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Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras

Presents

Evelyn Steenbock Fall Concerts

Featuring WYSO Alumnus cellist Kenneth Woods &

Alumna Conductor Cynthia Woods

Dedicated to Music Teachers

Saturday, November 12 & Saturday, November 19, 2016

WYSO will kick-off its 51st season with the Evelyn Steenbock Fall Concerts on Saturday, November 12 & Saturday, November 19. Nearly 500 young musicians will display their great talents to the community during the concerts which are dedicated to music teachers.

The Youth Orchestra concert on November 19 will be performed at the River Arts Center in Prairie du Sac, WI where they will welcome back two alumni guest artists: Kenneth Woods and Cynthia Woods. Kenneth will be playing cello and Cynthia will be conducting on the Phillip Sawyers *Cello Concerto*. Youth Orchestra, under the direction of James Smith, will also be playing *Symphony No. 2* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and *Overture to the Opera "Der Freischutz"* by Carl Maria von Weber.



Cynthia Woods is currently the Music Director for the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and the conductor for the Youth Preparatory Orchestra at the New England Conservatory, where she serves on the violin, chamber and conducting faculty. Along with her conducting activities, Ms. Woods is also a frequent speaker and writer. She has been a guest lecturer at institutions such as MIT and the Longy School of Music of Bard College, a panelist for radio shows such as WGBH's Callie Crossley, and a frequent contributor to The Boston Herald's State of the Arts blog. Cynthia was a member of WYSO from 1984 – 1989 in Concert, Philharmonia, and Youth Orchestra.



Kenneth Woods is currently the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the English Symphony Orchestra. As a cello soloist and chamber musician, Wood's collaborators have included members of the Toronto, Chicago and Cincinnati symphonies, the Minnesota, Gewandhaus and Concertgebouw orchestras and the La Salle, Pro Arte, Tokyo and Aubudon Quartets. He is currently cellist of the string trio Ensemble Epomeo, with whom he performs regularly in the UK, Europe and the USA. Kenneth was a member of WYSO from 1980 – 1986 in Concert, Philharmonia, and Youth Orchestra.

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Schedule and Program

November 12, 2016 – 1:30 PM, Mills Hall

Philharmonia Orchestra

- Rimsky-Korsakov: *Procession of the Nobles* from *Mlada*
- Shostakovich: *Finale* from *Symphony No. 5 Op. 47*
- Prokofiev: *Montagues and Capulets* from *Romeo and Juliette 2nd suite*
- Shostakovich: *Six Pieces from the First Ballet Suite Op. 84*

November 12, 2016 – 4:00 PM, Mills Hall

Concert Orchestra

- Jack Bullock: *Okeanos*
- James Curnow: *Phoenix Overture*
- Jaromír Weinberger: *Polka* from the Opera *Schwanda, the Bagpiper*
- Albert O. Davis: *Moonlight Masquerade*
- Richard Strauss: *Allerseelen (All Souls' Day) Op. 10 No. 8*

Sinfonietta

- Domenico Gallo: *Sinfonia in G*
- Grieg: *A Nordic Lullaby Op. 68, No. 5*
- Tchaikovsky: *Serenade for Strings*
- Robert S. Frost and Mary Elledge: *Tales from Sherwood Forest*
- Brian Balmages: *Wood Splitter Fanfare*
- Norman Leyden: *Serenade for String Orchestra*
- Michael Korb and Ulrich Roeber: *Highland Cathedral*
- William Owens: *Carpathia*
- Sebastian Yradier: *La Paloma*

November 19, 2016 – 7:00 PM, River Arts Center

Youth Orchestra

- *Symphony No. 2* – Ralph Vaughan Williams
- *Overture to the Opera "Der Freishütz"* – Carl Maria von Weber
- *Cello Concerto* – Philip Sawyers
Ken Woods – Cello, Cynthia Woods – Conductor

The Evelyn Steenbock Fall Concerts will be held in Mills Concert Hall in the UW Humanities Building, 455 N. Park Street, Madison and at the River Arts Center, 105 Ninth St. Prairie du Sac, WI. WYSO concerts are generally about an hour and a half in length, providing a great orchestral concert opportunity for families. Tickets are available at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth 18 and under.

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