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2023-24 Montgomery Fellowship Quartet Competition

PYSO Strings and Piano are invited to participate in the competition to name the Montgomery Fellowship Quartet (MFQ) or Quintet co-sponsored by PYSO and Chamber Music Pittsburgh. This is a PYSO-run competition for string quartets or quintets (provided a string quartet is part of the group). Group members must all be affiliated with PYSO to be eligible.

If you are interested in auditioning for the Montgomery Fellowship, please email Mr. Powers at bill@pyso.org. Include all the names of all the students in the group, as well as the name of the group (should you have one).

The winning group will receive:

- Free weekly coachings with PSO Principal Second Violin Jeremy Black
- A season subscription to Chamber Music Pittsburgh for each student and one guest
- Select performance opportunities
- Free tuition in Youth Chamber Connection (YC²). YC² is a collaboration between PYSO and TRYPO to facilitate and manage chamber music activities. YC² provides scheduling and management of the MFQ group, as well as enables you to participate in additional enrichment programming and take advantage of performance opportunities offered to YC² groups.

Audition Date/Location: Sunday, October 22, 2023 at CAPA High School (room TBD)

Audition Time: Auditions begin at 5:00 pm. Depending on how many groups request to audition, the final group should be finished by approximately 6:00pm. Additional details will be relayed in advance of the audition.

Audition requirements:

- Each group should choose one movement from a classical piece. NOTE: you only need to play the exposition or theme of the movement if you don't have the full movement prepared.
- Mr. Black has also selected "Lío de 4" by Gabriela Ortiz for the audition. We are awaiting the parts, and, upon their arrival, we will relay to interested groups along with information about the specific excerpt Mr. Black would like to hear. Here is a link to a recording of the work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jK3XDBTZssw>

The following times will be rehearsal-on-own time unless otherwise stated. You are welcome to meet as often as you like on your own time in addition to the times offered below. RSVP is REQUIRED to Youth Chamber Connection Manager Alyssa Hensley (alyssa@youthchamberconnection.org) for which dates your group would like a room.

- Sunday, October 8 from 4:00-5:30pm (Location TBD)
- Sunday, October 15 from 4:00-5:30pm (Location TBD)