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Area students to present virtuosic concertos

Oklahoma City, OK – March 6, 2016 – Area students will present the concertos of Bruch, Dvořák, Haydn and Kabalevski on Sunday, March 6 at 2:00PM at the Wanda L. Bass School of Music Petree Recital Hall at Oklahoma City University as winners of the Oklahoma Youth Orchestras 2015-2016 Concerto Competition.

Rachel Evans is a senior at Putnam City High School and will present the 1st movement of Haydn's Oboe Concerto in C Major. Performing the 1st movement of Dvořák's Cello Concerto in B minor will be Benjamin Lanners, Stillwater High School. David Lee and Christina Li, both seniors at Edmond North High School, will present Kabelvski's Cello Concerto No 1 in G minor and Bruch's Violin Concerto in G minor respectively. Soloists will be accompanied by the 70-piece flagship ensemble of the Oklahoma Youth Orchestras which features high school musicians from throughout central and western Oklahoma.

"Each of the winners currently occupies a leadership position in the orchestra. Their incredible performances will most certainly reveal why they hold these coveted positions," said artistic director and conductor Dr. Eric Garcia. "The reception immediately following is a fantastic opportunity for all of our winners, their families and friends to have a chance to meet with one another in addition to our devoted audience members."

Admission to concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow immediately for audience members to meet the soloists and orchestra. The Petree Rectial Hall at the OCU Wanda L. Bass School of Music is located at 2501 N Blackwelder in Oklahoma City. More information on the organization's concerts can be found online at oyomusic.org or by calling 405-232-1199.

About the Oklahoma Youth Orchestras: Since 1977, Oklahoma Youth Orchestras has provided advanced orchestra education and performance opportunities for talented elementary, middle and high school musicians from all over the state. More than 350 young musicians come together each year as part of the twelve programs supported by the organization. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the organization is supported in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kirkpatrick Foundation. The organization is a proud Member Agency of Allied Arts and the League of American Orchestras. For more information, visit www.oyomusic.org or contact info@oyomusic.org.

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