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## Orchestra Welcomes Back Spelling Bee Finalist Youth Camerata Concert Features Tussah Heera June 14

The Las Vegas Youth Camerata Orchestra will mark the return of 13-year-old Tussah Heera from the 82nd Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. during a concert featuring the young cellist, as well as other musicians, at 2 p.m. June 14 at Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive. Heera, a featured cellist on Vivaldi's "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra," appeared on a prime time ABC-TV broadcast on May 28 as one of the top spellers in the nation. She out-spelled 282 other contestants to reach the elite Top 11 spellers in the United States. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for seniors and students.

"She is also an excellent pianist," said Oscar Carrescia, orchestra director.

Besides the Vivaldi concerto, the group will perform works of Bach, Handel, Esteban Benzecry and tango composer Jose Bragato. The concert also will feature a number of additional soloists including Sandro Ladu, violin, and Mary-Genevieve White, violin, playing "Adagio Fantastico for Violin, Viola and Orchestra" by Argentinean composer Benzecry. Leah Woods, violin, and Shane Palmer, viola, will perform Handel's duet "Passacaglia" while Rachel White, cello, will be featured during the performance of "Impresionista," a tango fantasy by Bragato. Lindsay Lamb's violin will be featured in Bach's "Concerto in A Minor for Violin and String Orchestra" with violinists Leah Woods and Chris Burke playing Bach's "Double Concerto in D Minor."

Carrescia, a violinist from Argentina, founded the Las Vegas Youth Camerata Orchestra at Winchester Cultural Center in 1986 as a way to encourage young musicians to learn the skills required of professional orchestra members. Since then, the orchestra has welcomed more than 500 members, many of whom have gone on to play in major symphonies world wide, and one Nevada Governor's Award. The orchestra performs up to five concerts annually and is comprised of musicians ages 14 to 20.

Those interested in the Las Vegas Youth Camerata Orchestra concert can call the Winchester Cultural Center at 455-7340 or visit the Web site at [www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks).

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