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new mexico



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### **MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER**

The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program (AYS Program) and Hey, Mozart! New Mexico, New Mexico's child composer project (HMNM) share a passion for connecting children with music and have announced a collaboration. In addition to this year's sixteen winners for the HMNM 2009 Competition, four entries (HMNM repeat winners), were selected as the premier Master Class level of HMNM. These four composers are Jocelyn Boyack, Ian Kingsolver, Amy Thomas (all of Albuquerque) and Jamie Des Enfants of Las Cruces.

Working with professional arrangers, the Albuquerque students will have the unique opportunity of helping to arrange their original compositions for one of the AYS Program orchestras. Gabriel Gordon, Conductor of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony, will arrange the melody composed by Amy Thomas, 10; AYS Composer in Residence Michael Mauldin will orchestrate the melody of Jocelyn Boyack, 8, and Byron Herrington, former Co-Conductor of the Albuquerque Junior Symphony will arrange the tune of Ian Kingsolver, 11. The young composers are members of the

AYS Program and will perform with their respective orchestras in a free concert of the AYS Program on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at UNM's Popejoy Hall.

The fourth "master class" composer is Jamie Des Enfants, 12, of Las Cruces, whose piece is being arranged by Justin Raines, a recent graduate of New Mexico State University.

"Composing music is a vital part of a child's musical experience," said Katie Harlow, HMNM music director. "It helps nurture creative authority and ownership in the art. I believe that providing an environment for the actual creation of music, in addition to teaching techniques and skills as a performer, can be wonderfully inspiring to a child and could help lead them to pursue music into adulthood."

Gabriel Gordon, Conductor of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony, agrees. "It will be a wonderful experience for the student composers to have their orchestrations performed by their peers. We hope that this will inspire their fellow students to both appreciate the process of composition, and to get involved with creating original music."

For more information on the Hey, Mozart! New Mexico project go to [www.heymozartnm.org](http://www.heymozartnm.org). The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program website is [www.aysmusic.org](http://www.aysmusic.org).

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