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NYO Jazz musicians at the National Taichung Theater

In the summer of 2019, more than 200 of the most talented young musicians from across the country came together for the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA), NYO2, and NYO Jazz. Following intensive training residencies at Purchase College, State University of New York, with leading professional musicians, the ensembles embarked on tours to destinations around the world, which were anchored by memorable concerts at Carnegie Hall. NYO-USA traveled to the Tanglewood Music Festival in Lenox, Massachusetts, and then to Europe, returning to London and Amsterdam and making debuts in Berlin, Edinburgh, and Hamburg under the baton of conductor Sir Antonio Pappano with mezzo-sopranos Joyce DiDonato and Magdalena Kožená as guest soloists. (Mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard was featured at the US performances.) NYO2 traveled to Miami Beach for a residency as part of its continued partnership with the New World Symphony, America’s Orchestral Academy, performing at the state-of-the-art New World Center under conductor Carlos Miguel Prieto. NYO Jazz made its debut tour of Asia, with performances in Taichung, Beijing, Shanghai, Zhuhai, and Hong Kong led by trumpeter and bandleader Sean Jones and featuring vocalist Kurt Elling.

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Guest Artists

NYO-USA

Sir Antonio Pappano, Conductor
Joyce DiDonato, Mezzo-Soprano
Magdalena Kožená, Mezzo-Soprano
Isabel Leonard, Mezzo-Soprano

NYO2

Carlos Miguel Prieto, Conductor
Gabriela Montero, Piano

NYO Jazz

Sean Jones, Artistic Director
Kurt Elling, Vocals



1. Sir Antonio Pappano
2. Magdalena Kožená
3. Isabel Leonard
4. Joyce DiDonato
5. Carlos Miguel Prieto
6. Gabriela Montero
7. Sean Jones
8. Kurt Elling



NYO-USA Program Overview

In the summer of 2019, the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA)—comprising 110 outstanding young musicians ages 16–19 from across the United States—came together for its seventh year of extraordinary music making, performing at Tanglewood Music Festival and Carnegie Hall, and in five cities across Europe: Berlin, Edinburgh, London, Amsterdam, and Hamburg.

The members of the 2019 orchestra—who came from 33 US states—were recognized by Carnegie Hall as some of the finest young players in the country following a comprehensive and highly competitive audition process. The orchestra featured 32 returning musicians from previous seasons of NYO-USA, as well as 22 players who honed their skills in NYO2.

Celebrated conductor Sir Antonio Pappano led NYO-USA, joined by mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard for performances at Tanglewood and Carnegie Hall. On tour, the orchestra was joined by mezzo-sopranos Joyce DiDonato and Magdalena Kožená. The concert program performed at Carnegie Hall featured Berlioz’s *Les nuits d’été* and R. Strauss’s *Eine Alpensinfonie*. Select concerts on tour featured Prokofiev’s Symphony No. 5 in place of *Eine Alpensinfonie*, giving the young musicians the opportunity to perform two ambitious symphonic works, as well as new works written for the orchestra by apprentice composers Benjamin S. Beckman and Tyson J. Davis. Beckman’s piece, *Occidentalis*, was premiered at Tanglewood and performed as part of a live BBC Proms broadcast in London and at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam. Davis’s piece, *Delicate Tension*, commemorated the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, and received its premiere at the Konzerthaus Berlin. The work was also performed at the Edinburgh International Festival and Elbphilharmonie Hamburg.

Following the orchestra’s Carnegie Hall concert on August 3, NYO-USA returned to Europe with appearances in cultural capitals across the continent, including debut performances at the Young Euro Classic festival in Berlin, Edinburgh International Festival, and Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, as well as return performances at the BBC Proms and Concertgebouw.

As part of their travel schedule, NYO-USA musicians had the opportunity to tour each city they visited, collaborate with local young musicians, and experience the richness of the local culture. The musicians received a warm welcome on their first tour stop, where they attended a reception at the American Academy in Berlin, co-hosted by the US Embassy in Berlin, and met US Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell during rehearsal. Thanks to the hospitality of the Scottish government, NYO-USA met up with members of NYO Scotland in Dundee, visited V&A Dundee (an international center of design), and explored Andrew Carnegie’s home country. While in the Netherlands, NYO-USA took part in a side-by-side event with RCO Young, a new European youth orchestra for talented young players created by the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. In London, the orchestra’s brass section was bolstered by members of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain for its performance at the BBC Proms. In Hamburg, players from the Bundesjugendorchester and the Felix Mendelssohn Jugendorchester joined the orchestra.

Many of the orchestra’s tour performances were broadcast live on radio and television and online, reaching a wide international audience. The performance at the Konzerthaus Berlin was webcast by the ARTE network and simultaneously streamed by medici.tv; the concert at the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg was also

streamed live on medici.tv. The London concert was broadcast live on BBC Radio 3, and members of the orchestra were invited to join Mr. Pappano for a radio interview broadcast by the BBC World Service. NYO-USA’s Carnegie Hall concert was broadcast live on the radio thanks to an ongoing partnership with WQXR.

The tour concluded with a memorable performance at the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, an impressive new hall. Following the concert, the musicians explored the city with a visit to Composers Quarter and a boat tour in the harbor. The young musicians then returned home, energized and inspired to share what they had learned with their own communities.

Repertoire

BENJAMIN S. BECKMAN	<i>Occidentalis</i> (World Premiere)
HECTOR BERLIOZ	<i>Les nuits d’été</i> , Op. 7
TYSON J. DAVIS	<i>Delicate Tension</i> (World Premiere)
SERGEI PROKOFIEV	Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major, Op. 100
RICHARD STRAUSS	<i>Eine Alpensinfonie</i> , Op. 64
Encores:	
EDWARD ELGAR	“Nimrod” from <i>Enigma Variations</i>
GIOACHINO ROSSINI	Galop from Overture to <i>William Tell</i>
MIKHAIL GLINKA	Overture to <i>Ruslan and Lyudmila</i>

NYO-USA performs at the BBC Proms.

NYO-USA Faculty

James Ross
Orchestra Director

Joseph Young
Resident Conductor

Deanna Tham
Assistant Conductor

Alex Kerr
Concertmaster, Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Justin Bruns
Associate Concertmaster, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Kerri Ryan
Assistant Principal Viola, The Philadelphia Orchestra

Susan Babini
Principal Cello, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

Ali Yazdanfar
Principal Bass, Montreal Symphony Orchestra

Seth Morris
Principal Flute, The MET Orchestra

Jennifer Gunn
Piccolo and Flute, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Joseph Peters
Associate Principal Oboe and English Horn, North Carolina Symphony

Pedro Díaz
Solo English Horn, The MET Orchestra

Jonathan Gunn
Assistant Professor of Clarinet, University of Texas at Austin

Ricardo Morales
Principal Clarinet, The Philadelphia Orchestra

Carin Miller Packwood
Principal Bassoon, Oregon Symphony

Holly Blake
Contrabassoon and Bassoon, The Philadelphia Orchestra

David Cooper
Principal Horn, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Billy Hunter
Principal Trumpet, The MET Orchestra

Tage Larsen
Fourth/Utility Trumpet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Megumi Kanda
Principal Trombone, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

James Markey
Bass Trombone, Boston Symphony Orchestra

Austin Howle
Principal Tuba, Montreal Symphony Orchestra

Jason Haaheim
Principal Timpani, The MET Orchestra

Leonardo Soto
Principal Timpani, Houston Symphony Orchestra

Joshua Jones
Principal Percussion, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

Jacob Nissly
Principal Percussion, San Francisco Symphony

Nancy Allen
Principal Harp, New York Philharmonic

Jessica Zhou
Principal Harp, Boston Symphony Orchestra

Eric Huebner
Principal Piano, New York Philharmonic

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Guest Composers

1. Jim Ross leads NYO-USA in rehearsal.
2. Joshua Jones, Principal Percussion of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, works with NYO-USA percussionist Serena Bangia.
3. NYO-USA clarinetist Anoush Pogossian and Ricardo Morales, Principal Clarinet of The Philadelphia Orchestra.
4. Megumi Kanda, Principal Trombone of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and NYO-USA trombonist Will Fowler
5. NYO-USA bassist Orion Miller and Ali Yazdanfar, Principal Bass of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra
6. Alex Kerr, Concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, coaches NYO-USA violinist Myles McKnight.



Professional affiliations as of July 2019

Apprentices at Work

As part of NYO-USA, Carnegie Hall offers apprenticeships in roles beyond instrumental practice that allow musicians to explore key aspects of the orchestral field. In 2019, four apprentices worked alongside NYO-USA's artistic and administrative staff, gaining direct experience in their respective crafts. The apprentice librarian and orchestra manager supported production and operations for rehearsals, concerts, and cultural exchange activities at Purchase College and on tour. For the first time, the two composer apprentices had their works performed by NYO-USA on tour. NYO Jazz welcomed the first-ever apprentice sound engineer, who had the opportunity to work alongside the ensemble's sound engineer during the residency and on tour.



1. Sofia Corona, Apprentice Orchestra Manager, works alongside Dean McWain, NYO-USA Orchestra Manager.
2. Apprentice Orchestra Librarian Phoebe Propst
3. Apprentice Sound Engineer Austin Cohen works with NYO Jazz Sound Engineer Paul Boothe.
4. Apprentice Composer Tyson J. Davis and Sir Antonio Pappano
5. Apprentice Composer Benjamin S. Beckman and Sir Antonio Pappano

NYO-USA at Tanglewood

August 1, 2019



1. Jakob Schoenfeld, Erica Yeawon Hwang, Haeun Moon, and Robin Park
2. Concert at Tanglewood Music Festival in Seiji Ozawa Hall

NYO-USA at Carnegie Hall

August 3, 2019



“These young musicians delivered refinement with aplomb. One was struck all evening with how assured was their playing and how alert the musicians were to their own parts and also to what was happening around them.”

—*New York Classical Review*



Concert at Carnegie Hall



Berlin

Konzerthaus | August 6, 2019



1. Musicians arriving at the Konzerthaus Berlin
2. Gillian Hilscher, Hugo Bliss, Ashley Hyunjee Kim, Sophia Molina, Alexandra He, Scott Quirk, and Annika Hsu at the Konzerthaus
3. NYO-USA musicians perform at the American Academy in Berlin.
4. NYO-USA outside the Konzerthaus Berlin with Dr. Gabriela Minz (Director of Young Euro Classic) and Andreas Görden (Director of Culture and Communication for the German Foreign Office)



5. Apprentice Composer Tyson J. Davis after the world premiere of his piece *Delicate Tension*
6. Gretchen Berendt
7. Shane Savage and Roric Cunningham

Edinburgh

Usher Hall | August 9, 2019



1. Joyce DiDonato performs with NYO-USA at Usher Hall.
2. A brass quintet of NYO-USA musicians performs live on *BBC Breakfast*, the broadcaster's flagship morning news and talk show.
3. NYO-USA attends The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.



London

Royal Albert Hall | August 11, 2019

“From a hushed bed of sleepy strings to dewy woodwind flutterings, the National Youth Orchestra of the USA was impeccably attentive ... this band of 16- to 19-year-olds displayed sensitivity and nuance, and even in Strauss’s extravagant *An Alpine Symphony* it was disciplined precision that made the performance a triumph.”

—*The Times* (London)



1. NYO-USA performs at Royal Albert Hall as part of the BBC Proms.
2. Dylan Fernandez de Lara, Kingston Ho, and Michael Fisher bike near Buckingham Palace.
3. Sightseeing at Tower Bridge
4. Backstage at Royal Albert Hall

Amsterdam

Concertgebouw
August 13, 2019



1. Benjamin S. Beckman takes a bow after the performance of his work *Occidentalis* at the Concertgebouw.
2. Canal tour of Amsterdam
3. Sarah Johnson (center), Joyce DiDonato, and NYO-USA musicians on a canal boat in Amsterdam
4. Concert at the Concertgebouw



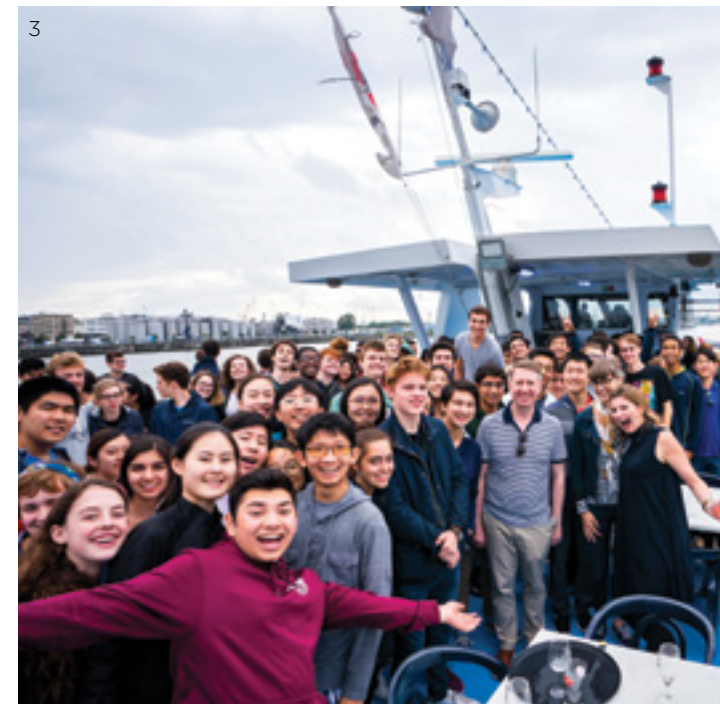
Hamburg

Elbphilharmonie | August 14, 2019

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1. Concert at the Elbphilharmonie
2. Pre-concert performance outside the Elbphilharmonie
3. Musicians on a river cruise in Hamburg
4. River cruise in Hamburg

Cultural Exchange

During the tour, NYO-USA musicians had the opportunity meet and play with musicians from the countries they visited. James Ross conducted a side-by-side reading at the Akoesticum Performing Arts Training Centre in the Netherlands with RCO Young, a new European youth orchestra created by the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, modeled in part on NYO2. The Scottish government also organized a day trip to Dundee for a lunch with NYO Scotland, and a visit to the new V&A Dundee, an international center of design. In addition to exploring the museum, NYO-USA performed a pop-up concert in the main lobby.



1. Jim Ross leads NYO-USA and RCO Young in a side-by-side reading.
2. Saakshi Navile with a member of RCO Young
3. Irene Castillo with a member of RCO Young
4. The NYO-USA bassoon section has lunch with bassoonists from NYO Scotland.

5. Jeremy Davis chats with a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland at Caird Hall in Dundee.
6. Deanna Tham with the horn section outside V&A Dundee
7. NYO-USA with the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland at Caird Hall in Dundee
8. Post-rehearsal dance party with members of RCO Young



Joint Music-Making

After the first full week of rehearsals, the 223 musicians of NYO-USA, NYO2, and NYO Jazz came together for several shared experiences on Saturday, July 20. The morning began with improvisation workshops in groups of 20–25 students from all three ensembles. The full group then assembled on the stage of the Concert Hall at Purchase College to read through two works. The combined NYO-USA and NYO2 orchestras played movements from Grieg’s *Peer Gynt* Suite No. 1, which were alternated with the Billy Strayhorn / Duke Ellington arrangements of the same music, performed by NYO Jazz. The event concluded with a “world premiere”—a new arrangement for jazz band and symphony orchestra of the first-ever commission for NYO Jazz, *Run with Jones*, by Miguel Zenón. That evening, the three ensembles socialized together with a dinner and harbor cruise around Manhattan.



1. Jim Ross works with the three ensembles.
2. Deanna Tham conducts Miguel Zenón’s *Run with Jones*.
3. All three ensembles read Grieg’s *Peer Gynt* Suite No. 1.



NYO in New York

1. The three ensembles enjoy a New York Harbor cruise.
2. New York Harbor cruise
3. Gillian Hilscher, Beau Henson, and Messiah Ahmed at Caramoor
4. The NYO-USA cello section performs at Caramoor.
5. Gracie Potter, Cooper Cromwell-Whitley, Nate Petersen, and Will Fowler at Caramoor



NYO2 Program Overview

In its fourth season, NYO2 partnered with the New World Symphony for the second time, traveling to Miami Beach for a six-day residency and performance at the state-of-the-art New World Center. In preparation for the exciting trip, the musicians trained at Purchase College, working with a world-class faculty that included New World Symphony fellows, as well as other professional musicians from top US orchestras. Resident Conductor Joseph Young (newly appointed music director of the Berkeley Symphony) returned to lead the ensemble during the Purchase residency, preparing the musicians for the arrival of maestro Carlos Miguel Prieto.

Following two weeks of sectionals, rehearsals, master classes, and private lessons, the talented young musicians headed down to Miami Beach, where they had the chance to work closely with New World Symphony fellows. NYO2’s residency culminated in a performance at the New World Center under the baton of Mr. Prieto with pianist Gabriela Montero as soloist. The program included Stravinsky’s *Pétrouchka*, Falla’s *The Three-Cornered Hat* (abridged), and Ms. Montero’s Piano Concerto No. 1, “Latin,” performed by the composer. The performance was shared with a wide audience via WALLCAST®, with the full concert projected onto the 7,000-square-foot eastern façade of the building, facing SoundScape Park.

During their time in Miami Beach, the NYO2 musicians had the opportunity to play and learn side-by-side with local young musicians from the Miami Music Project. They also enjoyed a bus tour of the city and a walking tour of Wynwood Walls.

Following their Miami Beach residency, the NYO2 musicians returned to New York to participate in a side-by-side music-making session at The Juilliard School with musicians from the Sphinx Performance Academy. The final celebratory performance took place at Carnegie Hall; both concerts at the New World Center and Carnegie Hall featured rousing Latin-themed encores.

Repertoire

MANUEL DE FALLA	<i>The Three-Cornered Hat</i> (abridged)
GABRIELA MONTERO	Piano Concerto No. 1, “Latin”
IGOR STRAVINSKY	<i>Pétrouchka</i> (1947 version)
Encore:	
LUCHO BERMÚDEZ / GABRIELA ORTIZ	<i>Colombia Tierra Querida</i> (orch. Rubén Darío Gómez Prada) / <i>Antrópolis</i>

NYO2 at Carnegie Hall



NYO2 Faculty

Joseph Young
Resident Conductor

James Ross
Orchestra Director

Deanna Tham
Assistant Conductor

Ying Fu
Associate Concertmaster, National Symphony Orchestra

Lauren Roth
Concertmaster, Tucson Symphony Orchestra

Amy Oshiro-Morales
Second Violin, The Philadelphia Orchestra

Beth Guterman Chu
Principal Viola, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

Wei Yu
Principal Cello, Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Joseph McFadden
Principal Bass, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Demarre McGill
Principal Flute, Seattle Symphony

Erin Hannigan
Principal Oboe, Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Gabriel Campos Zamora
Principal Clarinet, Minnesota Orchestra

Andrew Brady
Principal Bassoon, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Wei-ping Chou
Second Horn, Washington National Opera Orchestra

Karin Bliznik
Principal Trumpet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

Randall Campora
Bass Trombone, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Austin Howle
Principal Tuba, Montreal Symphony Orchestra

Joshua Jones
Principal Percussion, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

Jacob Nissly
Principal Percussion, San Francisco Symphony

Leonardo Soto
Principal Timpani, Houston Symphony Orchestra

Nancy Allen
Principal Harp, New York Philharmonic

Eric Huebner
Principal Piano, New York Philharmonic

Bryan Wagorn
Piano / Assistant Conductor, The Metropolitan Opera

Fellows of the New World Symphony

Sophia Bernitz
Violin

Scott Jackson
Violin

Katherine Kobylarz
Violin

Christopher Robinson
Violin

Daniel Fellows
Viola

Kip Riecken
Viola

Drew Comstock
Cello

Blake-Anthony Johnson
Cello

Kathryn Bradley
Bass

Levi Jones
Bass

Francisco Joubert Bernard
Bassoon

Aaron Ney
Trumpet

Kevin Ritenauer
Percussion

Professional affiliations as of July 2019



NYO2 in Miami



1. Payton Lee, Jadelyn Ding, Ashley Gomez, Thomas Juhasz, and Lawrence Chai at Miami's Wynwood Walls.
2. Musicians at the Hard Rock Cafe in Miami
3. Keneil Soni, Elizabeth Jerstad, Cindy Xu, and Avi Gotskind

NYO2 at the New World Center

July 27, 2019



“Prieto said that making music with NYO2 will ‘inspire me for a long, long time.’ He and this remarkable band of musicians should tour the entire USA and then the rest of the world. They challenge every conceivable stereotype about classical music and the kids who spend their time practicing to perform it at the highest level. What’s more, they spread hope and joy.”

—*Seen and Heard International*

1. Concert at the New World Center
2. NYO2 cellists Anthony De Peña and Aiden Krogh
3. Gabriela Montero and NYO2 clarinetist Joanna Lin
4. NYO2 violist Jeremiah Moultrie

NYO2 in NYC

Upon returning to New York from Miami Beach, NYO2 visited The Juilliard School for an admissions presentation and music making with students in the Sphinx Performance Academy, which took place for the first time in New York in that summer.



1. NYO2 with Sphinx Performance Academy musicians at The Juilliard School
2. Ashley Gomez performs side by side with Sphinx Performance Academy musicians.
3. Colin Aponte performs side by side with Sphinx Performance Academy musicians.

NYO2 at Carnegie Hall

July 30, 2019



“Coming from a background where students tend to be competitive and often compare themselves to others, I appreciated NYO2’s extremely welcoming environment, in which the intent was to build off one another and share everyone’s unique story in the repertoire we played.”

—Andrew Do, NYO2 Cellist



1. Concert at Carnegie Hall
2. Yudai Leonzon, Edward Jung, and Nicholas Garcia-Hettinger with Carlos Miguel Prieto

NYO Jazz Program Overview

Repertoire

COUNT BASIE / JIMMY RUSHING	“Goin’ To Chicago Blues”
JOHN COLTRANE	“Resolution” (arr. Bob Mintzer)
DUKE ELLINGTON	“I Like the Sunrise” (arr. Michael Abene)
DUKE ELLINGTON	“Sophisticated Lady”
DUKE ELLINGTON / JIMMY HAMILTON	“Tutti for Cootie” (transc. David Berger)
DON ELLIS	Theme from <i>The French Connection</i>
FRANK FOSTER	“Discommotion”
DIZZY GILLESPIE	“A Night in Tunisia”
DIZZY GILLESPIE	“Things to Come” (arr. Gil Fuller)
FREDDIE HUBBARD	“One of a Kind” (arr. Igmarr Thomas)
AYN INSERTO	“Mr. Jones and Co” (World Premiere, commissioned by Carnegie Hall)
JOE JACKSON	“Steppin’ Out” (arr. Michael Abene)
QUINCY JONES	“I Needs to Be Bee’d With”
THAD JONES	“Counter Blocking”
THAD JONES	“Little Pixie II” (arr. Mel Lewis)
JIHYE LEE	“Struggle Gives You Strength” (World Premiere)
JIMMY MCHUGH / DOROTHY FIELDS	“I Can’t Give You Anything But Love, Baby” (arr. Benny Carter and Chris Greive)
MARY LOU WILLIAMS	“New Musical Express”
STEVIE WONDER	“Higher Ground” (arr. Igmarr Thomas)
Encore:	
WYCLIFFE GORDON	“Medley: We’re Still Here / He’s Alright”



NYO Jazz at the Shanghai Oriental Art Center

Carnegie Hall’s national youth jazz orchestra, NYO Jazz—comprising 23 outstanding young American jazz musicians ages 16–19 from across the US—came together for its second year of extraordinary music making, culminating with the ensemble’s first-ever tour to Asia in the summer of 2019. Acclaimed trumpeter Sean Jones returned to lead the group, with Grammy Award–winning vocalist Kurt Elling featured as guest artist. NYO Jazz’s tour to Asia included debut performances at some of the world’s most prestigious concert halls, inspiring audiences with a beloved American genre of music.

As part of their training residency at Purchase College, the musicians received personal coaching from leading jazz musicians, including drummers Obed Calvaire and Quincy Phillips, trumpeter Etienne Charles, pianist Shamie Royston, trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, bassist Mimi Jones, saxophonist Erica von Kleist, guitarists Matthew Stevens and Dan Wilson, and ensemble coach / pianist Reggie Thomas. The young musicians also had the special opportunity to meet Ayn Inserto, who wrote a new piece for the ensemble.

Following an open dress rehearsal at Purchase College, NYO Jazz performed at Carnegie Hall in a star-studded concert that featured Sean Jones, Kurt Elling, Wycliffe Gordon, and Jon Faddis, with solos from nearly every member of the ensemble.

NYO Jazz’s repertoire ranged from big band standards to a new Carnegie Hall–commissioned work by Ms. Inserto, who has been hailed as one of the most distinctive large-ensemble composers of her generation. The program also included a new work by Jihye Lee and new arrangements by Igmarr Thomas and Wycliffe Gordon, as well as other contemporary pieces that explore jazz’s influence on hip-hop, R&B, and pop music.

After their Carnegie Hall concert, the musicians traveled to Asia for two performances at the National Taichung Theater. NYO Jazz’s 2019 touring activities were designed to allow the musicians to share their artistry with international audiences while also experiencing the richness of Asian cultures. The ensemble’s four-day visit to Taiwan included cultural exchange activities with high school students and musicians from across the island.

In Beijing, NYO Jazz made its debut at the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) in a performance that was streamed live around the globe via medici.tv. The group’s time in Beijing also included a visit to the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, and Tiananmen Square.

The memorable trip continued with two performances in Shanghai, including a debut at Jazz at Lincoln Center Shanghai that received a standing ovation, as well as a performance the following evening at Shanghai Oriental Art Center. The musicians also visited the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center (a museum that includes a gigantic model of the city), strolled along the Bund, and toured Yu Garden. The final two tour stops featured concerts at Zhuhai’s Huafa & CPAA Grand Theatre and Asia Society Hong Kong Center. As part of the touring activities in Hong Kong, the musicians took a sampan boat ride, visited the new Xiqu Centre for traditional Chinese opera, and enjoyed the expansive views of the harbor from Victoria Peak.

NYO Jazz Faculty

- 1. Sean Jones rehearses with NYO Jazz at Purchase College.
- 2. Miles Lennox and pianist / ensemble coach Reggie Thomas
- 3. Erica von Kleist leads a saxophone sectional.
- 4. Etienne Charles with NYO Jazz trumpets

- 5. Pianist Shamie Royston and Seth Finch
- 6. Bassist Mimi Jones and Jayla Chee
- 7. Guitarist Dan Wilson and Nico Wohl

Sean Jones
Artistic Director
Etienne Charles
Trumpet
Wycliffe Gordon
Trombone
Erica von Kleist
Saxophone
Mimi Jones
Bass
Obed Calvaire
Quincy Phillips
Drums
Matthew Stevens
Dan Wilson
Guitar
Shamie Royston
Piano
Reginald “Reggie” Thomas
Piano/Ensemble



NYO Jazz at Carnegie Hall

July 27, 2019



1. Sean Jones leads the band in its Carnegie Hall performance.
2. NYO Jazz drummer Anton Kot
3. Guest Artist Wycliffe Gordon

Taichung

National Taichung Theater | July 30 and 31, 2019

1. Emmanuel Michael, Kurt Elling, and Sean Jones
2. Jett Lim practices on stage at the National Taichung Theater.
3. Jack Towse
4. Jayla Chee, Miles Lennox, Anton Kot, Will Hazlehurst, Evan Kappelman, and Jack Towse explore the Rainbow Village in Taichung.
5. Exploring a temple in Taipei
6. Omeed Nyman, Summer Camargo, and Miles Lennox participate in a flash mob in Kaohsiung.



Beijing

National Centre for the Performing Arts | August 4, 2019



1. Musicians at the Great Wall of China
2. Sean Jones and Jayla Chee take a chairlift to the top of the Great Wall of China.
3. Tour of the Forbidden City
4. Omeed Nyman
5. Concert at the National Centre for the Performing Arts



Shanghai

Jazz at Lincoln Center Shanghai
Shanghai Oriental Art Center
August 5 and 6, 2019

“I feel inspired and became a better musician this summer. I also became a better educator. What if we could take all that we experienced from the NYO Jazz tour, right from the start, and layer it over the globe? We would have global enlightenment. Thank you, Carnegie Hall, NYO Jazz, and everyone who contributed to making this program happen.”

—Anton Kot, NYO Jazz Drummer



1. The musicians post-concert, after strolling along the Bund and enjoying the amazing Shanghai skyline at night
2. Emmanuel Michael
3. Jeremy Duke solos at Jazz at Lincoln Center Shanghai.
4. Janelle Finton and Jeremy Duke explore Yu Garden.

Zhuhai

Zhuhai Huafa & CPAA Grand Theatre | August 8, 2019



1. Concert at Zhuhai Huafa & CPAA Grand Theatre
2. Jeremy Duke, Jett Lim, Leo Markel, and Omeed Nyman
3. NYO Jazz gives a flash mob performance in Zhuhai.



Hong Kong

Asia Society Hong Kong Center | August 9, 2019

1. Sampan boat ride in Victoria Harbor
2. Visiting Hong Kong's Repulse Bay
3. Evan Kappelman
4. Emmanuel Michael and Jayla Chee at a Hong Kong market



Cultural Exchange

Throughout their tour of Asia, the members of NYO Jazz met with other young musicians and learned about the cities they visited. In Taipei, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) organized peer exchange activities with the AIT Youth Leadership Camp and workshops with young musicians at high schools in Taipei and Taichung.

1. NYO Jazz with young musicians from Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School
2. Ethan Avery meets students at Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School.
3. Summer Camargo performs for students at the AIT Youth Leadership Camp.
4. NYO Jazz with Ling Ling Kuo, executive director of CHIMEI Culture Foundation and deputy director of the Chimei Museum
5. Sean Jones and Kurt Elling with Raymond Greene and Eric Aldrich from the AIT.
6. NYO Jazz at Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School



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NYO-USA Musicians



“While playing the end of *An Alpine Symphony* at the last performance, I looked around at all the musicians in the orchestra. Some were crying or tearing up, and some were smiling ear to ear. It was a visual reminder of the emotion that we all put into the music, and it’s that emotion that makes NYO-USA special. Never before had I played with a group of students who put so much of their hearts and souls into the repertoire, and seeing that really inspired me.”

—Catherine Deskur, NYO-USA Bassist

Violins

Messiah Ahmed, 18
Hometown: Dallas, TX
School: Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Kevin Bai, 19
Hometown: Plano, TX
School: Northwestern University
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Irene Castillo, 17
Hometown: Lisle, IL
School: Naperville North High School
Youth Orchestra: Merit Philharmonic at Merit School of Music

Daniel Cho, 17
Hometown: Wyncote, PA
School: Germantown Friends School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Elliott Davis, 17
Hometown: Avon, CT
School: Avon High School
Youth Orchestra: Connecticut Youth Symphony

Dylan Fernandez de Lara, 17
Hometown: San Antonio, TX
School: Claudia Taylor Johnson High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestra of San Antonio

Michael Fisher, 16
Hometown: Williamsport, PA
School: Williamsport Area High School
Youth Orchestra: Williamsport Symphony Orchestra

Beau Henson, 18
Hometown: Ames, IA
School: Gilbert High School
Youth Orchestra: Des Moines Symphony Youth Orchestra

Kingston Ho, 18
Hometown: New Providence, NJ
School: Academy for Allied Health Sciences
Youth Orchestra: New Jersey Youth Symphony

Faustina Housner, 18
Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Youth Chamber Orchestra at Temple University Music Preparatory Center for Gifted Young Musicians

Annika Hsu, 17
Hometown: Vienna, VA
School: George C. Marshall High School
Youth Orchestra: American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

Erica Yeawon Hwang, 19
Hometown: San Diego, CA
School: Stanford University
Youth Orchestra: Stanford Symphony Orchestra

Bethlehem Kelley, 17
Hometown: Lenexa, KS
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Youth Symphony of Kansas City

Ruth Kelley, 17
Hometown: Kernersville, NC
School: University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: UNCSCA Symphony Orchestra

Kyuna Kim, 17
Hometown: Vestavia Hills, AL
School: Vestavia Hills High School
Youth Orchestra: Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra

Jory Lane, 18
Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Colorado Springs Youth Symphony

Christine Lee, 16
Hometown: Saratoga, CA
School: Saratoga High School
Youth Orchestra: California Youth Symphony

Ajay Mallya, 16
Hometown: Cupertino, CA
School: Bellarmine College Preparatory School
Youth Orchestra: Bellarmine Chamber Orchestra

Myles McKnight, 19
Hometown: Asheville, NC
School: Gap year
Youth Orchestra: Asheville Symphony Youth Orchestra

Sophia Molina, 16
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: New World School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: New World Symphony Side-by-Side Orchestra

Haeun Moon, 18
Hometown: Waco, TX
School: Midway High School
Youth Orchestra: Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Nikki Naghavi, 18
Hometown: Frisco, TX
School: Centennial High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Saakshi Navile, 17
Hometown: Exton, PA
School: Shipley School

Valentina Paolucci, 18
Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL
School: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts Philharmonic

Jina Park, 17
Hometown: Lexington, KY
School: Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Youth Orchestra: Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra

Sean Takada, 18
Hometown: New York, NY
School: Stuyvesant High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Julia Wang, 16
Hometown: Sunnyvale, CA
School: Homestead High School
Youth Orchestra: California Youth Symphony

Annalisa Welinder, 18
Hometown: Port Jefferson, NY
School: Earl L. Vandermeulen High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Roger Xia, 17
Hometown: Davis, CA
School: Davis Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra



Sylvan Zhang, 16
Hometown: Stillwater, OK
School: Stillwater High School
Youth Orchestra: Oklahoma Youth Orchestra

Sophia Yiwen Zheng, 17
Hometown: Palm Beach Gardens, FL
School: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts Philharmonic

Violas

Roger Cawdette, 19
Hometown: Boston, MA
School: Harvard College
Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

Sophie Choate, 19
Hometown: Provo, UT
School: Harvard College
Youth Orchestra: Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra

Juliette Duguid, 17
Hometown: Westfield, NJ
School: Academy for Allied Health Sciences
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Matthew Garcia, 18
Hometown: Harlingen, TX
School: Harlingen School of Health Professions

Gillian Hilscher, 18
Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD
School: Lincoln High School
Youth Orchestra: South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra

Alexandra Hong, 18
Hometown: Manhasset, NY
School: Manhasset High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Brian Isaacs, 19
Hometown: Forest Hills, NY
School: Yale University
Youth Orchestra: Yale Symphony Orchestra

Danyoung Kim, 18
Hometown: Montvale, NJ
School: Bergen County Academies
Youth Orchestra: NAFME All-Eastern Orchestra

Shinwho Kwun, 17
Hometown: San Ramon, CA
School: Dougherty Valley High School
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Miranda Lucas, 18
Hometown: Winchester, VA
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

Mackie Moore, 17
Hometown: Salt Lake City, UT
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Gifted Music School Conservatory Orchestra

Andy Park, 17
Hometown: South Pasadena, CA
School: Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences
Youth Orchestra: Debut Chamber Orchestra

Karlie Roberts, 18
Hometown: Eugene, OR
School: Sheldon High School
Youth Orchestra: Eugene Symphony

Elissa Volling, 17
Hometown: Denver, CO
School: Littleton High School
Youth Orchestra: Denver Young Artists Orchestra

Cellos

Camden Archambeau, 18
Hometown: Weston, CT
School: Weston High School
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Quenton Xavier Blache, 17
Hometown: Wake Forest, NC
School: Ravenscroft School
Youth Orchestra: Triangle Youth Philharmonic

Roric Cunningham, 18
Hometown: Manchester, NH
School: Central High School
Youth Orchestra: New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra

Drew Dansby, 18
Hometown: Charlotte, NC
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestra of Charlotte

Alexis DePaolo, 18
Hometown: Casper, WY
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

Alice Guo, 16
Hometown: Overland Park, KS
School: Pembroke Hill School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Symphony of Kansas City

Alexandra He, 18
Hometown: Bryn Mawr, PA
School: Radnor High School
Youth Orchestra: Delaware County Youth Orchestra

Kaede Ishidate, 18
Hometown: Holden, MA
School: Wachusett Regional High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

Gregory Llewellyn, 17
Hometown: Englewood, NJ
School: Riverdale Country School
Youth Orchestra: Manhattan School of Music Pre-College Philharmonic Orchestra

Kristy Park, 18
Hometown: Bellevue, WA
School: Newport High School
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

Robin Park, 18
Hometown: Princeton Junction, NJ
School: West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North
Youth Orchestra: Symphony in C

Kevin Song, 16
Hometown: San Diego, CA
School: Torrey Pines High School
Youth Orchestra: San Diego Youth Symphony



Basses

Mitchell Ballester, 17
Hometown: Dayton, OH
School: Ohio Connections Academy
Youth Orchestra: Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra

Catherine Deskur, 17
Hometown: Vestal, NY
School: Vestal Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: Binghamton Philharmonic

Andrew Gantzer, 16
Hometown: Centreville, VA
School: Westfield High School
Youth Orchestra: American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

Diego Garza-Romero, 18
Hometown: Edinburg, TX
School: Johnny Economedes High School
Youth Orchestra: Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra

Eliot Lee, 16
Hometown: Seattle, WA
School: Ballard High School
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

Orion Miller, 16
Hometown: New York, NY
School: Special Music School High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Isaac Present, 18
Hometown: Winston-Salem, NC
School: University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Boston University Tanglewood Institute

Tim Rinehart, 17
Hometown: Chapel Hill, NC
School: Chapel Hill High School
Youth Orchestra: Duke Youth Symphony

Shane Savage, 17
Hometown: Port St. Lucie, FL
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Treasure Coast Youth Symphony

Flutes

David Davisson, 17
Hometown: Livermore, CA
School: Livermore High School
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Laura Futamura, 17
Hometown: Middletown, NJ
School: High Technology High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Joanna Kim, 18
Hometown: Austin, TX
School: Vista Ridge High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston University Tanglewood Institute

Scott Quirk, 17
Hometown: Simi Valley, CA
School: Monte Vista School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Phoebe Rawn, 18
Hometown: Seattle, WA
School: Garfield High School
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

Oboes

Caroline Becker, 17
Hometown: College Station, TX
School: KOR Education School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Peter Davies, 18
Hometown: Dallas, TX
School: Highland Park High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Jonathan Kronheimer, 18
Hometown: Newton, MA
School: Gap year
Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

Hannah Lee, 17
Hometown: Suwanee, GA
School: Lambert High School
Youth Orchestra: Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

Oliver Talukder, 17
Hometown: Glenview, IL
School: Maine East High School
Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras

Clarinets

Andrew Chang, 18
Hometown: Rowland Heights, CA
School: Diamond Bar High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Anoush Pogossian, 16
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Verdugo Academy
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Jefferson Sheng, 17
Hometown: Ithaca, NY
School: Ithaca High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston University Tanglewood Institute

Francisco Vidales, 18
Hometown: Alpharetta, GA
School: Chattahoochee High School
Youth Orchestra: Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

Noah Yi, 18
Hometown: Plano, TX
School: Plano West Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra





Bassoons

Jordan Farber, 18
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
School: Las Vegas Academy of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: The Young Artists Orchestra of Las Vegas

Julian Gonzalez, 18
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: New World School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: New World School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra

Vincent Igusa, 17
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
School: Towson High School
Youth Orchestra: Peabody Youth Orchestra

Kaitlyn Mills, 18
Hometown: Bloomington, IN
School: Bloomington High School North
Youth Orchestra: New World Youth Orchestras

Emily O'Donnell, 18
Hometown: Temecula, CA
School: Vista Murrieta High School
Youth Orchestra: Pacific Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble

Horns

Gretchen Berendt, 18
Hometown: Wampum, PA
School: Beaver Area High School
Youth Orchestra: Youngstown Symphony Youth Orchestra

Hugo Bliss, 17
Hometown: Seattle, WA
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

August Haller, 19
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
School: Harvard College and New England Conservatory
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Kurt Lautenshlager, 19
Hometown: San Antonio, TX
School: University of Texas at Austin
Youth Orchestra: University of Texas at Austin Wind Symphony

Liam McConlogue, 18
Hometown: Greenbelt, MD
School: Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra

Jackson Prasifka, 18
Hometown: McKinney, TX
School: Heritage High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Scott Sanders, 18
Hometown: Mansfield, TX
School: Lake Ridge High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Jacob Speakman, 18
Hometown: College Station, TX
School: A&M Consolidated High School
Youth Orchestra: Houston Youth Symphony

Carys Sutherland, 17
Hometown: South Lake, TX
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

Trumpets

Paul Armitage, 18
Hometown: Newnan, GA
School: Northgate High School
Youth Orchestra: Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra

Trevor Holmes, 18
Hometown: Coppell, TX
School: Coppell High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Forrest Johnston, 18
Hometown: Great Falls, VA
School: Langley High School
Youth Orchestra: American Youth Philharmonic

William J. MacDonald, 19
Hometown: Foster, RI
School: Saxony State High School of Music Carl Maria von Weber
Youth Orchestra: Saxony State Youth Orchestra

Gabriel Uriah Ortiz, 17
Hometown: San Marcos, TX
School: San Marcos High School
Youth Orchestra: Texas All-State Symphony Orchestra

Trombones

Cooper Cromwell-Whitley, 18
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
School: The Park School of Baltimore
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra

Will Fowler, 18
Hometown: Rockville, MD
School: Thomas S. Wootton High School
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra

Gracie Potter, 16
Hometown: Surprise, AZ
School: Arizona School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Phoenix Youth Symphony

Bass Trombone

Nate Petersen, 18
Hometown: Deltona, FL
School: University High School
Youth Orchestra: Jazz Band of America

Tubas

Destin Hoskins, 18
Hometown: Orange City, FL
School: University High School
Youth Orchestra: Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra

Ben McWilliams, 18
Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI
School: Gull Lake High School
Youth Orchestra: Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra



The NYO-USA percussion section performs at the American Academy in Berlin.

Timpani and Percussion

Serena Bangia, 16
Hometown: Buffalo, NY
School: Amherst Central High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra

Jeremy Davis, 18
Hometown: Diamond Bar, CA
School: Diamond Bar High School
Youth Orchestra: Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra

Will Harris, 19
Hometown: Greenville, SC
School: Eastside High School
Youth Orchestra: Carolina Youth Symphony

Robert Lenau, 16
Hometown: South Plainfield, NJ
School: South Plainfield High School
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Jakob Schoenfeld, 18
Hometown: Oviedo, FL
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Honor Orchestra of America

Harps

Rebekah Hou, 18
Hometown: Okemos, MI
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Arts Academy Band and Orchestra

Sophie Thorpe, 17
Hometown: Columbia, MO
School: David H. Hickman High School
Youth Orchestra: St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

Piano and Organ

Ashley Hyunjee Kim, 17
Hometown: Demarest, NJ
School: Bergen County Academies
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Apprentice Composers

Benjamin S. Beckman, 18
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Harvard-Westlake School
Youth Orchestra: Los Angeles Youth Orchestra

Tyson J. Davis, 18
Hometown: Winston-Salem, NC
School: University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Apprentice Orchestra Librarian

Phoebe Propst, 17
Hometown: Asheville, NC
School: Asheville High School
Youth Orchestra: Asheville Symphony Youth Orchestra

Apprentice Orchestra Manager

Sofia Corona, 17
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
High School: Liberty High School
Youth Orchestra: Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra



NYO-USA apprentice composers with Director of Composition Sean Shepherd



Phoebe Propst with NYO-USA Orchestra Librarian Matt Searing



NYO-USA keyboardist Ashley Hyunjee Kim



Sofia Corona with NYO-USA Orchestra Manager Dean McWain

NYO2 Musicians



“NYO2 was truly an unforgettable experience that has helped me evolve as a musician and a person. I believe what makes this program so special is that it brings together some of the best young musicians from all over the country despite their differences in dialect, skin, or ethnicity, and it unites them through one language: music. Connecting with so many outstanding musicians, mentors, and conductors enabled us to truly make something special and sing our language to a dazzled audience. I feel lucky to have been part of such an amazing program.”

—Keneil Soni, NYO2 Horn Player



Violins

Colin Aponte, 14
Hometown: Blue Hill, ME
School: John Bapst Memorial High School
Youth Orchestra: Bangor Symphony Youth Orchestra

Ashni Budge, 16
Hometown: La Verne, CA
School: Bonita High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Matthew Chang, 14
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Harvard-Westlake School
Youth Orchestra: Harvard-Westlake Middle School Symphony

Karishma Chapalamadugu, 16
Hometown: Valrico, FL
School: Strawberry Crest High School
Youth Orchestra: Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra

Melody Gawon Choi, 15
Hometown: San Jose, CA
School: Valley Christian High School
Youth Orchestra: California Youth Symphony

Aidan Daniels, 15
Hometown: Frankfort, IL
School: Providence Catholic High School
Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras Concert Orchestra

Isabela Diaz, 14
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: South Miami Middle School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Miami Youth Symphony

Nicholas Garcia-Hettinger, 17
Hometown: San Antonio, TX
School: Louis D. Brandeis High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestras of San Antonio

Ashley Gomez, 15
Hometown: Miami, Florida
School: Coral Reef Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Miami Youth Symphony

Karalyn Melissa Harper, 17
Hometown: Pinson, AL
School: Alabama School of Fine Arts
Youth Orchestra: Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra

Elizabeth Jerstad, 15
Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD
School: Lincoln High School
Youth Orchestra: South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra

Edward Jung, 16
Hometown: San Jose, CA
School: Leland High School
Youth Orchestra: California Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Bryan Kim, 15
Hometown: Blacksburg, VA
School: Blacksburg High School
Youth Orchestra: Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra

Grace Seoeun Kim, 15
Hometown: Closter, NJ
School: Bergen County Academies
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony



NYO2 violas

Eliana Lee, 17
Hometown: Bedford Corners, NY
School: Hackley School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Payton Jin-Hyun Lee, 16
Hometown: Duncan, SC
School: South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities
Youth Orchestra: Carolina Youth Symphony Orchestra

Yudai Leonzon, 17
Hometown: Honolulu, HI
School: Moanalua High School
Youth Orchestra: Hawaii Youth Symphony

Rachel Lee Alers Mercado, 15
Hometown: Manatí, PR
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Advanced Orchestra of the Conservatorio de Música de Puerto Rico Escuela Preparatoria

Semaj Murphy, 15
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
School: Girard Academic Music Program
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra

Caleb T. Reed, 16
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
School: The Haverford School
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Matthew Sakiyama, 15
Hometown: Millbrae, CA
School: The Nueva School
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Tyler Tan, 15
Hometown: Cheshire, CT
School: Cheshire High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Jaylin Vinson, 16
Hometown: Oklahoma City, OK
School: Midwest City High School
Youth Orchestra: Oklahoma Youth Orchestras

Stephanie Yoshida, 16
Hometown: Honolulu, HI
School: Punahou School
Youth Orchestra: Hawaii Youth Symphony

Violas

Lawrence Chai, 15
Hometown: Mount Sinai, NY
School: Mount Sinai High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Sung-Me Nichole Lee, 17
Hometown: Paoli, PA
School: Conestoga High School
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Nia McQuarters, 16
Hometown: Portland, OR
School: St. Mary’s Academy
Youth Orchestra: Metropolitan Youth Symphony

Ansley Moe, 15
Hometown: Spartanburg, SC
School: South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities
Youth Orchestra: Piedmont Chamber Orchestra

Jeremiah Moultrie, 17
Hometown: Charleston, SC
School: Goose Creek High School
Youth Orchestra: Summerville Orchestra



NYO2 cellos with coach Wei Yu

Haile Onikura-Southward, 15
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
School: Packer Collegiate Institute
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Music Advancement Program Chamber Ensembles and Orchestra

Tristin Saito, 16
Hometown: Henderson, NV
School: Coronado High School
Youth Orchestra: Las Vegas Youth Orchestra Youth Philharmonic

Marco Santistevan, 15
Hometown: Rio Grande City, TX
School: Roma High School
Youth Orchestra: TMEA All-State

Cindy Xu, 14
Hometown: San Jose, CA
School: Valley Christian Junior High School
Youth Orchestra: California Youth Symphony

Hailey Xu, 17
Hometown: Greer, SC
School: Riverside High School
Youth Orchestra: Carolina Youth Symphony

Cellos

Alex Aranzabal, 14
Hometown: Londonderry, NH
School: Londonderry Middle School
Youth Orchestra: Dino Anagnost Youth Symphony Orchestra of New Hampshire

Gloria Cai, 16
Hometown: Ellicott City, MD
School: Marriotts Ridge High School
Youth Orchestra: Peabody Youth Orchestra

Aaron Chen, 17
Hometown: Arden, NC
School: Christ School
Youth Orchestra: Carolina Youth Symphony

Elena Chen, 17
Hometown: Cupertino, CA
School: Monta Vista High School
Youth Orchestra: California Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Anthony De Peña, 17
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: Coral Reef Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: New World Symphony Side-by-Side Ensemble

Andrew Do, 17
Hometown: Irvine, CA
School: Northwood High School
Youth Orchestra: California All-State Honor Orchestra

Josephine Kim, 16
Hometown: San Diego, CA
School: Torrey Pines High School
Youth Orchestra: Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra

Aiden Krogh, 17
Hometown: Grand Forks, ND
School: Red River High School
Youth Orchestra: Northern Valley Youth Orchestras



NYO2 basses



Basses

Matin Kealaokahinano Boulos, 15
Hometown: Palolo, HI
School: Mid-Pacific Institute
Youth Orchestra: Hawaii Youth Symphony

Thomas Green, 15
Hometown: Medford, OR
School: South Medford High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon

Arwyn Ivey, 17
Hometown: Tarpon Springs, FL
School: Tarpon Springs High School: Leadership Conservatory of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra

Eli Pace, 17
Hometown: Dublin, OH
School: Dublin Jerome High School
Youth Orchestra: Columbus Youth Jazz Orchestra

Jamie Park, 15
Hometown: Beachwood, OH
School: Beachwood High School
Youth Orchestra: Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

Cirrus Rowland-Seymour, 15
Hometown: Cleveland, OH
School: Shaker Heights High School
Youth Orchestra: Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

Flutes

Sasha Hitachi-Kizziah, 16
Hometown: Chattanooga, TN
School: Chattanooga State Collegiate High
Youth Orchestra: Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Youth Orchestra

Minsoo Kwon, 17
Hometown: Seattle, WA
School: Lakeside School
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

John Robert Santiago, 17
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Los Angeles County High School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Los Angeles County High School for the Arts Symphony Orchestra



NYO2 oboes coached by Erin Hannigan



NYO2 clarinets and bassoons

Oboes

Thomas Juhasz, 15
Hometown: Carlisle, MA
School: Trivium School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Coleton G. Morgan, 17
Hometown: Hartville, WY
School: Homeschooled / Wheatland High School
Youth Orchestra: All-Northwest Orchestra

Helen Skilbred, 16
Hometown: Upland, CA
School: Upland High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Clarinets

Kah'lin Jordan, 15
Hometown: Birmingham, AL
School: Alabama School of Fine Arts
Youth Orchestra: Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra

Joanna Lin, 16
Hometown: Fargo, ND
School: Ronald N. Davies High School
Youth Orchestra: Fargo-Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies

Cole Turkel, 16
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Los Angeles County High School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Bassoons

Makayla Bowen-Longino, 16
Hometown: Beltsville, MD
School: Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
Youth Orchestra: Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra

William Ramos, 17
Hometown: Palm Harbor, FL
School: Tarpon Springs High School
Youth Orchestra: Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra

Nathan Shepherd, 14
Hometown: Lanesville, IN
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Indiana All-State Orchestra



NYO2 horns



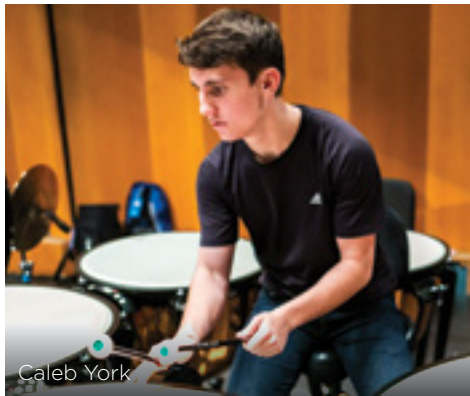
NYO2 trumpets



NYO2 trombones and tuba



Avi Gotskind



Caleb York



Sean C. Edwards



Bridget Hemesath and Kevin Ritenauer



Karina Wugang and Erica von Kleist

Horns

Yui Ginther, 17
Hometown: Austin, TX
School: Leander High School
Youth Orchestra: Austin Youth Orchestra

Erin Harrigan, 17
Hometown: Trumansburg, NY
School: Charles O. Dickerson High School
Youth Orchestra: Symphoria Young Artists Orchestra

Adolfo Pena, 17
Hometown: Brownsville, TX
School: Veterans Memorial Early College High School
Youth Orchestra: TMEA All-State

Keneil Soni, 15
Hometown: Albertson, NY
School: Herricks High School
Youth Orchestra: Nassau-Suffolk Concert Band

Sara Vollenweider, 16
Hometown: Metairie, LA
School: Archbishop Chapelle High School / New Orleans Center for Creative Arts
Youth Orchestra: Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras

Trumpets

Amber Bowen-Longino, 14
Hometown: Beltsville, MD
School: The Madeira School
Youth Orchestra: Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra

Gage Ellis, 17
Hometown: Longview, TX
School: Pine Tree High School
Youth Orchestra: East Texas Youth Orchestra

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School: Petoskey High School
Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Philharmonic

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Hometown: San Francisco, CA
School: Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: San Jose State University Honors Band

Trombones

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Youth Orchestra: TMEA All-State Philharmonic Orchestra

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Youth Orchestra: Phoenix Youth Symphony

Bass Trombone

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Hometown: Chicago, IL
School: Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy
Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras

Tuba

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Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

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Youth Orchestra: Percussion Scholarship Program of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

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“The NYO Jazz experience was completely beautiful; just seeing different perspectives, different voices with various backgrounds come together as one. The atmosphere wasn’t just a learning environment, but a family environment full of love, and that family vibe is something we learned to carry with us and embrace as we make our way in the world as rising musicians.”

—Jeremy Duke, NYO Jazz Trombonist



NYO Jazz saxophones



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Alto Saxophones

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School: Apple Valley High School

Youth Ensemble: Minnesota Youth Jazz Bands

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Hometown: Miami, FL

School: New World School of the Arts

Youth Ensemble: New World School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble

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Hometown: Papillion, NE

School: Papillion-La Vista South High School

Youth Ensemble: Jazz Band of America

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Hometown: Hollywood, FL

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Youth Ensemble: GRAMMY Band

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School: Buffalo Grove High School

Youth Ensemble: NAFME All-National Honors Jazz Ensemble

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Youth Ensemble: University of North Carolina School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble

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Hometown: Huntington, NY

School: Friends Academy

Youth Ensemble: Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra

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Youth Ensemble: Next Generation Jazz Orchestra

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Youth Ensemble: Next Generation Jazz Orchestra

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Youth Ensemble: Philadelphia Ambassador Big Band

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Youth Ensemble: Jazz Band of America

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Youth Ensemble: Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra

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