

Program

Two Pieces for String Ensemble John Dowland, 1562-1626
Alan Rawson, *arr.*
from the Madrigal, *My Thoughts are Winged*
King of Denmark Galliard

OYStrs Youth Ensemble Members:
Kim and Christina Walters, Madeline Levy, and Sydney Sharpe, *violins*
Ardea Thurston-Shaine and Alan Rawson, *violas*

Sonata in E, Op. 82 Edward Elgar
1857-1934
Allegro: risoluto
Romance
Allegro non troppo

Intermission

Sonata in D Joaquin Turina
1882-1949
Lento: allegro molto
Aria: lento
Rondeau: allegretto

Movimento di Sonata Enrique Granados
1867-1916

Three Preludes George Gershwin, 1898-1937
Jascha Heifetz, *arr.*
I. Allegro ben ritmato e deciso
II. Andante con moto e poco rubato
III. Allegro ben ritmato e deciso

The Rawson Duo, specializing in Romantic and early twentieth-century works, has given numerous recitals on college campuses and community performing arts series across the United States and Canada. The Rawsons now reside in Chimacum where they have founded Olympic Youth Strings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting string orchestral and chamber music on the Olympic Peninsula.

Violinist **Alan Rawson** has served on the music faculties of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and the University of Idaho in Moscow, and has recently taken an extended leave from Minnesota State University Moorhead where he directed the University Orchestra and taught upper strings, and served as concertmaster of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony for twenty years.

A native of Fargo, North Dakota, pianist **Sandy Rawson** has been an active professional accompanist throughout her life, performing with numerous soloists and ensembles. Completing her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance at the University of Minnesota, she continued her studies at the Musik Akademie in Vienna, Austria.



OLYMPIC YOUTH STRINGS (OYStrs) is a Washington State nonprofit corporation, contributions to which are deductible as charitable deductions for federal income tax purposes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRC. Founded by Dr. Alan Rawson and Sandy Rawson in 2006, its purpose is to promote string orchestral and chamber music on the Olympic Peninsula. OYStrs is actively seeking volunteers, students and donors to expand its activities.

A private home is such a wonderful setting in which to give chamber music performances, and we wish to express our sincere thanks to John and Judy Chiles for allowing us into their home this evening. OYStrs hopes to make programs such as this a regular part of the area's cultural offerings. For those who may be interested in hosting future concerts please contact Alan Rawson by calling 379-3449, emailing rawson@mnstate.edu, or writing to:

Olympic Youth Strings
10318 Rhody Drive
Chimacum, WA 98325

More information about Olympic Youth Strings can be found on their web site:
www.mnstate.edu/rawson/oysters

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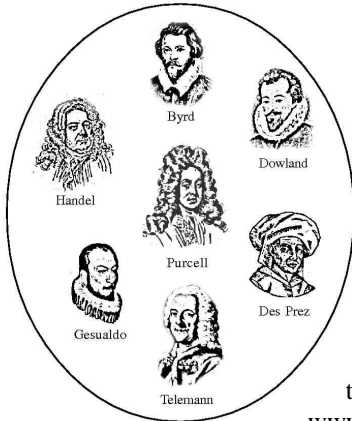
Upcoming Concerts:

Sunday, January 28

Next week on Sunday afternoon, January 28th at 4 pm the OYStrs Youth Ensemble will be presenting their winter concert at Cape George Colony Club House.

Music of Centuries Past

arrangements for String Orchestra



This local group of talented young music students, made up of 8 violinists, a cellist and pianist, will be joined by a number of community string players to present a concert of great masters from throughout the centuries. Composers, many seldom heard of these days but who in their time were considered the greatest masters of their art, will be represented on this program including works by John Dowland, Josquin Des Prez, Carlo Gesualdo, Andrea Gabrieli, Handel, Telemann, and Purcell. Directions are posted on the OYStrs web site:

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Sunday, February 11

Sunday, February 11 at 4 pm, violinist Alan Rawson and pianist Sandy Rawson of the Rawson Duo will present another in their series of in-home OYStrs benefit concerts at the home of Doris Hamby in Cape George, performing works by Johannes Brahms, Georges Enesco, and others. Reservation is through advanced, paid \$20 donation. Please contact Alan Rawson by Monday 2/5. Please call 379-3449 or email rawson@waypoint.com

Saturday, April 14

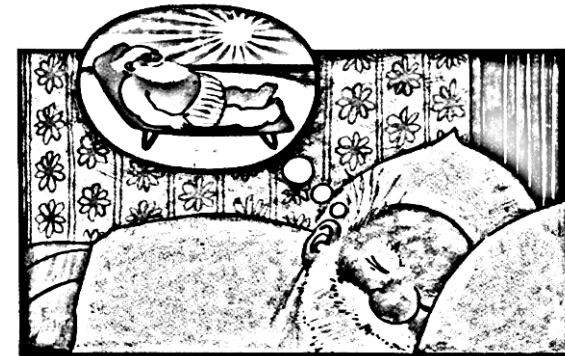
The Olympic Chamber Orchestra, a 25 piece adult orchestra, will present a string orchestra concert featuring internationally renown violinist, Oswald Lehnert on Saturday evening, April 14, at Chimacum High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30.

Sunday, April 15

On Sunday, April 15, 4 pm, the Rawson Duo and OYStrs ensembles will perform for the Youth Music Fund monthly concert series at the First Baptist Church in Port Townsend.

Olympic Youth Strings

Dr. Alan Rawson, director



OYStrs Benefit Recital

January Escape

featuring the Rawson Duo

Alan Rawson, *violin*

Sandy Rawson, *piano*

At the home of Dr. John and Judy Chiles

4 Kanu Drive, Port Townsend, WA

Friday, January 19, 2007, 7:00 pm