

# **Greenville County Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition Winner Concert**

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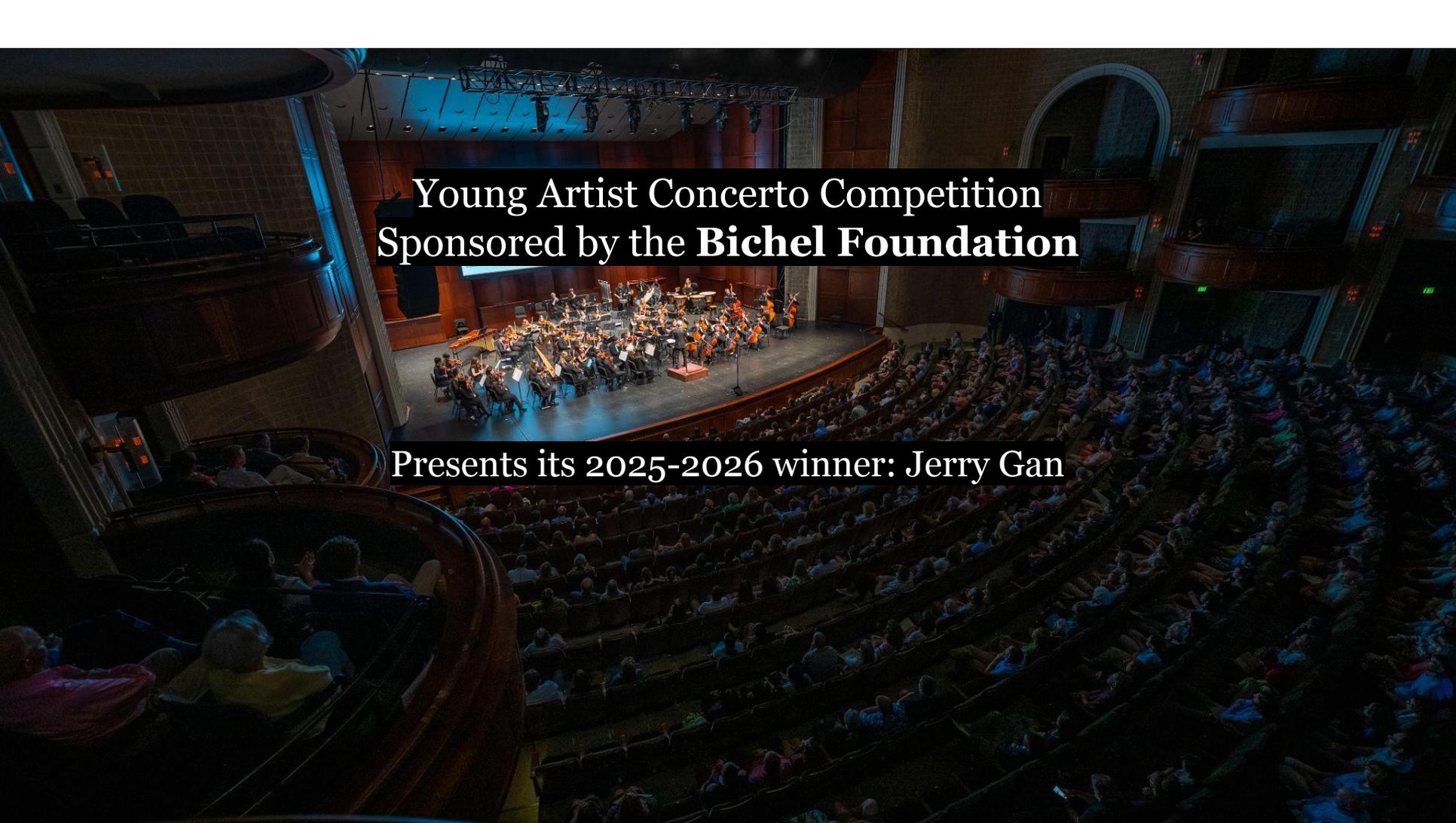
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Young Artist Concerto Competition  
Sponsored by the **Bichel Foundation**

Presents its 2025-2026 winner: Jerry Gan



A Greenville native, **Jerry Gan** is a junior at Christ Church Episcopal School with over a decade of experience on his instrument. He has been studying with the beloved Mary Irwin for 10 years. His previous teachers include the esteemed Betsy Fee. Throughout his high school career, Jerry has served as the concertmaster of the 2024 SCMEA Region II Honors Orchestra and the assistant concertmaster of the 2025 SCMEA All-State Orchestra. He has recorded four years of service with both the Carolina Youth Symphony and the Greenville County Youth Orchestra, the latter of which he also serves as concertmaster. Jerry has been recognized as a Piccolo Spoleto Rising Star, a finalist at the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall, and a finalist at the Southern Violin Association Concerto Competition. In his free time, Jerry plays the fiddle in his high school band and is an ardent fan of the Carolina Panthers. He is also an amateur singer and mandolin player.

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# Meet the GCYO Conductors



**Neil Casey**

Conducts the **Young Artist Orchestra** and also serves as the strings teacher for Greenville's St. Joseph's Catholic School. Originally from Virginia.



**Charis Burger**

Conducts the **Philharmonic** ensemble and also serves as the Director of Orchestra at Mauldin High School. She plays in the Starlight Quartet



**Elizabeth Conrad**

Originally from Chicago, holds the position of Conductor of the **Intermezzo** ensemble and serves as the director of Orchestra at Woodmont High School

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**Patrick Murch**

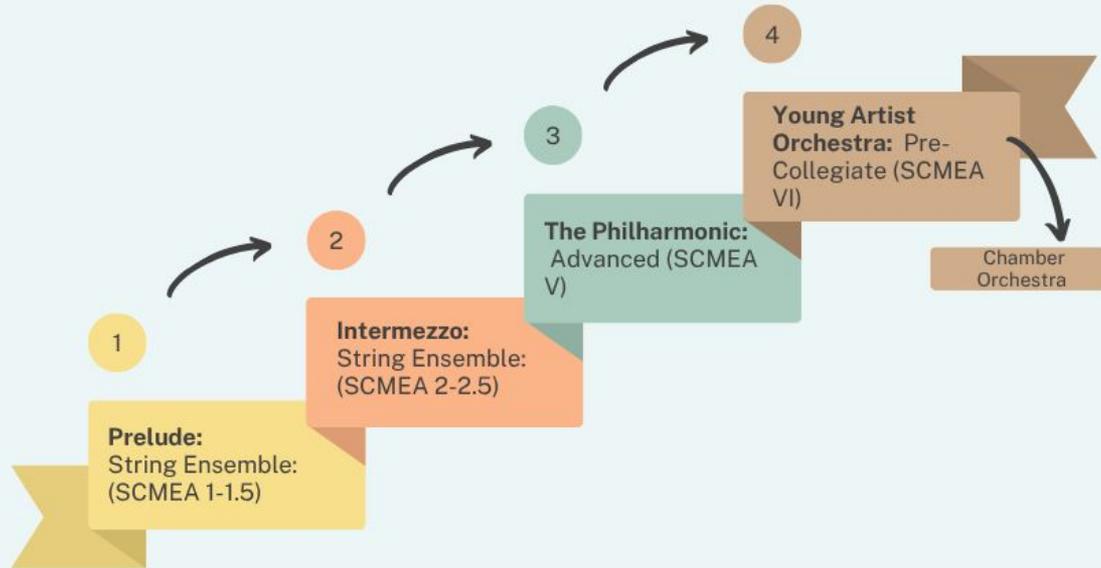
Also leads the **Intermezzo** ensemble. A composer and arranger he has published for Alfred Music. He teaches music at Northwood Middle School



**Kathleen Robinson**

Conductor of the **Prelude** ensemble. Violinist with the Greenville Symphony and Chamber Orchestras. She also performs with the Hendersonville and Spartanburg Symphonies

# GCYO Ensemble Progression



- Ensembles 3 and 4 are fully symphonic, meaning auditions are open to all orchestral instrument families: Strings, Brass, Winds, Percussion, Harp and Keyboard.
- Students must audition. Students pick the ensemble to audition for based on a teacher recommendation, or by examining the audition material to see if it is within the student's current ability.
- Progression is skill based and **not necessarily an annual progression. Students don't graduate automatically to the next ensemble.**
- 3rd through 12t grade students from Greenville County Public Schools, Private and Homeschools are welcome to audition.

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# The Philharmonic

Charis Burger, Conductor, Jeff Purcell, Coach

*\*chair audition order, strings*

## ***Violin 1:***

Juan Carlos Luna Rodríguez

*Concertmaster*

Gabriella Bernal

Bree Stevens

Mia Guerrero

Nikhil Jagadish

Sophia Cancino

Sadie Hart

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Emily Anderson

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## ***Violin 2:***

Jayden Weiner

Elle Chetta

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Sienna Reim

Rya Hilton

Cameron Maxey

Éowyn Szrama

Aleena Dixon

Addelyn Rodgers

Claire Reese

Tylar Clark

Madison Davis

Mathias Bejarano

Sophia Belov

Sebastian Roman

Maya Harrison

Dana Tinajero

Ivanka Maslennikova

## ***Viola:***

Kaleb Seymour

Kourtlyn Butler

Gabrielle Murphy

Lilian Owens

Alicia Alencar Pereira Pinto

Ayden Coleman

## ***Flute:***

Yoon Oh

## ***Clarinet:***

Izzy Bryan

## ***Horn:***

Sheel Patel

## ***Cello:***

William Miller

Madison Laguerre

Sebastian Seifert

Livia Alencar Pereira Pinto

Camille Dyrhaug

Dot Greene

Collin Mattice

Emily Carr

Katerina Pishchenko

Julianna Devine

Audrey McClain

Grey Voros

Gentry Sallé

## ***Bass:***

Hampton Lane

Julie Smith

Gabrielle Love

# Young Artist Orchestra

Neil Casey, Conductor

*\*chair audition order*

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## **Violin 1:**

Jerry Gan, *Concertmaster*  
Hannah Choi  
Johannes Bobb  
Amy Ding  
Macy Dye  
James Miller  
Joshua Acree  
Jana Santopietro  
Colette Cook  
Shohom Saha

## **Violin 2:**

Herman O'Keefe  
Cambrie Hammond  
Faith Wright  
Sarah West  
Daniel Shock  
Tony Chetta  
Isabella Bensal  
Olivia Chetta  
Gabriella Wozniak  
Madison Barber  
Maya Harrison  
Joseph Shevchenko

## **Viola:**

Lola Greene  
Sonia Okunev  
Normandy Tripp  
Dallin Dyrhaug  
Yazlynn Aguilar  
Jonathan Ropp  
  
**Bass:**  
Dereck Baca Galo  
Julie Smith  
Rachel Robertson

## **Cello:**

Benjamin Webb  
Jacob Payan  
Bethany Kelly  
William Laffin  
Madison Shamis  
Juliette Chetta  
Isaac Tamayo  
Sasha Rivard  
Jorja Holmes  
Hanna Xia

# Young Artist Orchestra Cont.

Neil Casey, Conductor

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***Flute:***

Molly McGrath  
Mary Johnson  
Hannah McCurry

***Oboe:***

Gwinn Lankford  
*NGU College Intern*

***Clarinet:***

Miles Jones  
Bryan Ouyang  
Taniya Davis

***Bassoon:***

Becca Carrier  
Wolf Forbes

***Trumpet:***

Nathan Twaddle  
Taylor Phillips

***Horn:***

Jordan Chase

***Trombone:***

William Pham  
Maxwell Silver

***Tuba:***

Wesley Donald

***Timpani:***

Dylan Goldbach

***Percussion:***

Ryan Brewer

***Harp:***

Lillian Artz

***Piano:***

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