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Charles County Youth Orchestra, Osman Kivrak, Director
with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Krisztina Der, Director;
and Prelude Strings, Teri Lazar, Director

Announces

2020 Winter Concert

An Online Concert

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 P.M.

on Facebook at Charles County Youth Orchestra

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Charles-County-Youth-Orchestra-Encore-Strings-and-Band-Prelude-Strings-142487455794668/>

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For their sixth online concert since May, the Charles County Youth Orchestra presents their newest production: A 2020 Winter Concert on December 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Charles County Youth Orchestra Facebook's page.

This new online concert features five pieces that are winter/holiday related: the Radetzky March by Johann Strauss, Holiday Bells by Bruce Chase, as well as holiday favorites Sleigh Bells, Greensleeves and Jingle Bells.

Students performing in this online concert are from all four of CCYO's ensembles: Prelude Strings, Encore Band, Encore Strings and the Charles County Youth Symphony and range in age from 8 to 18.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started CCYO has presented many activities including an in-person chamber music concert, six online concerts, and masterclasses with musicians of the National Symphony Orchestra, Catholic University of America, the U.S. Marine Corps Band and the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Board President of the CCYO Georgia Bonney commented that: "I am so grateful for the Charles County Youth Orchestra and all those who have persevered to provide amazing learning experiences for our young musicians through these unusual days of COVID. CCYO has pivoted seamlessly to an online platform, providing valuable individual, chamber, and ensemble experiences for our talented CCYO musicians." Ms. Bonney who is the director of the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center in La Plata, MD continued: "My three children look forward

to their CCYO experiences; meeting with other talented youth, being mentored by master musicians, and sharing their music with others makes their CCYO evenings rich and enjoyable."

The Charles County Youth Orchestra is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians in Charles County, Prince Georges County, St. Mary's County and Calvert County.

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