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GOLDEN STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES MASTERCLASS WITH DAVID KIM, CONCERTMASTER OF THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

(Palo Alto, CA - October 12, 2020) Golden State Youth Orchestra is thrilled to announce that David Kim, Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, a master performer and master teacher, will lead a virtual masterclass with GSYO symphony violinists on **Saturday, November 21, 2020; 3-4:30pm**. Following the performances, there will be a short Q & A session.

Violinist David Kim was named Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra in 1999. Born in Carbondale, Illinois in 1963, he started playing the violin at the age of three, began studies with the famed pedagogue Dorothy DeLay at the age of eight, and later received his bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School.

Highlights of Mr. Kim's 2020-21 season include appearing as soloist with The Philadelphia Orchestra in Philadelphia and on tours of the Midwest and Florida; teaching/performance residencies and masterclasses at Manhattan School of Music, Bob Jones University, Prague Summer Nights Festival, the Taipei Academy and Festival, and continued appearances as concertmaster of the All-Star Orchestra on PBS stations across the USA and online at the Kahn Academy; as well as recitals, speaking engagements, and appearances with orchestras across the United States.

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His instruments are a J.B. Guadagnini from Milan, Italy ca. 1757 on loan from The Philadelphia Orchestra and a Michael Angelo Bergonzi from Cremona ca. 1754. Mr. Kim resides in a Philadelphia suburb with his wife Jane and daughters Natalie and Maggie. He is an avid golfer and outdoorsman.

This is not the first time GSYO has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Kim. As soloist, Mr. Kim has performed with the Senior Symphony on three occasions, and on each visit to the Bay Area he has also led a masterclass for the young orchestra musicians. While the Covid-19 health crisis has made playing live orchestra music a challenge, it has in no way diminished the students' passion or desire for performance opportunities. We are excited to present student soloists: Cassandra May, Cindy Zhuang, Aiden Tang, and Anna Jun.

This masterclass will be conducted virtually and it will be open to the public for viewing. Tickets are available on Eventbrite for a suggested donation of \$15. [Masterclass with David Kim, Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra](#)