

Orchestra Collective of Orange County presents Young Musicians Concerto Competition Winners

Southern California's collectively-run symphony orchestra kicks off its second season with a bang

Sunday, October 1, 2017 Anaheim United Methodist Church 1000 S State College Blvd Anaheim, CA 92806 6:30 P.M. (pre-concert talk at 6:00 PM) Free parking on site

\$20/general admission; \$15/seniors and students; \$10/ages 12 and under Tickets available online (<u>ocofoc.org</u>), from the box office (714) 758-5247, or at the door

Orchestra Collective of Orange County (OCofOC) will present its inaugural concert on Sunday, September 25. The program features the winners of the joint **California Association of Professional Music Teachers** (District VIII) and **Junior Chamber Music** Young Musicians Concerto Competition. With middle- and high-school student soloists hailing from Orange and Los Angeles Counties, it promises to be a stunning evening of music. Highlights include movements from the monumental Piano Concerto in A Minor of **Edvard Grieg, Édouard Lalo's** high-flying *Symphonie espagnole* for solo violin and orchestra, **Frédéric Chopin's** sumptuous Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, and the beloved Cello Concerto of **Edward Elgar**. And young phenom **Sedong Hwang** will wow the crowd as he plays **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's** *Variations on A Rocceo Theme* for Cello and Orchestra.

OCofOC is a collectively-run symphony orchestra based in Orange County, California. Founded in 2016 by veterans of the Southern California classical music scene, we believe that collaboration and self-governance can and will yield amazing results, both artistically and otherwise! A group that embodies and embraces diversity of all kinds, we strive to produce one-of-a-kind musical events that will thrill both longtime concert-goers and complete musical newbies.

The concert will be conducted by OCofOC artistic director, **Dr. David Rentz**. Music director of the Orange County Symphony from 2011 to 2016, Dr. Rentz is an accomplished choral, orchestral, and opera conductor who currently serves as associate professor of music at Chaffey College, as resident conductor of the Chamber Opera Players of Los Angeles, and as a founding conductor of C3LA (Contemporary Choral Collective of Los Angeles). He has received fellowships and grants from the Yale alumniVentures program and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and, in 2015, was named guest professor at Xiamen University (China).

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