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The Chamber Group Challenge!
Youth Chamber Music Competition

Presented by Cleveland Chamber Music Society
Saturday **April 11th**, 2015 at 2:00 pm

Cleveland Chamber Music Society is pleased to present Northeast Ohio's first annual *Youth Chamber Music Competition* on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2:00 pm, at the Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church (5312 Mayfield Road, just east of Richmond Road).

Five ensembles from four area high schools will compete for cash prizes in a "battle of the bands" that promises to be a delightful presentation of chamber music from some of the finest young musicians in the region.

Ensembles from Cleveland School of the Arts, St. Joseph Academy, Beachwood High School, and Lyndhurst/South Euclid's Charles F. Brush High School will be participating.

All of these schools are well known for their commitment to music and the arts. Charles F. Brush High School and Beachwood High School are both listed in "The Top 100 in Music Education" by the American Music Conference.

The Youth Chamber Music Competition concert is free, open to the public, and a wonderful opportunity to hear chamber music performed by some of the best young artists from across Cuyahoga County.

The Youth Chamber Music Competition is the newest offering from Cleveland Chamber Music Society, which has been a fixture on the local musical scene for sixty-five years, presenting seven concerts by world famous international artists annually and producing free concerts by exceptional young local musicians.

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About the Cleveland Chamber Music Society

The Cleveland Chamber Music Society has its roots in a concert given in the autumn of 1949 by the Budapest String Quartet at the home of Grover Higgins, a corporate lawyer. Soon thereafter, the Society was founded by Ernest Bueding (a pharmacologist at Western Reserve University as well as a violinist), Hans Hirschmann, (a biochemist at WRU and pianist), and friends. In 1951 the Society received a bequest from Mr. Higgins "for one thing only, the nurturing of chamber music in some form – its creation, its interpretation, its publication and its nourishment." Concerts took place at a number of venues, many in the University Circle area, as well as downtown and in Beachwood. Today, most concerts take place at Plymouth Church, UCC, in Shaker Heights.

In 1953, the Society established a school concert program, bringing local chamber music ensembles to schools throughout the Cleveland area. In 1969, the Society became affiliated with a national program, Young Audiences Inc., whose goals were also to educate young students in the field of chamber music. More recently, our interactive Outreach Program, now in its eighth year, presents concerts for Cleveland-area elementary school students. The Society continued to support these concerts when Young Audiences became an independent organization in 1978. Another mission of the Society was to commission the writing and performing of new compositions by local Cleveland composers, including Arthur Shepherd, Normand Lockwood, Walter Aschaffenburg, Starling Cumberworth, and Gerald R. Humel.

Today the Society has been a fixture on the local musical scene for sixty-five years, each season presenting seven concerts by famous international artists and one free concert by exceptional young local musicians. Most of our activities, such as program planning, fundraising, concert arrangements, and outreach, are provided by volunteer board members and other volunteers. There is one paid employee, the executive secretary, without whom most of these functions would not be possible.

Membership in the Cleveland Chamber Music Society is open to any music lover for a donation of \$25.00 or more. Your additional contribution or legacy gift will help to ensure fine chamber music for future generations of music lovers.

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CCMS Reaches Out

Cleveland Chamber Music Society provides multiple programs that support the Society's mission to stimulate interest in classical music, encourage aspiring musicians to share their enthusiasm, and develop chamber music lovers from childhood.

Master Classes

Cleveland Chamber Music Society has a long tradition of sponsoring Master Classes at the Cleveland Institute of Music and other area schools.

Outreach Program

The interactive "Outreach Program", revived in 2008 by Gino V. Raffaelli, provides concerts for third and fourth graders at Cleveland Metropolitan School District and first ring suburban schools. Cleveland Institute of Music student ensembles participate under the direction of Annie Fullard of the Cavani Quartet and reach thousands of economically disadvantaged scholars each year.

Young Artist Showcase

The Cleveland Institute of Music quartets that provide the Outreach Program concerts are also given an opportunity to perform for the entire community in the annual "Young Artist Showcase", presented as part of the regular CCMS season. In many cases, this concert is the quartet's final preparation for participation in national chamber music competitions.

Youth Chamber Music Competition

Launched in 2015 by music educator, Dr. Melvin Arnoff, the "Youth Chamber Music Competition" features ensembles from area high schools who compete for cash prizes in a "battle of the bands" that provides a delightful presentation of chamber music from some of the finest young musicians in the region

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