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PORTLAND YOUTH PHILHARMONIC'S CAMERATA PYP PRESENTS 'MUSIC IN THE PEARL' WITH LOCAL PERSIAN MUSIC MASTERS

PORTLAND, OREGON – **Camerata PYP**, Portland Youth Philharmonic's chamber orchestra, welcomes special guests **Hossein** and **Bobak Salehi** of **ArtMax Academy**, for an intimate performance in Portland's Pearl District. PYP Musical Director **David Hattner** invites audiences to experience an adventurous program of contemporary chamber music featuring Czech composers and traditional Persian instruments on **Sunday, April 23, 2017**, with a **2:00 PM** concert at **Wieden+Kennedy**.

"We first worked with Hossein and Bobak Salehi five years ago," says Hattner. "I wanted to present Henry Cowell's Persian Set. Cowell's music was scored for chamber orchestra with Persian instruments and I was delighted to learn at the time that there were Persian master musicians here in Portland."

Hossein Salehi, a celebrated santoor artist and teacher, will be joined by his son **Bobak** on kamancheh, **Nat Hulskamp** on oud, and **Matt Hannafin** on Tomak/Daf percussion, all traditional Iranian instruments, in arrangements of works by Bobak Salehi which will be scored to include the strings of Camerata PYP.

"I think one thing we as humans have in common is that almost all of us love music of some kind," suggests David Hattner. "Sometimes when we hear music from another culture for the first time, we may not completely understand it. Before long, we learn to respect it and often a true appreciation and love for it comes very soon thereafter. I think of this collaboration," Hattner explains, "as an expression of respect and friendship among artists. We have so much in common, particularly wanting to make the world a more beautiful place."

Camerata PYP will also perform **Josef Suk's** *Meditation on an Old Czech Chorale* and *Six Variations for Violin and String Orchestra* by Portland's beloved Czech-American composer **Tomáš Svoboda**. PYP concertmaster **Fumika Mizuno** will be featured in the Svoboda piece.

Camerata PYP tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$5 for students, and can be purchased at the door, by calling the PYP office at 503.223.5939 (Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM), or by visiting www.portlandyouthphil.org.

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DAVID HATTNER, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

- Who:** Camerata PYP, with special guests Hossein Salehi, Bobak Salehi, Nat Hulskamp, and Matt Hannafin
- What:** Chamber music concert
- When:** Sunday, April 23, 2017, at 2:00 PM
- Where:** Wieden+Kennedy (224 NW 13th Ave, Portland, OR 97209)
- Tickets:** \$5 for students (elementary – grad school), \$12 for seniors, \$15 for adults, available at www.portlandyouthphil.org
- Program:** Josef Suk: Meditation on an Old Czech Chorale
- Tomas Svoboda: Six Variations for Violin and String Orchestra
Fumika Mizuno, violin
- Bobak Salehi: 1001 Nights, Aloft, Dance of Marjané



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