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NYO2 musicians at the New World Center in Miami Beach

In the summer of 2018, more than 200 talented young musicians from across the country came together for the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA), NYO2, and the inaugural season of NYO Jazz—a new ensemble showcasing the legacy and bright future of American jazz. Following intensive training residencies at Purchase College, State University of New York, coached by leading professional musicians, the respective groups embarked on international tours and a residency in Miami Beach, which were anchored by memorable concerts at Carnegie Hall. NYO Jazz visited the cultural capitals of Europe, with performances in Bury St. Edmunds, London, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Kassel, and Berlin led by trumpeter Sean Jones and featuring renowned vocalist Dianne Reeves. NYO2 traveled to Miami Beach as part of a new partnership with the New World Symphony, America’s Orchestral Academy, performing at the state-of-the-art New World Center with conductor Carlos Miguel Prieto and violinist Gil Shaham. NYO-USA traveled to Asia, returning to Shanghai and Beijing and making debuts in Taipei, Seoul, and Daejeon under the baton of conductor Michael Tilson Thomas and featuring pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

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NYO-USA

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Guest Artists

NYO Jazz

Sean Jones, Bandleader and Trumpet

Dianne Reeves, Vocals

NYO2

Carlos Miguel Prieto, Conductor

Gil Shaham, Violin

NYO-USA

Michael Tilson Thomas, Conductor

Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Piano



- 1. Sean Jones
- 2. Dianne Reeves
- 3. Carlos Miguel Prieto
- 4. Gil Shaham
- 5. Michael Tilson Thomas
- 6. Jean-Yves Thibaudet

NYO Jazz Program Overview

Repertoire	
JOHN CLAYTON	I Be Serious 'Bout Dem Blues
JOHN COLTRANE	Giant Steps (arr. Frank Foster)
GEORGE DUKE	Someday (arr. John Beasley)
DUKE ELLINGTON / BILLY STRAYHORN	Isfahan
FRANK FOSTER	Shiny Stockings
MARVIN GAYE	Got to Give It Up (arr. Etienne Charles)
WYCLIFFE GORDON	Medley: We're Still Here / He's Alright
SEAN JONES	The Ambitious Violet (arr. John Clayton, commissioned by Carnegie Hall)
THAD JONES	Tiptoe
	To You
MICHAEL LEGRAND / ALAN BERGMAN / MARILYN BERGMAN	The Windmills of Your Mind (arr. Peter Martin)
FRANK LOESSER	If I Were a Bell (arr. John Clayton)
CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE	Brother Mister
THELONIOUS MONK	Light Blue (arr. John Beasley)
WAYNE SHORTER	Speak No Evil (arr. Igmar Thomas)
JULE STYNE / BETTY COMDEN / ADOLPH GREEN	Make Someone Happy (arr. John Beasley)
IGMAR THOMAS	R&P
MIGUEL ZENÓN	Run With Jones (commissioned by Carnegie Hall)



Concert at Kongress Palais Kassel

Carnegie Hall’s new national youth jazz orchestra, NYO Jazz—comprising 22 outstanding young American jazz musicians ages 16–19, selected from across the US—came together for its first year of extraordinary music making, culminating in the ensemble’s historic first-ever international tour in the summer of 2018. Acclaimed trumpeter Sean Jones led the group in its inaugural year, with renowned jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves featured as guest artist. The NYO Jazz concerts offered a rare chance to hear the five-time Grammy Award winner perform with a big band, singing jazz standards in new arrangements that had been commissioned especially for this tour. NYO Jazz’s inaugural European tour included debut performances at some of the world’s most prestigious concert halls and music festivals, inspiring audiences with a beloved American music genre.

As part of their training residency at Purchase College, SUNY, the band members received individual coaching from leading jazz musicians, including drummer Obed Calvaire, trumpeter Etienne Charles, pianist Gerald Clayton, trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, bassist Mimi Jones, saxophonist Erica von Kleist, guitarist Matthew Stevens,

and ensemble coach Reggie Thomas. The young musicians also had the special opportunity to meet Miguel Zenón and John Clayton, who wrote and arranged new pieces for the ensemble.

During their time in New York, the members of NYO Jazz had the chance to hear trumpeter Jon Faddis at Dizzy’s Club Coca-Cola. They also met the members of NYO-USA and NYO2 before embarking on their travels.

Following an open dress rehearsal at Purchase College, NYO Jazz made its Carnegie Hall debut in a star-studded performance that featured Jones, Reeves, and Gordon, with solos from nearly every member of the ensemble and a rousing standing ovation from an appreciative audience.

Throughout the tour, NYO Jazz’s program ranged from big band standards to the first Carnegie Hall–commissioned works for NYO Jazz, as well as other contemporary pieces exploring jazz’s influence on hip-hop, R&B, and pop music. The ensemble first traveled to the UK for performances at The Apex in Bury St. Edmunds and Cadogan Hall in London. NYO Jazz’s 2018 touring activities were designed to allow the young musicians to share their artistry with international

audiences while also experiencing the richness of European culture and music. In this spirit, the trip to London included a side-by-side rehearsal with the UK’s National Youth Jazz Orchestra (NYJO), giving talented young jazz players from different countries the chance to get to know each other.

The tour continued with a performance in Amsterdam as part of Robeco SummerNights at the Royal Concertgebouw. The group’s time in Amsterdam also included a visit to the Rijksmuseum and a tour of the city’s gorgeous canals. The group next traveled to Edinburgh for a concert at Usher Hall at the invitation of the Edinburgh International Festival. Several members of the ensemble also had the opportunity to perform live on the BBC Radio 3 program *In Tune*.

The memorable trip continued with a performance in Kassel, Germany, at the Kongress Palais Kassel as part of the Kultursommer Nordhessen festival. As with most of the concerts on tour, the audience was on their feet and dancing by the end. The tour concluded with a swingin’ concert in Berlin at the Konzerthaus as part of the Young Euro Classic Festival, streamed live around the globe via medici.tv.

NYO Jazz Faculty

Sean Jones
Bandleader and Trumpet

Obed Calvaire
Drums

Etienne Charles
Trumpet

Gerald Clayton
Piano

Wycliffe Gordon
Trombone

Mimi Jones
Bass

Erica von Kleist
Saxophone

Matthew Stevens
Guitar

Reginald “Reggie” Thomas
Ensemble Coach



1. Sean Jones rehearses with NYO Jazz at Purchase College.
2. Etienne Charles solos during a faculty jam session.
3. John Clayton sits in with the ensemble.
4. Gerald Clayton works with Seth Finch.
5. Erica von Kleist leads a saxophone sectional.
6. Matthew Stevens works with Nico Wohl.

Open Dress Rehearsal at Purchase College

July 26, 2018



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- 1. Brooke Wyatt
- 2. Wycliffe Gordon solos with the ensemble.
- 3. Janelle Finton
- 4. Andrew Sumabat
- 5. Summer Camargo
- 6. Evan Mickas

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NYO Jazz at Carnegie Hall

July 27, 2018

- 1. Cyrus Mackey takes a solo.
- 2. Domo Branch
- 3. Dianne Reeves and Sean Jones



Bury St. Edmunds

Concert at The Apex | July 31, 2018



London

Concert at Cadogan Hall | August 1, 2018



“

Jazz may not be the lingua franca of Generation Z, but this performance was resounding proof that the music still bridges the chasm.”
—*The Times* (London)

- 1. Cyrus Mackey
- 2. Brooke Wyatt, Anna Abondolo, Summer Camargo, and Janelle Finton cross Abbey Road.
- 3. Concert at Rich Mix in London
- 4. A member of Britain's National Youth Jazz Orchestra chats with Nico Wohl.

Amsterdam

Concert at Royal Concertgebouw | August 2, 2018



1. Sean Jones
2. NYO Jazz musicians at the Royal Concertgebouw
3. NYO Jazz makes its entrance onto the stage at the Royal Concertgebouw.
4. Concert at the Royal Concertgebouw

Edinburgh

Concert at Usher Hall | August 5, 2018



1. Members of NYO Jazz at Usher Hall
2. Members of NYO Jazz warm up backstage at Usher Hall.
3. The musicians visit Edinburgh Castle.
4. NYO Jazz hikes outside Edinburgh.



5. Matt Clarke
6. Dianne Reeves with NYO Jazz musicians
7. Ethan Bailey-Gould



“
This young players’ tour,
which they executed with
such brilliance and heart-warming
generosity, has come not
a moment too soon.”
—*The Telegraph*



Kassel

Concert at Kongress Palais Kassel | August 8, 2018



Berlin

Concert at Konzerthaus Berlin | August 10, 2018



NYO2 Program Overview

Repertoire	
SILVESTRE REVUELTAS	Suite from <i>Redes</i> (arr. Erich Kleiber)
SERGEI PROKOFIEV	Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 19
DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH	Symphony No. 5 in D Minor, Op. 47
Encores:	
GERÓNIMO GIMÉNEZ	Intermezzo from <i>La boda de Luis Alonso</i>
ALBERTO GINASTERA	Malambo, from <i>Estancia</i>



In its third season, NYO2 partnered with the New World Symphony for the first 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, SUNY, working with a world-class faculty that included professional musicians from top US orchestras, as well as New World Symphony fellows and alumni. Resident Conductor Joseph Young led the musicians during the Purchase residency, preparing them for the arrival of maestro Carlos Miguel Prieto.

The residency included several performances and unique opportunities. During the second week, some of the NYO2 musicians traveled to New York City for a side-by-side rehearsal with music teachers from across the country as part of Carnegie Hall’s Summer Music Educators Workshop.

A few days later, NYO2 joined NYO-USA for a series of outdoor chamber music performances at the picturesque Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, New York.

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 select New World Symphony fellows and alumni. In the culminating event of the residency, NYO2 made its New World Center debut under the baton of Carlos Miguel Prieto, with violinist Gil Shaham as soloist. 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. It was also streamed live on medici.tv.

During their time in Miami Beach, the NYO2 musicians also had the opportunity to engage with local musicians, sharing

their skills and experience with young players participating in the Greater Miami Youth Symphony Summer Camp at Ponce de Leon Middle School. Later that day, they enjoyed a visit to Pérez Art Museum Miami and met the institution’s director, Franklin Sirmans. The week culminated in a sold-out performance and some much-deserved rest and relaxation in the Florida sun.

Following their Miami Beach residency, the NYO2 musicians returned to New York for a final celebratory performance at Carnegie Hall before returning home from a successful summer of music making.

1. Carlos Miguel Prieto conducts NYO2 at the New World Center in Miami Beach.

NYO2 Faculty

Joseph Young <i>Resident Conductor</i>	Rudi Heinrich <i>Assistant Principal Bassoon, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra</i>
Ruth Reinhardt <i>Assistant Conductor</i>	Rufus Olivier, Jr. <i>Principal Bassoon, San Francisco Opera Orchestra and San Francisco Ballet Orchestra</i>
Alex Kerr <i>Concertmaster, Dallas Symphony Orchestra</i>	Michelle Baker <i>Second Horn (Retired), The MET Orchestra</i>
Inoel Jirau <i>Principal Second Violin, Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra</i>	Denise Tryon <i>Professor of Horn, Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University</i>
Amy Oshiro-Morales <i>Second Violin, The Philadelphia Orchestra</i>	Karin Bliznik <i>Principal Trumpet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra</i>
Jonathan Chu <i>Assistant Principal Viola, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra</i>	Tage Larsen <i>Fourth/Utility Trumpet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra</i>
Eric Nowlin <i>Principal Viola, Detroit Symphony Orchestra</i>	Megumi Kanda <i>Principal Trombone, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra</i>
Melissa Brooks <i>Associate Principal Cello, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra</i>	Ava Ordman <i>Professor of Trombone, Michigan State University</i>
Anthony Elliott <i>Professor of Cello, University of Michigan</i>	Christopher J. Hall <i>Principal Tuba, The MET Orchestra</i>
Blake Hinson <i>Assistant Principal Bass, New York Philharmonic</i>	Kyle Turner <i>Principal Tuba, Orchestra of St. Luke's</i>
Ali Yazdanfar <i>Principal Bass, Montreal Symphony Orchestra</i>	Jason Haaheim <i>Principal Timpani, The MET Orchestra</i>
Seth Morris <i>Principal Flute, The MET Orchestra</i>	Don Liuzzi <i>Principal Timpani, The Philadelphia Orchestra</i>
Stephanie Mortimore <i>Principal Piccolo, The MET Orchestra</i>	Marc Damoulakis <i>Principal Percussion, The Cleveland Orchestra</i>
Erin Hannigan <i>Principal Oboe, Dallas Symphony Orchestra</i>	Jacob Nissly <i>Principal Percussion, San Francisco Symphony</i>
Pedro Díaz <i>Solo English Horn, The MET Orchestra</i>	Stacey Shames <i>Principal Harp, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra</i>
Alex Laing <i>Principal Clarinet, Phoenix Symphony</i>	Jessica Zhou <i>Principal Harp, Boston Symphony Orchestra</i>
Ricardo Morales <i>Principal Clarinet, The Philadelphia Orchestra</i>	Brett Rowe <i>Collaborative/Orchestral Keyboard</i>

Fellows of the New World Symphony

Alex Gonzalez <i>Violin</i>
Christen Greer <i>Violin</i>
Sarah Peters <i>Violin</i>
Christopher Robinson <i>Violin</i>
Daniel Fellows <i>Viola</i>
Helen Hess <i>Viola</i>
Michael Frigo <i>Cello</i>
Blake-Anthony Johnson <i>Cello</i>
Andrew Chilcote <i>Bass</i>
Michael Fuller <i>Bass</i>
Daniel Parrette <i>Clarinet</i>
Francisco Joubert Bernard <i>Bassoon</i>
Priscilla Rinehart <i>Horn</i>
Joseph Kelly <i>Percussion</i>
Erich Rieppel <i>Percussion/Timpani</i>

Professional affiliations as of July 2018

1. Resident Conductor Joseph Young leads NYO2.
2. Blake Hinson, Assistant Principal Bass of the New York Philharmonic, leads a string sectional with Inoel Jirau, Principal Second Violin of the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra.
3. Trumpeter Parker Bruce with Karin Bliznik, Principal Trumpet of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
4. Ava Ordman, Professor of Trombone at Michigan State University, and Denise Tryon, Professor of Horn at the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
5. Cellist Anthony De Pena with Anthony Elliott, Professor of Cello at the University of Michigan



NYO2 in Miami Beach



“
NYO2 has not only
changed me as a musician,
but also transformed me as a person.
From all the friends I have made from
around the country to the staff, faculty,
New World fellows, and even Gil Shaham,
I have never felt more inspired and
motivated, and I will continue to
inspire myself with the memories
I have made this summer.”
—Jaycee Cardoso,
NYO2 Violinist

NYO2 at the New World Center

July 21, 2018



- 1. Members of NYO2 on a lifeguard house in Miami Beach
- 2. Three musicians run through Jesús Rafael Soto's sculpture *Penetrable BBL Bleu* at Pérez Art Museum Miami.
- 3. NYO2 plays with members of the Greater Miami Youth Symphony Summer Camp.
- 4. Carlos Miguel Prieto leads the orchestra in its New World Center performance.

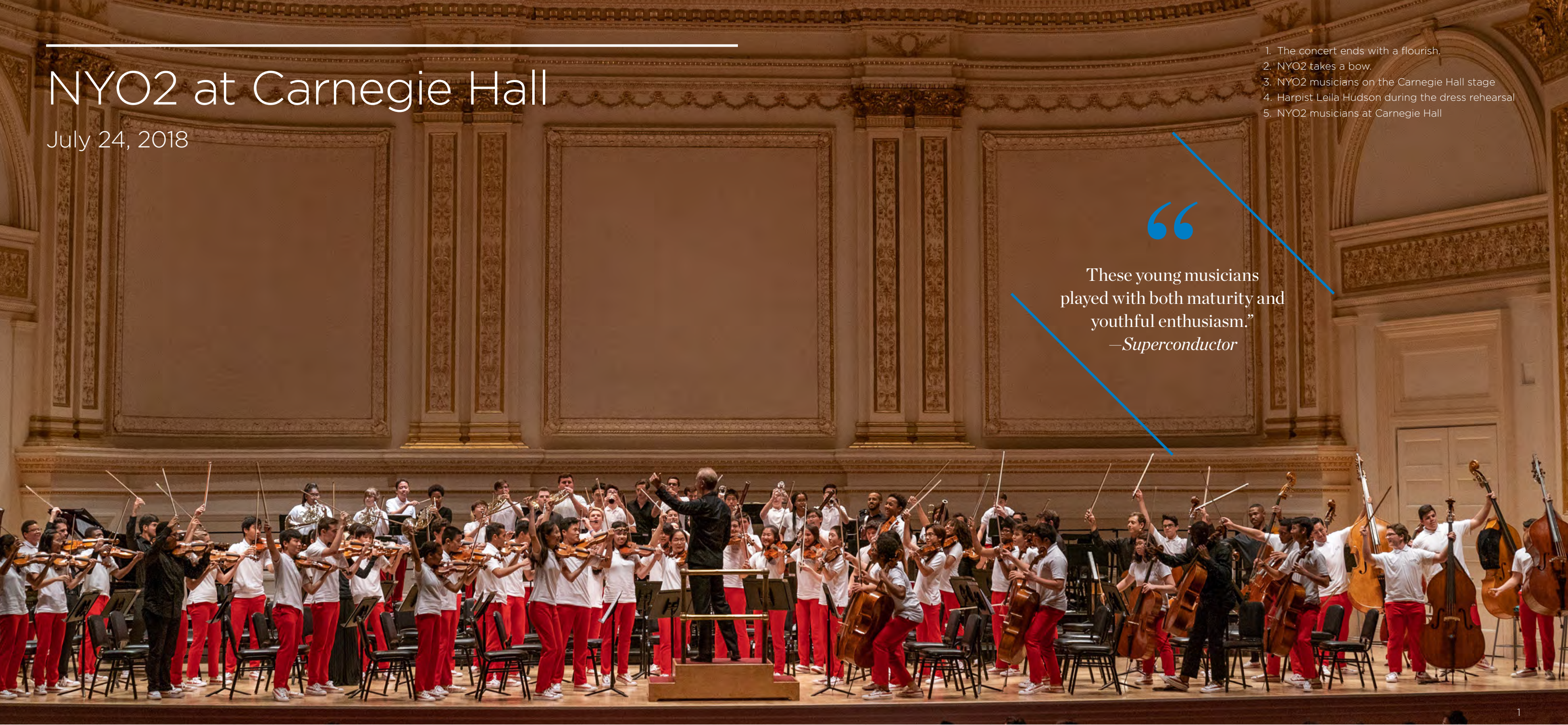
NYO2 at Carnegie Hall

July 24, 2018

- 1. The concert ends with a flourish.
- 2. NYO2 takes a bow.
- 3. NYO2 musicians on the Carnegie Hall stage
- 4. Harpist Leila Hudson during the dress rehearsal
- 5. NYO2 musicians at Carnegie Hall

“

These young musicians
played with both maturity and
youthful enthusiasm.”
—*Superconductor*



Chamber Music

NYO-USA and NYO2 joined forces to create 33 chamber ensembles this summer. This music was showcased during a chamber music concert at Purchase College, and selected pieces were also performed at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, New York, as part of the Second Annual Chamber Feast. On tour in Asia, members of NYO-USA repeated some of these pieces in informal community performances.



Members of NYO-USA and NYO2 perform at Caramoor.



NYO2 trombonist Luis Cortez and NYO-USA bass trombonist David Schonberger perform at Caramoor.



NYO-USA violinist Wilson Hsu and NYO2 cellist Gregory Llewellyn in rehearsal.

NYO-USA and NYO2 in NYC

July 7, 2018

For the second year in a row, NYO-USA and NYO2 invited young orchestral players from the New York City area to join them in a massive rehearsal and performance at the landmark building 583 Park Avenue. James Ross and Joseph Young led the musicians in Saint-Saëns’s “Organ” Symphony—featuring Raymond Nagem, Associate Organist at New York’s Cathedral of St. John the Divine—as well as the Allegro non troppo from Shostakovich’s Fifth Symphony, “Song of the Rivermen” and “Manhattan Skyline” from William Grant Still’s *The American Scene*, and “America the Beautiful.”

The following week, members of NYO2 returned to New York City for a day to rehearse with music teachers from across the country as part of Carnegie Hall’s Summer Music Educators Workshop.



NYO2 bassist Ethan S. Olaguibel helps out a young local musician.



NYO2 flutist Laura Futamura plays with music teachers during Carnegie Hall’s Summer Music Educators Workshop.



NYO-USA and NYO2 musicians perform alongside local New York City instrumentalists at 583 Park Avenue.

NYO-USA Program Overview

Repertoire	
TED HEARNE	<i>Brass Tacks</i> (World Premiere, commissioned by Carnegie Hall)
GEORGE GERSHWIN	Piano Concerto in F Major
JEAN SIBELIUS	Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 43
Encores:	
GEORGES BIZET	Farandole from <i>L'Arlésienne</i>
AARON COPLAND	Hoe-Down, from <i>Rodeo</i>
MEREDITH MONK	Panda Chant II, from <i>The Games</i>
TRADITIONAL	Longing for Mt. Geumgang (arr. Lincoln Valdez)



NYO-USA performs an encore in Beijing.

In the summer of 2018, the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA)—comprising 106 outstanding young musicians (ages 16–19) from across the United States—came together for its sixth year of extraordinary music making, which included a performance at Carnegie Hall and concerts in five cities across Asia, including Taipei, Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, and Daejeon.

The members of the 2018 orchestra—who came from 28 US states and Puerto Rico—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 36 returning musicians from previous seasons of NYO-USA, as well as 18 players who had honed their skills in NYO2.

Celebrated conductor Michael Tilson Thomas led NYO-USA, joined by internationally renowned pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet as guest soloist. The concert program performed at Carnegie Hall and the tour venues included Gershwin’s Piano Concerto in F Major (featuring Mr. Thibaudet) and

Sibelius’s Symphony No. 2. It also included the premiere of *Brass Tacks*, by American composer Ted Hearne—a new work commissioned especially for NYO-USA, described by Hearne as “a noisy dance, playful and ferocious ... inspired by trap music and the rhythmic energy and dance culture of the hip-hop music of the American South.”

Following the orchestra’s Carnegie Hall concert on July 19, NYO-USA returned to Asia with appearances in cultural capitals across the continent, including debut performances at the Taipei National Concert Hall, LOTTE Concert Hall in Seoul, and the Daejeon Arts Center. The orchestra also returned to Beijing and Shanghai following debut performances in the summer of 2015 as part of a seven-city tour of China.

As part of their travel schedule, NYO-USA musicians had the opportunity to tour each city they visited, meet and collaborate with local young musicians, and experience the richness of Asian cultures. In Taipei, the American Institute in Taiwan organized a variety of cultural exchange activities

for the orchestra members, including a panel discussion with local students, a side-by-side rehearsal with the Taipei Wind Orchestra and Symphonic Band, and pop-up performances at high-speed rail stations in the city. Peer-to-peer engagement continued in Beijing, with a joint chamber music concert at the Beijing American Center alongside members of NYO China, hosted by US Ambassador Terry Branstad.

Reaching an even broader audience, the orchestra’s performance at the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing was streamed live around the globe via medici.tv; the concert at Carnegie Hall was broadcast live on the radio thanks to an ongoing partnership with WQXR.

The tour concluded in South Korea with two fantastic performances, plus opportunities to tour Buddhist temples, visit the War Memorial of Korea, and even check out a K-pop museum. The young musicians then returned home inspired and motivated to share what they learned with their local communities.

NYO-USA Faculty

James Ross <i>Orchestra Director</i>	David Cooper <i>Principal Horn, Berliner Philharmoniker</i>
Joseph Young <i>Resident Conductor</i>	Andrew Balio <i>Principal Trumpet, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra</i>
Ruth Reinhardt <i>Assistant Conductor</i>	Weston Sprott <i>Acting Principal Trombone, The MET Orchestra</i>
Andrew Crust <i>Assistant Conductor</i>	Peter Sullivan <i>Principal Trombone, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra</i>
Benjamin Bowman <i>Concertmaster, The MET Orchestra</i>	Chris Hall <i>Principal Tuba, The MET Orchestra</i>
David Halen <i>Concertmaster, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra</i>	Kyle Turner <i>Principal Tuba, Orchestra of St. Luke's</i>
Justin Bruns <i>Associate Concertmaster, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra</i>	Jason Haaheim <i>Principal Timpani, The MET Orchestra</i>
Beth Guterman Chu <i>Principal Viola, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra</i>	Don Liuzzi <i>Principal Timpani, The Philadelphia Orchestra</i>
Wei Yu <i>Principal Cello, Detroit Symphony Orchestra</i>	Marc Damoulakis <i>Principal Percussion, The Cleveland Orchestra</i>
Robin Kesselman <i>Principal Bass, Houston Symphony</i>	Jacob Nissly <i>Principal Percussion, San Francisco Symphony</i>
Jeff Turner <i>Principal Bass, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra</i>	Sean Shepherd <i>Director of Composition Program</i>
Julia Bogorad-Kogan <i>Principal Flute, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra</i>	David Hertzberg
Jonathan Fischer <i>Principal Oboe, Houston Symphony</i>	Connor Way
Mark Nuccio <i>Principal Clarinet, Houston Symphony</i>	Nico Muhly
Steve Williamson <i>Principal Clarinet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra</i>	Lembit Beecher
Daniel Matsukawa <i>Principal Bassoon, The Philadelphia Orchestra</i>	Max Grafe <i>Guest Composers</i>

Professional affiliations as of July 2018



1. Orchestra Director Jim Ross and Daniel Matsukawa, Principal Bassoon of The Philadelphia Orchestra
2. Robin Kesselman, Principal Bass of the Houston Symphony, coaches Mitchell Ballester.
3. Jason Haaheim, Principal Timpani of The MET Orchestra
4. Wei Yu, Principal Cello of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, coaches Haddon Kay.
5. Jeff Turner, Principal Bass of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, coaches Ella Sharpe.

Apprentices at Work

As part of NYO-USA, six student apprentices explored key aspects of the orchestral music field outside instrumental practice, gaining direct experience in their respective crafts. The apprentice librarian and orchestra manager supported production and operations for rehearsals, concerts, and cultural exchange activities. Two apprentice conductors were mentored by the conducting faculty, and two apprentice composers were coached by Sean Shepherd, workshopped their music with the orchestra, and observed rehearsals for Ted Hearne’s new work.



Apprentice conductor Christina Morris works with Michael Tilson Thomas.

Open Dress Rehearsal at Purchase College

July 18, 2018



NYO-USA in its open dress rehearsal



Apprentice conductor Richard Kaminuma leads the orchestra in a reading session.



Backstage at Purchase College, apprentice librarian Nick Jack Agliata III chats with Fabrice Curtis, NYO-USA's orchestra librarian.



Apprentice composers Elise Arancio and Justin Zeitlinger listen to NYO-USA read their works.



Akili Farrow helps Amelia Abouljoud with her concert tie.



Epongue Ekiller



Kofi Kwabong and Jonathan Jalbert

NYO-USA at Carnegie Hall

July 19, 2018



1. Michael Tilson Thomas leads the ensemble at Carnegie Hall.
2. Ted Hearne takes a bow after the premiere of his new Carnegie Hall-commissioned work, *Brass Tacks*.
3. NYO-USA musicians in front of a billboard saluting the orchestra in Times Square

“

A richly imagined,
fully professional performance.”
—*The New York Times*



Taipei

Concert at National Concert Hall | July 24, 2018



- 1. NYO-USA at the National Palace Museum
- 2. NYO-USA in concert at the Taipei National Concert Hall
- 3. NYO-USA musicians outside the National Concert Hall
- 4. Outside the National Concert Hall
- 5. Side-by-side rehearsal with the Taipei Wind Orchestra and Symphonic Band



Shanghai

Concert at Shanghai Symphony Hall | July 27, 2018



1. Shanghai Symphony Hall
2. The musicians visit the Shanghai Bund.
3. Doug Beck addresses the orchestra before the concert.
4. Michael Tilson Thomas

Beijing

Concert at National Centre for the Performing Arts
July 29, 2018

1. NYO-USA visits the Great Wall of China.
2. NYO-USA pays a visit to the Forbidden City.
3. Erica Yeawon Hwang, Juliette Duguid, Haeun Moon, and Elise Arancio at the Forbidden City
4. Riding the speed chute at the Great Wall
5. National Centre for the Performing Arts



Seoul

Concert at LOTTE Concert Hall | August 1, 2018



Jeremy Davis checks out one of the huge bells at the Bongeunsa Temple in Seoul.



NYO-USA attends a performance of traditional Korean music at Seoul's National Gugak Center.



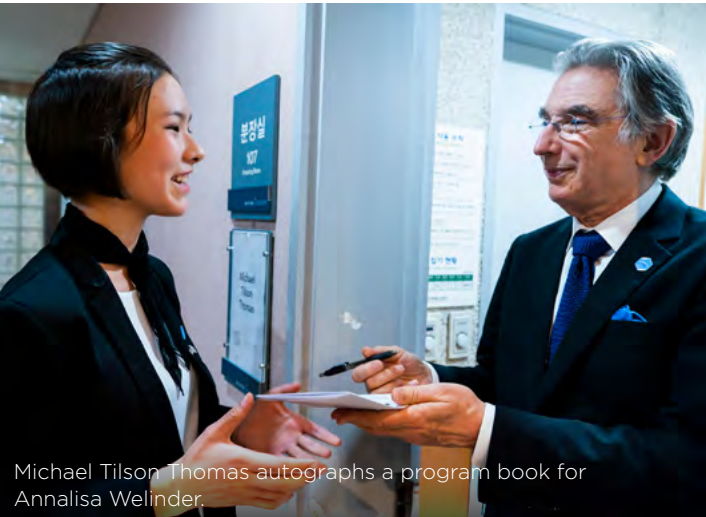
NYO-USA and Michael Tilson Thomas on stage at LOTTE Concert Hall

Daejeon

Concert at Daejeon Arts Center | August 3, 2018



NYO-USA warms up backstage at the Daejeon Arts Center.



Michael Tilson Thomas autographs a program book for Annalisa Welinder.



Robin Park

Cultural Exchange

Throughout the tour, the members of NYO-USA met other young musicians and learned about local culture in the cities they visited. In Taipei, the American Institute in Taiwan organized a series of peer-to-peer activities across the city. In Beijing, US Ambassador Terry Branstad hosted members of NYO-USA and NYO China for a chamber music performance at the Beijing American Center. In Seoul, US Ambassador Harry Harris addressed the musicians before their performance at LOTTE Concert Hall.



1. NYO-USA musicians performed pop-up concerts at stations along the high-speed rail line in Taipei.
2. An exchange activity with the American Institute in Taiwan Youth Camp at Taipei's Academia Sinica
3. Benjamin Sand from the US Embassy in Beijing talks with orchestra management apprentice Antonio Jarvey.
4. NYO-USA musicians perform chamber music alongside members of NYO China at the Beijing American Center.
5. Clive Gillinson, Executive and Artistic Director of Carnegie Hall, and Terry Branstad, US Ambassador to China, with members of the orchestra at the Beijing American Center
6. Clive Gillinson and Harry Harris, US Ambassador to South Korea, who addressed the orchestra before its performance in Seoul



NYO Jazz Musicians



Alto Saxophones

Evan Mickas, 18
(far left)
Hometown: Lafayette, CA
School: Stanford University
Youth Ensemble: Stanford Jazz Orchestra

Kevin Oliver, Jr., 17
(second from left)
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
School: Westlake High School
Youth Ensemble: Rialto Youth Jazz Orchestra

Tenor Saxophones

Chris Ferrari, 17
(center)
Hometown: Littleton, CO
School: Denver School of the Arts
Youth Ensemble: The Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts Big Band

Cole Palensky, 16
(far right)
Hometown: Papillion, NE
School: Papillion-La Vista South High School
Youth Ensemble: NAFME All-National Honor Jazz Ensemble

Baritone Saxophone

Matt Clarke, 18
(second from right)
Hometown: Devon, PA
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Ensemble: Philadelphia Ambassador Big Band

Trumpets

(left to right)
Summer Camargo, 16
Hometown: Hollywood, FL
School: Dillard Center for the Arts
Youth Ensemble: NAFME All-National Honor Jazz Ensemble

Geoff Gallante, 17
Hometown: Alexandria, VA
School: West Potomac High School
Youth Ensemble: Next Generation Jazz Orchestra

Cyrus Mackey, 17
Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, FL
School: Dillard Center for the Arts
Youth Ensemble: Dillard Center for the Arts Jazz Ensemble

Eric Gonzalez, 18
Hometown: Kissimmee, FL
School: Osceola County School for the Arts
Youth Ensemble: Florida All-State Jazz Band

Janelle Finton, 16
Hometown: Wheeling, IL
School: Buffalo Grove High School
Youth Ensemble: Illinois All-State Honors Jazz Band





Tenor Trombones

Bass Trombone

August Braatz, 16
(far left)
Hometown: Beloit, WI
School: Beloit Memorial High School
Youth Ensemble: Wisconsin School Music Association State Honors Music Project Jazz Ensemble

Andrew Sumabat, 19
(second from left)
Hometown: Seattle, WA
School: University of Washington
Youth Ensemble: University of Washington Studio Jazz Ensemble

Jett Lim, 16
(second from right)
Hometown: Richmond, CA
School: Albany High School
Youth Ensemble: SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Big Band

Wyatt Forhan, 18
(far right)
Hometown: St. Louis, MO
School: St. Dominic High School
Youth Ensemble: Next Generation Jazz Orchestra

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I just feel like I grew up.
There’s no turning back at this point,
and I’ve learned so much about
musicianship and how to play and
what I want to do musically
and creatively.”
—Nick Kepron,
NYO Jazz Drummer



Keyboards

Basses

Drums

Seth Finch, 16
(third from right)
Hometown: Baton Rouge, LA
School: Baton Rouge Magnet High School
Youth Ensemble: Baton Rouge Magnet High School Talented Arts Combo

Brooke Wyatt, 17
(far left)
Hometown: Houston, TX
School: High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
Youth Ensemble: High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Jazz Ensemble

Guitars

Ethan Bailey-Gould, 18
(far right)
Hometown: Melbourne, FL
School: Eastern Florida State College

Nico Wohl, 17
(second from right)
Hometown: Great Barrington, MA
School: Monument Mountain Regional High School
Youth Ensemble: Manhattan School of Music Pre-College Big Band

Anna Abondolo, 17
(second from left)
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences
Youth Ensemble: Berklee Summer Jazz Workshop

Guillermo Lopez, 17
(fourth from right)
Hometown: El Paso, TX
School: Montwood High School
Youth Ensemble: El Paso Youth Jazz Ensemble

Domo Branch, 17
(third from left)
Hometown: Portland, OR
School: Ulysses S. Grant High School
Youth Ensemble: American Music Program Pacific Crest Jazz Orchestra

Nick Kepron, 19
(fourth from left)
Hometown: Gaithersburg, MD
School: Gaithersburg High School
Youth Ensemble: MPAC (Philadelphia-based fusion/funk ensemble)

NYO2 Musicians



Violins

Back Row (facing page, left to right)

Myles Bell, 14
Hometown: West Chester, PA
School: Henderson High School
Youth Orchestra: Merit String Orchestra

Tyler Tan, 14
Hometown: Cheshire, CT
School: Dodd Middle School
Youth Orchestra: Cheshire Youth Orchestra

Bethlehem Kelley, 16
Hometown: Lenexa, KS
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Youth Symphony of Kansas City

Katherine Zhu, 16
Hometown: San Diego, CA
School: Del Norte High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn School

Emma Boyd, 14
Hometown: Madison, AL
School: Bob Jones High School
Youth Orchestra: Alabama All-State Orchestra

Payton Lee, 15
Hometown: Duncan, SC
School: James F. Byrnes Freshman Academy
Youth Orchestra: Carolina Youth Symphony

Dylan Fernandez de Lara, 16
Hometown: San Antonio, TX
School: Claudia Taylor Johnson High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestra of San Antonio

Third Row (facing page, left to right)

Aaron Berger, 15
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
School: Allderdice High School
Youth Orchestra: Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Rosee Head, 15
Hometown: New Hartford, NY
School: Perry Junior High School
Youth Orchestra: Symphoria Youth Orchestra

Soyoung Cho, 16
Hometown: Rochester, MI
School: Cranbrook Schools
Youth Orchestra: Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra

Valerie Mun, 16
Hometown: Old Tappan, NJ
School: Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Jaycee Cardoso, 16
Hometown: Huntington Station, NY
School: Walt Whitman High School
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Matthew Sakiyama, 14
Hometown: Millbrae, CA
School: The Nueva School
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Ethan Hillman, 17
Hometown: Tampa, FL
School: Middleton Magnet High School
Youth Orchestra: Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra

Bryan Kim, 14
Hometown: Blacksburg, VA
School: Blacksburg High School
Youth Orchestra: Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra

Second Row (left to right)

Susan Lee, 15
Hometown: San Diego, CA
School: Canyon Crest Academy
Youth Orchestra: San Diego Youth Symphony

Aneesha Sampath, 17
Hometown: North Potomac, MD
School: Thomas S. Wootton High School
Youth Orchestra: NAFME All-National Symphony Orchestra

Julia Marielle Tan, 16
Hometown: Boise, ID
School: Timberline High School
Youth Orchestra: Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Allen Zhang, 16
Hometown: Manhattan, KS
School: Manhattan High School
Youth Orchestra: Gold Orchestra

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

Front Row (left to right)

Bethany Simon, 16
Hometown: Montgomery, AL
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Montgomery Symphony Orchestra

Jiddu Vega, 16
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: New World School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: New World School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra

Ashni Budge, 15
Hometown: La Verne, CA
School: Bonita High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Chamber Orchestra

Yudai Leonzon, 16
Hometown: Honolulu, HI
School: Moanalua High School
Youth Orchestra: Hawaii Youth Symphony





Violas

Back Row (left to right)

Luna Simone-Gonzalez, 16
Hometown: New York, NY
School: Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts
Youth Orchestra: Young Artist Program at Kaufman Music Center

Danyoung Kim, 17
Hometown: Montvale, NJ
School: Bergen County Academies
Youth Orchestra: Manhattan School of Music Pre-College Symphony Orchestra

Adam Savage, 14
Hometown: Port St. Lucie, FL
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Treasure Coast Youth Symphony

Shinwho Kwun, 16
Hometown: San Ramon, CA
School: Dougherty Valley High School
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Magy Hernandez, 16
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Alexander Hamilton High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles

Front Row (left to right)

Tristin Saito, 15
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
School: Coronado High School
Youth Orchestra: Las Vegas Youth Orchestra

Lawrence Chai, 14
Hometown: Mount Sinai, NY
School: Mount Sinai Middle School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College String Ensemble

Tyrun Willoughby Jr., 14
Hometown: Corpus Christi, TX
School: Richard King High School
Youth Orchestra: Corpus Christi Area Youth Orchestra

Peirce Ellis, 15
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Temple University Music Preparatory Center for Gifted Young Musicians Youth Chamber Orchestra

David Stephens III, 17
Hometown: Ellicott City, MD
School: Marriotts Ridge High School
Youth Orchestra: Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra

Cellos

Back Row (facing page, left to right)

Aaron Chen, 16
Hometown: Asheville, NC
School: Christ School
Youth Orchestra: Asheville Symphony Youth Orchestra

Vincent Louis Claes, 14
Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
School: Arizona School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Phoenix Youth Symphony

Sean Yu, 15
Hometown: Ellicott City, MD
School: Marriotts Ridge High School
Youth Orchestra: Howard County Gifted and Talented Orchestra

Anthony De Pena, 16
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: Coral Reef Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: Miami Youth for Chamber Music

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

Front Row (left to right)

Sarah G. Yoon, 15
Hometown: Newtown Square, PA
School: Great Valley High School
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Sinfonia

Kaede Ishidate, 17
Hometown: Holden, MA
School: Wachusett Regional High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

Sabine Jung, 17
Hometown: West Chester, PA
School: Unionville High School
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Basses

Back Row (left to right)

Jamie Park, 14
Hometown: Beachwood, OH
School: Beachwood Middle School
Youth Orchestra: Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

Gregory Miguel Padilla, 17
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
School: Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Middle Row (left to right)

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

Cruise Myers, 17
Hometown: Gilbert, AZ
School: Highland High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Symphony of the Southwest

Skyler I. Lee, 15
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Los Angeles County High School for the Arts

Front Row

Ethan S. Olaguibel, 17
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: Coral Reef Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: Florida Music Educators Association All-State Symphonic Orchestra





Flutes

(left to right)

Tracie Kwon, 17

Hometown: Germantown, MD
School: Richard Montgomery High School
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras

Scott Quirk, 16

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

Laura Futamura, 16

Hometown: Middletown, NJ
School: High Technology High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Symphony



Oboes

(left to right)

Darren Chiu, 17

Hometown: Chino Hills, CA
School: Diamond Bar High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Esther Kim, 14

Hometown: Potomac, MD
School: Holton-Arms School
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra

Thomas Juhasz, 14

Hometown: Carlisle, MA
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: New England Conservatory Youth Repertory Orchestra



Clarinets

(left to right)

Armâan Karimpour, 16

Hometown: Ona, WV
School: St. Joseph Central Catholic High School
Youth Orchestra: West Virginia Youth Symphony

Anoush Pogossian, 15

Hometown: Glendale, CA
School: Verdugo Academy
Youth Orchestra: Glendale Youth Orchestra

Heejun Park, 16

Hometown: Irvine, CA
School: Orange County School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra

Bassoons

(left to right)

Ingrid Hernandez, 17

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Synergy Quantum Academy
Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestra Los Angeles

Laressa Winters, 17

Hometown: Columbia, MD
School: Atholton High School
Youth Orchestra: Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra

Arthur Hu, 15

Hometown: Bethesda, MD
School: Montgomery Blair High School
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras

Horns

Back Row (left to right)

Liam McConlogue, 17

Hometown: Greenbelt, MD
School: Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras

Adolfo Pena, 16

Hometown: Brownsville, TX
School: Veterans Memorial High School
Youth Orchestra: TMEA 6A All-State Symphonic Band

Front Row (left to right)

Hannah Suh, 17

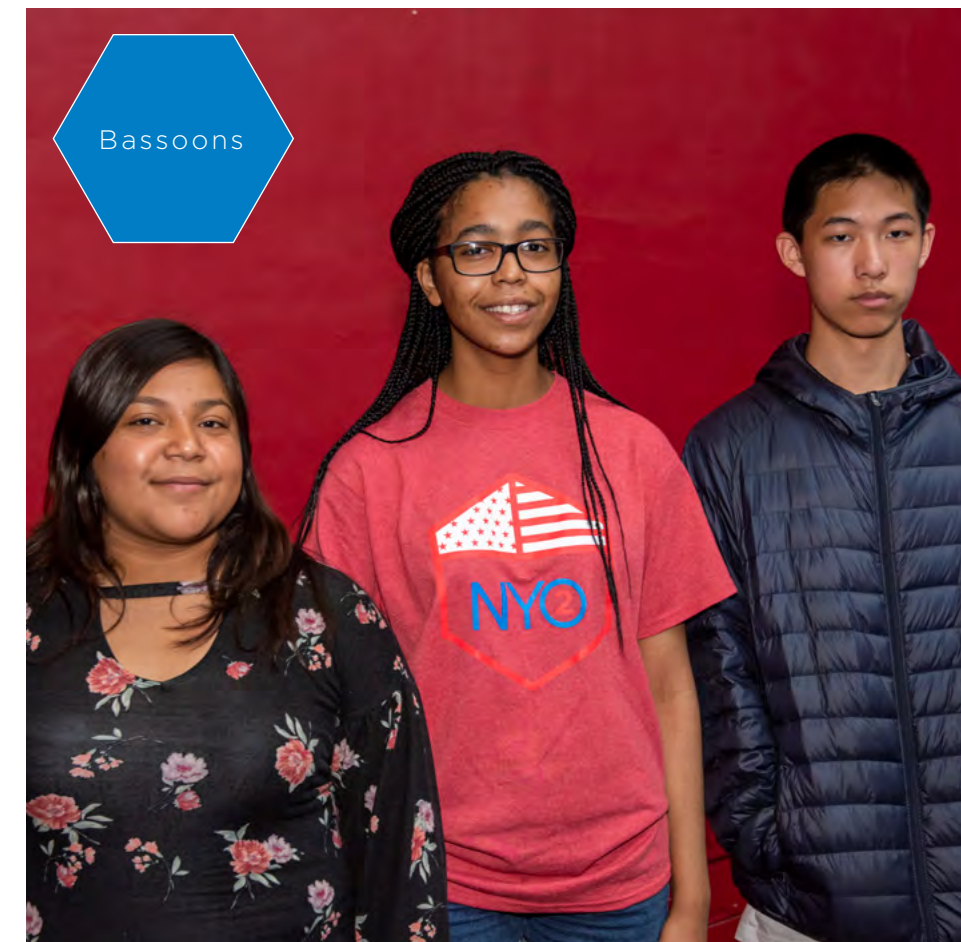
Hometown: Potomac, MD
School: Winston Churchill High School
Youth Orchestra: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras

Jaila Carr, 17

Hometown: Chicago, IL
School: Thornton Fractional South High School
Youth Orchestra: Merit School of Music

Danielle Jöstlein, 15

Hometown: Coeur d'Alene, ID
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Spokane Youth Symphony





Trumpets

(left to right)

Gabriel Ortiz, 16

Hometown: San Marcos, TX

School: San Marcos High School

Youth Orchestra: TMEA All-State Orchestra

Parker Bruce, 16

Hometown: Baldwinsville, NY

School: Charles W. Baker High School

Youth Orchestra: Symphoria Youth Orchestra

Joseph Yu, 15

Hometown: San Francisco, CA

School: Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts

Rafniel E. Rios Babilonia, 17

Hometown: Aguada, PR

School: Dr. Carlos Gonzalez High School

Youth Orchestra: Preparatory School of the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico



Tenor Trombones

Luis Cortez, 15

(left)

Hometown: Weston, FL

School: American Heritage School

Youth Orchestra: Florida Music Educators Association All-State Concert Band

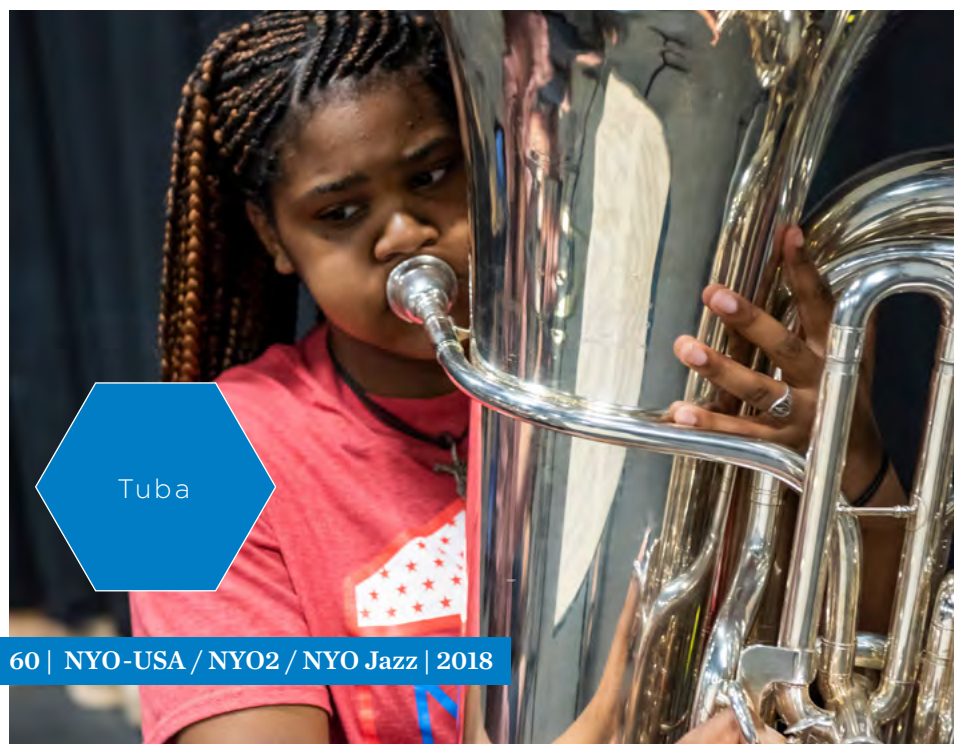
Alex Russell, 15

(center)

Hometown: Cambridge, MA

School: Cambridge Rindge and Latin School

Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra



Bass Trombone

Liam J. Barron, 17

(right)

Hometown: Ashburn, VA

School: Briar Woods High School

Youth Orchestra: American Youth Philharmonic

Tuba

Grace Tifford, 16

Hometown: Rockville, MD

School: Brookewood School

Youth Orchestra: National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship Program



Timpani and Percussion

Avi Gotskind, 15

(center)

Hometown: Chicago, IL

School: Jones College Prep High School

Youth Orchestra: Chicago Symphony Orchestra Percussion Scholarship Program

Samuel Keh, 17

(third from left)

Hometown: Ellicott City, MD

School: Howard High School

Youth Orchestra: Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra

Angelica Lorenzo, 16

(third from right)

Hometown: Chicago, IL

School: Loyola Academy

Youth Orchestra: World Youth Wind Symphony

Caleb York, 16

(second from left)

Hometown: Tucson, AZ

School: Catalina Foothills High School

Youth Orchestra: Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra

Harp

Priyanka Gohal, 16

(second from right)

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN

School: Homeschooled

Youth Orchestra: New World Youth Orchestras

Leila Hudson, 16

(far right)

Hometown: Yorktown Heights, NY

School: Yorktown High School

Youth Orchestra: Norwalk Youth Symphony

Orchestral Keyboard

Joshua Mhoon, 15

(far left)

Hometown: Chicago, IL

School: Fusion Academy

NYO-USA Musicians



Violins

Back Row (facing page, left to right)

Brandon Aponte, 17

Hometown: Blue Hill, ME

School: John Bapst Memorial High School

Youth Orchestra: Bangor Symphony Youth Orchestra

Devin Lai, 16

Hometown: Morgantown, WV

School: Morgantown High School

Youth Orchestra: Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Drew Dansby, 17

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

School: Homeschooled

Youth Orchestra: Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra

Simon Luke Brown, 18

Hometown: Davis, OK

School: Murray State College

Youth Orchestra: Oklahoma Youth Orchestra

Sam Parrini, 18

Hometown: Greenville, SC

School: Wade Hampton High School

Youth Orchestra: Greenville County Youth Orchestra

Matthew Hakkarainen, 17

Hometown: Palm Beach Gardens, FL

School: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

Youth Orchestra: Dreyfoos School of the Arts Philharmonic

Rohun Rajpal, 18

Hometown: Eastchester, NY

School: Hackley School

Youth Orchestra: Boston University Tanglewood Institute

Third Row (facing page, left to right)

Akili Farrow, 18

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

School: Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory School

Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Julia Su, 17

Hometown: Marietta, GA

School: Joseph Wheeler High School

Youth Orchestra: Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

Javier Fernando Torres-Delgado, 17

Hometown: San Juan, PR

School: Ernesto Ramos Antonini High School of Music

Youth Orchestra: Advanced Strings Ensemble Preparatory Music School at Puerto Rico Music Conservatory

Fiyifolu Adebekun, 18

Hometown: Gilbert, AZ

School: Hamilton High School

Youth Orchestra: Phoenix Youth Symphony

Annalisa Welinder, 17

Hometown: Port Jefferson, NY

School: Earl L. Vandermeulen High School

Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Kingston Ho, 17

Hometown: New Providence, NJ

School: Union County Academy for Allied Health Sciences

Youth Orchestra: New Jersey Youth Symphony

Adrian Rogers, 17

Hometown: Bronx, NY

School: Horace Mann School

Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Erica Yeawon Hwang, 18

Hometown: San Diego, CA

School: Torrey Pines High School

Youth Orchestra: San Diego Youth Symphony

Haeun Moon, 17

Hometown: Waco, TX

School: Midway High School

Youth Orchestra: Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Faustina Housner, 17

Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ

School: Homeschooled

Youth Orchestra: Temple University Music Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra

Charlotte Loukola, 18

Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL

School: Schildt High School

Youth Orchestra: Jean Sibelius Orchestra

Arianna Brusubardis, 17

Hometown: Dousman, WI

School: Homeschooled

Youth Orchestra: Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra

Sophia Yiwen Zheng, 16

Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL

School: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

Youth Orchestra: Lynn University Conservatory of Music

Second Row (left to right)

Symphony Koss, 17

Hometown: Vancouver, WA

School: Columbia River High School

Youth Orchestra: Portland Youth Philharmonic

Claire Cai, 18

Hometown: Mount Sinai, NY

School: Mount Sinai High School

Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Alyssa Kim, 18

Hometown: River Edge, NJ

School: River Dell High School

Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Epongue Ekiller, 18

Hometown: Rochester, NY

School: Yale University

Youth Orchestra: Yale Symphony Orchestra

Nicholas Abrahams, 17

Hometown: Boca Raton, FL

School: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

Anabel Carvajal, 18

Hometown: Miami, FL

School: New World School of the Arts

Youth Orchestra: New World School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra

Hannah Duncan, 17

Hometown: Belle Plaine, IA

School: Homeschooled

Youth Orchestra: Waterloo–Cedar Falls Symphony

Sofia Matthews, 16

Hometown: Berkeley, CA

School: Berkeley High School

Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Front Row (left to right)

Kevin Bai, 18

Hometown: Plano, TX

School: Plano West Senior High School

Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Jason Wang, 19

Hometown: Keller, TX

School: Gap Year

Johnny May, 17

Hometown: Penn Valley, PA

School: Germantown Friends School

Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Ryan Jeong, 17

Hometown: Ames, IA

School: Ames High School

Youth Orchestra: Iowa All-State Orchestra





Violas

Back Row (left to right)

Cameren Anai Williams, 18
Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL
School: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: New York String Orchestra Seminar

Clara Bouch, 18
Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Brian Isaacs, 18
Hometown: Forest Hills, NY
School: Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Matthew Garcia, 17
Hometown: Harlingen, TX
School: Harlingen School of Health Professions

Yong Ha Jung, 18
Hometown: Flower Mound, TX
School: Flower Mound High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Sophie Choate, 18
Hometown: Provo, UT
School: Timpview High School
Youth Orchestra: Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra

Amelia Abouljoud, 18
Hometown: Detroit, MI
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra

Middle Row (left to right)

Alex Koller, 18
Hometown: Orlando, FL
School: Dr. Phillips High School
Youth Orchestra: Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra

Wilson Hsu, 18
Hometown: Brookline, MA
School: Brookline High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (New England Conservatory Preparatory School)

Alexandra Hong, 17
Hometown: Manhasset, NY
School: Manhasset High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

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

Julian Seney, 18
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Verdugo Academy
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Academy Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Front Row (left to right)

Anabel Tejada, 18
Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL
School: Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Florida All-State Symphonic Orchestra

Elizabeth Nguyen, 18
Hometown: Clayton, MO
School: Clayton High School
Youth Orchestra: Saint Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra



Cellos

Back Row (left to right)

Ryan Chung, 18
Hometown: Manhasset, NY
School: Manhasset Secondary School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Haddon Kay, 18
Hometown: Chicago, IL
School: Adlai E. Stevenson High School
Youth Orchestra: Midwest Young Artists Conservatory

Eric Zaks, 17
Hometown: Needham, MA
School: The Roxbury Latin School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Simon Housner, 18
Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Temple University Music Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra

Robin Park, 17
Hometown: Princeton Junction, NJ
School: West Windsor–Plainsboro High School North
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

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

Quenton Xavier Blache, 16
Hometown: Wake Forest, NC
School: Ravenscroft School
Youth Orchestra: Triangle Youth Philharmonic

Front Row (left to right)

Alexander Wu, 18
Hometown: Penn Valley, PA
School: Harriton Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Sinfonia

Annie SeEun Hyung, 18
Hometown: Orange, CA
School: Arnold O. Beckman High School
Youth Orchestra: American Youth Symphony

Joshua Chiang, 17
Hometown: San Jose, CA
School: Lynbrook High School
Youth Orchestra: California Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Kristy Park, 17
Hometown: Bellevue, WA
School: Newport High School
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

Megan Savage, 19
Hometown: Port St. Lucie, FL
School: Stetson University
Youth Orchestra: Treasure Coast Youth Symphony



Basses

Back Row (left to right)

Diego Garza-Romero, 17
Hometown: Edinburg, TX
School: Johnny G. Economedes High School
Youth Orchestra: Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra

Pablo Kennedy, 18
Hometown: Austin, TX
School: McCallum High School
Youth Orchestra: World Youth Symphony Orchestra

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

Mitchell Ballester, 17
Hometown: Dayton, OH
School: Ohio Connections Academy
Youth Orchestra: Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

William Swett, 18
Hometown: New York, NY
School: The Dalton School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Front Row (left to right)

Dimitrios Mattas, 18
Hometown: Fruit Heights, UT
School: Davis High School
Youth Orchestra: World Youth Symphony Orchestra

Ella Sharpe, 18
Hometown: Winston-Salem, NC
School: University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: University of North Carolina School of the Arts Orchestra

Rachel Martin, 18
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
School: Mt. Lebanon High School
Youth Orchestra: Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Ethan Moffitt, 18
Hometown: Glendale, CA
School: Verdugo Academy
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Conservatory Orchestra

Flutes

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Alyssa Tinsley, 18
Hometown: Kingwood, TX
School: Kingwood High School
Youth Orchestra: Houston Youth Symphony

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

Lindsey Wong, 18
Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
School: Sycamore High School
Youth Orchestra: Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra Philharmonic Orchestra

Phoebe Rawn, 17
Hometown: Seattle, WA
School: Garfield High School
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

Oboes

(left to right)

Peter Davies, 17
Hometown: Dallas, TX
School: Highland Park High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Kara Poling, 16
Hometown: Reisterstown, MD
School: Franklin High School
Youth Orchestra: Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra

Kate Wegener, 17
Hometown: Easton, CT
School: Joel Barlow High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater New Haven Youth Orchestra

Alexander Mayer, 17
Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
School: Arizona School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Phoenix Youth Symphony

Clarinets

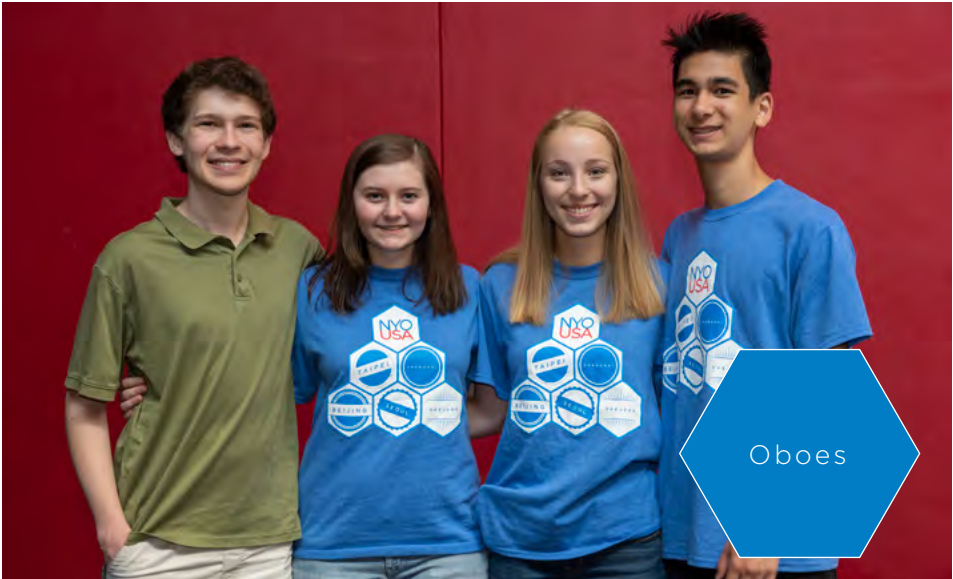
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Kofi Kwapong, 18
Hometown: Sarasota, FL
School: Harvard University

Javier Morales-Martinez, 17
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
School: Los Angeles County High School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

Alisha Zamore, 18
Hometown: Stockbridge, GA
School: McIntosh High School
Youth Orchestra: Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

Jonathan Jalbert, 18
Hometown: Meadows Place, TX
School: The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
Youth Orchestra: The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Symphony Orchestra



Bassoons

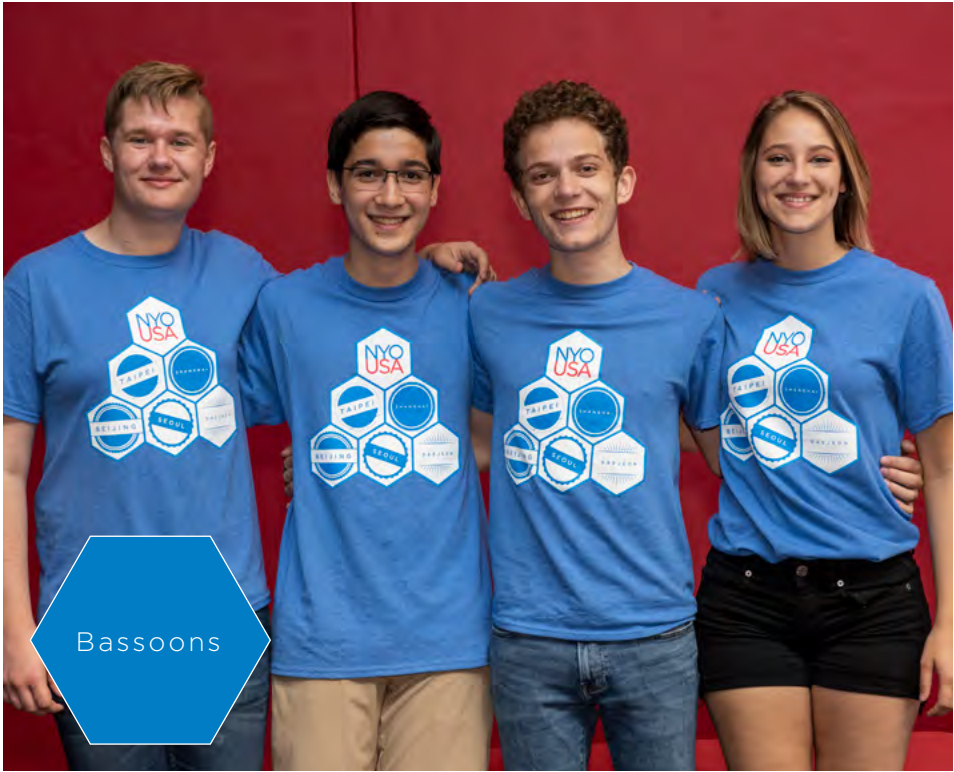
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Jordan Farber, 17
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
School: Las Vegas Academy of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Las Vegas Young Artists Orchestra

Vincent Igusa, 16
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
School: Towson High School
Youth Orchestra: Peabody Youth Orchestra

Julian Gonzalez, 17
Hometown: Miami, FL
School: New World School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: New World School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra

Quincey Trojanowski, 17
Hometown: Hillside, IL
School: Montini Catholic High School
Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra



Trumpets

(left to right)

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Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Symphony

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School: Langley High School
Youth Orchestra: American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

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School: Streator Township High School
Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras

Shania Cordoba, 19
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School: Texas Tech University
Youth Orchestra: El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestra



Horns

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Youth Orchestra: Houston Youth Symphony

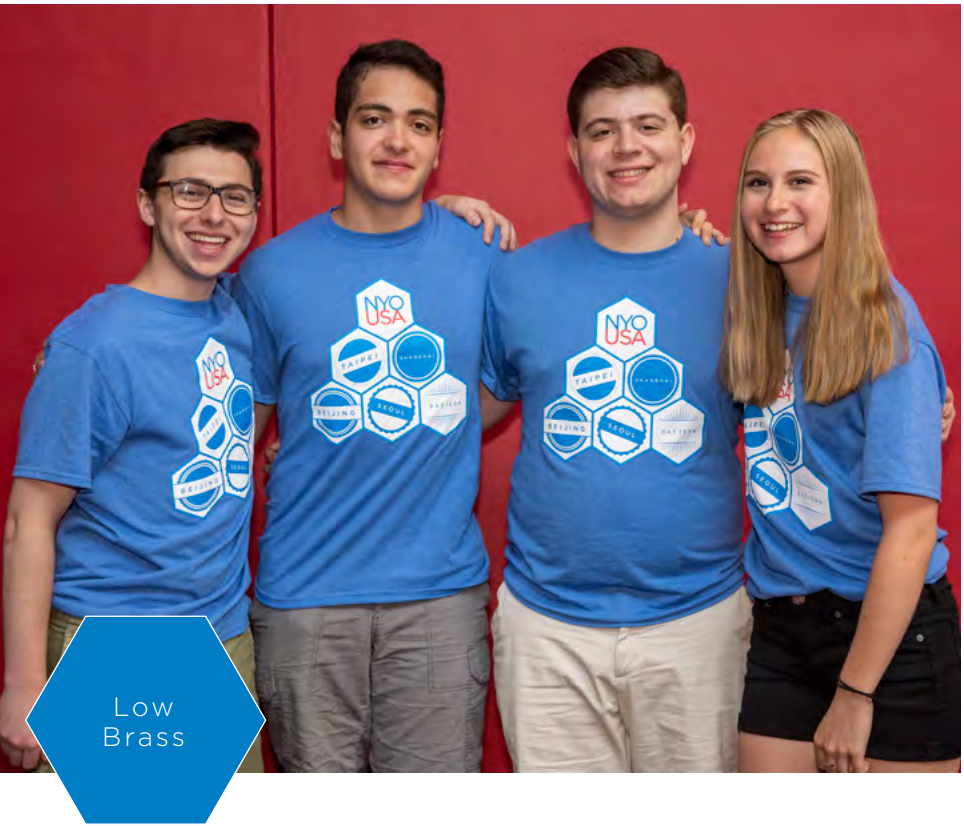
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Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

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Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

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Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

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Youth Orchestra: Interlochen World Youth Wind Symphony

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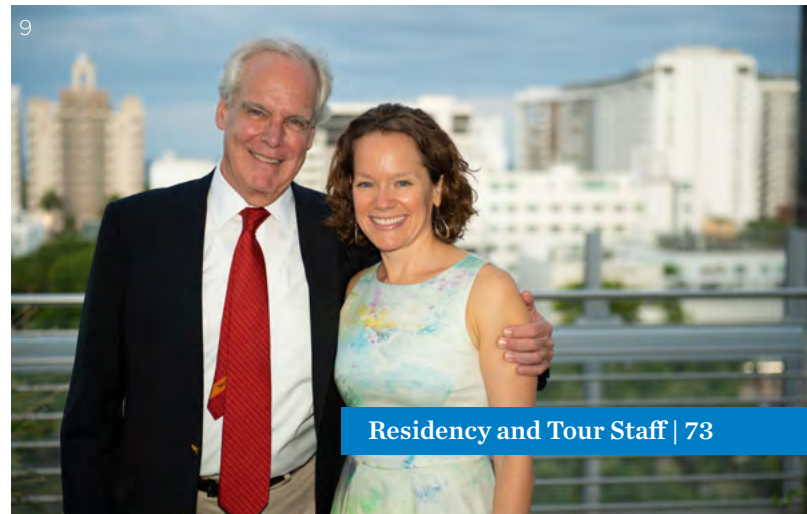
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