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## Area students to present new works by local, national composers

**Oklahoma City, OK** – Area students will close the Oklahoma Youth Orchestras 2015-2016 season on Sunday, May 8 at 3:00PM at the Putnam City North High School Auditorium with two world premieres by local and national composers. Over 150 students from throughout central and western Oklahoma will perform on this end of season concert which also features the 4<sup>th</sup> movement of Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 5* as well as Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol* and the overture from Bernstein's *Candide*.

The concert will feature the organization's full-orchestras and wind ensemble as well as premieres of both local and national composers. Oklahoma City University student Daniel Taborda will premier his Composer-in-Residence winning composition *Matices y Colores* under the baton of Oklahoma Youth Philharmonic conductor Molly Baugh. Taborda's many honors and awards include the national composition prize of the Colombian National ministry of culture in 2014.

Another premiere includes Nashville native Christopher Lowry's composition *A Cypress Prelude, Op. 16a*. Lowry was chosen as the inaugural winner of the organization's National Wind Ensemble Composition Competition and his piece will be performed by the Oklahoma Youth Winds under the direction of Dr. Matthew Mailman. Among Lowry's many accomplishments and awards are the 2016 premiere of his World Projects Composition Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place piece at Carnegie Hall as well as performances of his music by the Nashville Symphony, Nashville Philharmonic, "The President's Own" US Marine Band and multiple others. The wind ensemble will also welcome student conducting winner and Deer Creek High School senior Aurica Rising to the podium for Sousa's *Manhattan Beach March*.

Tickets are \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families and are available at the door. Putnam City North High School is located at 11800 N Rockwell Ave in Oklahoma City. More information on the organization's concerts and programs can be found online at [oyomusic.org](http://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](http://www.oyomusic.org) or contact [info@oyomusic.org](mailto:info@oyomusic.org).

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