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American Youth Philharmonic to Premiere at Meyerhoff Symphony Hall

ANNANDALE, VA, JANUARY 12, 2012: The American Youth Philharmonic (AYP) and Music Director Daniel Spalding will make their premiere performance at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore on Saturday, January 14, at 8:00 p.m. The concert will feature del Aguila's *The Giant Guitar*, Sibelius' *Symphony No. 1 in E minor*, Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture* and Barber's *Adagio for Strings*.



Violinist Brian Hong, AYP Concertmaster

"I'm very excited about this performance of my *Giant Guitar* by AYP," said composer Miguel del Aguila. "As they've done in the past, these talented young musicians, led by Maestro Spalding, will make the score come alive with emotional intensity, vitality and enthusiasm."

Tickets are \$17 general admission, \$12 for members of the Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestras, and free for all music teachers. Tickets are available online (bsomusic.org) or at the door. The next AYPO concert will be "Fate's Fortune" on Sunday, February 26, 3:00 p.m. at the Vienna Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Virginia. The concert will feature the American Youth Concert Orchestra led by J.D. Anderson

and the American Youth Symphonic Orchestra led by Carl J. Bianchi and repertoire by von Suppé, Schubert, Brahms, Verdi, and Tchaikovsky.

About AYPO: The mission of the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras (AYPO) is to provide the highest quality musical experience that allows our students to grow as musicians and individuals, who then contribute to our nation's cultural landscape, as they become future artistic and community leaders. Recognized as one of the leading orchestral training programs in the nation, AYPO provides competitive world-class training and performance opportunities for young musicians up to 21 years of age. With a nationally recognized artistic staff led by Music Director Daniel Spalding, a dedicated professional staff, and a host of volunteers, AYPO annually selects and trains over 400 of the most talented young musicians. For 47 years, AYPO has delivered programs of the highest caliber to young musicians and audiences throughout the Washington metropolitan region, earning an unrivaled reputation for excellence and distinction. AYPO is the *Youth Orchestra in Residence* at George Mason University Center for the Arts and was selected by the 2011-2012 Catalogue for Philanthropy as "one of the best small nonprofits in the Greater Washington region."

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