. Williams is also in "*Downbeat*."

Robert Humphrey, NHS instrumental music teacher who directs the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band Brass Quintet and "*Downbeat*" commended Williams and George on being selected again this year to perform in the HYSO.

"We're very proud of any stellar musical achievement by our students whether it is here or off campus. It's a reflection of our school and music program," he said.