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National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America

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From left to right: Andrew Sommer, Annie Wu, Mitchell Kuhn, and Sebastian Zinca

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It's one of those things where your eyes and your ears are telling you two different stories. You're looking at the stage and you're seeing people you think look like kids, and you shut your eyes and you're hearing a great orchestra.”
—Clive Gillinson, Carnegie Hall Executive and Artistic Director, to CBS News



NYO-USA in rehearsal at Purchase College, SUNY

About NYO-USA

National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America

In summer 2013, Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute (WMI) brought together 120 of the country's brightest young musicians, ages 16–19, hailing from 42 US states, for the inaugural season of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA). The launch of the orchestra was inspired by Carnegie Hall Executive and Artistic Director Clive Gillinson's own experience as a teenager with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, and the goal of creating this top-level ensemble was enthusiastically shared by the WMI staff and extended Carnegie Hall family.

NYO-USA's first year surpassed everyone's dreams and expectations. The idea was to create an orchestra that would shine a spotlight on the great depth of talent found across the nation as well as the outstanding youth orchestras and music programs that are responsible for training these musicians. NYO-USA provides an opportunity for talented young instrumentalists to learn and perform at the highest level,

while also enabling them to serve as cultural ambassadors for their country, making meaningful connections with people around the world.

The 2013 members of NYO-USA were selected through a comprehensive online audition process that attracted nearly 1,000 applicants from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The annual program is free for all participants, making it accessible to all.

Carnegie Hall publicly announced the orchestra's roster in March 2013 to journalists across the country, and the news generated excitement and media coverage for these young musicians in their local communities. In late June, the players finally arrived on the campus of Purchase College, SUNY, to start their rigorous training residency. Over the course of two weeks, the musicians took part in intensive coachings and sectionals with principal players from America's leading orchestras, workshops on a range of musical and cultural

topics, and full orchestra rehearsals under the direction of James Ross, director of orchestral activities at the University of Maryland, who expertly prepped them for the arrival of internationally renowned conductor Valery Gergiev.

Under the baton of Maestro Gergiev, NYO-USA embarked on its inaugural concert tour in July, performing for sold-out audiences at the Performing Arts Center (Purchase College, SUNY), the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, DC), the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory (Moscow, Russia), Mariinsky II (St. Petersburg, Russia), and Royal Albert Hall (London, United Kingdom). The concert repertoire included Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with guest soloist Joshua Bell, and the world premiere of *Magiya* (Russian for "magic"), a work by Sean Shepherd co-commissioned by Carnegie Hall for NYO-USA's debut tour. Music from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* served as the ensemble's encore and quickly became a crowd favorite. From the very first rehearsal to the last notes played on tour, the engaged, high-quality music making of the first-ever NYO-USA was an inspiration to all.

Critics were unanimous in their praise of NYO-USA, and traditional and social media extended the reach of the orchestra worldwide. The Moscow Conservatory concert was recorded for broadcast nationwide in Russia by TV Kultura, and the Royal Albert Hall concert, part of the BBC Proms, was broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and recorded for television broadcast on BBC Four. In New York, WQXR broadcast NYO-USA's BBC Proms concert on July 27, bringing it to New York-area radio audiences and online listeners worldwide at wqxr.org.

While the sound of the music from these memorable concerts may have faded, the impact of the first year of NYO-USA is very much alive, reflected in the experiences gained and deep friendships made by members of the new orchestra. In 2014, NYO-USA comes together for its second season, traveling the United States on an exciting coast-to-coast tour in programs led by David Robertson and featuring violin soloist Gil Shaham, including the orchestra's much-anticipated Carnegie Hall debut.

Valery Gergiev and Joshua Bell perform with NYO-USA at the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory.



Guest Artists

“It is essential that any major country in the music world invest great effort in such programs. For me, it’s an honor, a source of creative joy, and a great responsibility to work with the best young musicians in America.”
—Valery Gergiev to NEWSru.com

Valery Gergiev, Conductor

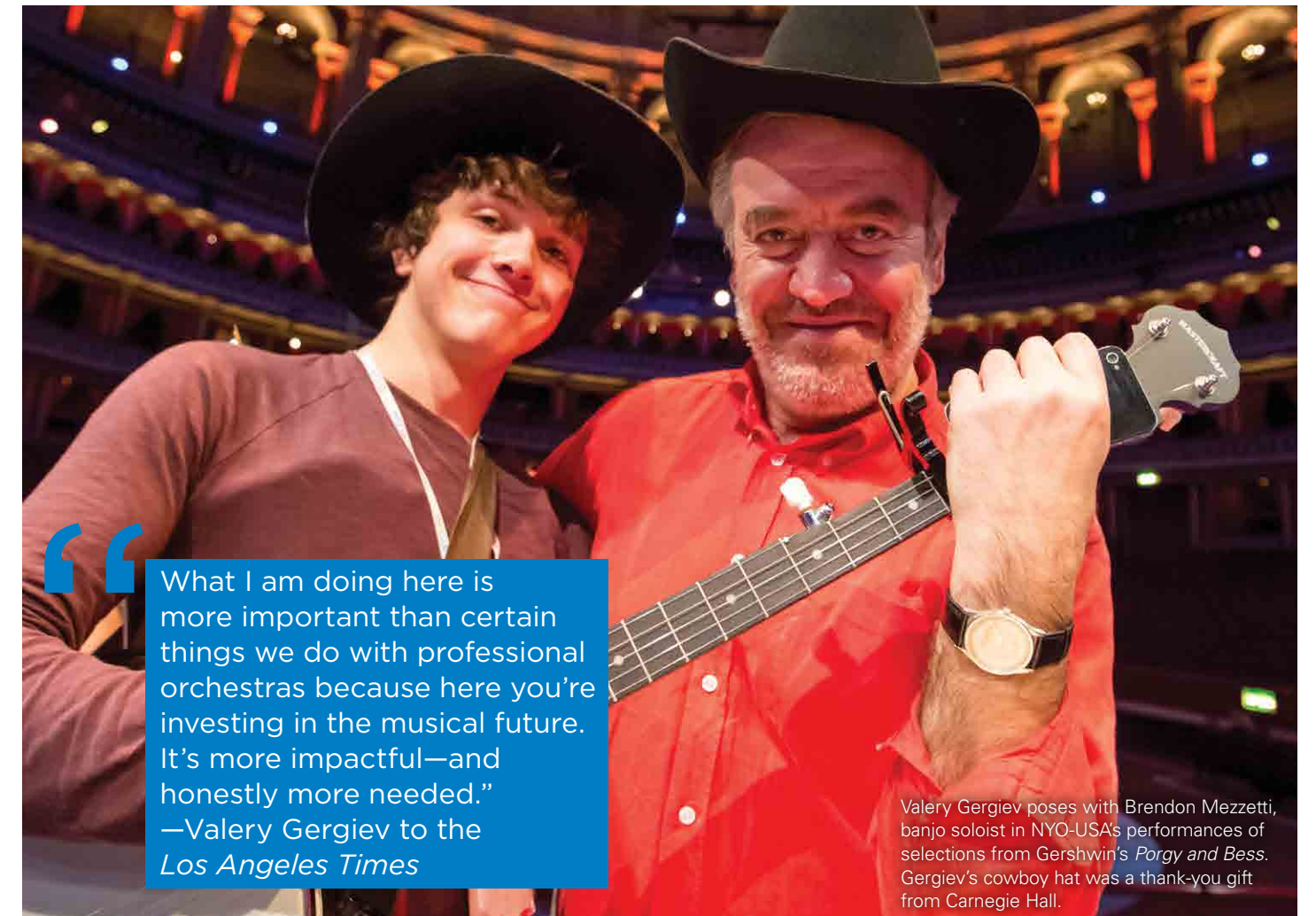
A prominent figure in all the world’s major concert halls, Valery Gergiev is the artistic and general director of the Mariinsky Theatre, founder and artistic director of the Stars of the White Nights Festival and New Horizons Festival in St. Petersburg, the Moscow Easter Festival, the Gergiev Rotterdam Festival, the Mikkeli International Festival, and the Red Sea Festival in Eilat, Israel, as well as principal conductor of the World Orchestra for Peace.

Now celebrating both his 60th birthday and 25 years with the Mariinsky Theatre, Mr. Gergiev has taken Mariinsky ballet, opera, and orchestra ensembles to more than 45 countries, garnishing universal acclaim. The Mariinsky Concert Hall opened in 2006 and the new Mariinsky II opera house opened in May 2013, alongside the historical Mariinsky Theatre.

Principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra since 2007, Mr. Gergiev performs with the LSO at the Barbican, the BBC Proms, and the Edinburgh Festival, as well as on extensive tours of Europe, North America, and Asia. In 2016, he assumes the post of principal conductor of the Münchner Philharmoniker.

“One of the spectacular things about Maestro Gergiev is that he is always finding a way to mentor us anew after each concert. We are learning to take each concert in stride, to keep walking with each performance, and to find something new to make the next performance even better.”
—Annika Jenkins, violin, writing for *Symphony* magazine

Mr. Gergiev’s record releases with the Mariinsky Orchestra and London Symphony Orchestra continually win prizes in Europe, Asia, and America. Mr. Gergiev’s many honors include the Dmitri Shostakovich Award, Netherland’s Knight of the Order of the Dutch Lion, Japan’s Order of the Rising Sun, and the French Ordre national de la Légion d’honneur.



“What I am doing here is more important than certain things we do with professional orchestras because here you’re investing in the musical future. It’s more impactful—and honestly more needed.”
—Valery Gergiev to the *Los Angeles Times*

Valery Gergiev poses with Brendon Mezzetti, banjo soloist in NYO-USA’s performances of selections from Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess*. Gergiev’s cowboy hat was a thank-you gift from Carnegie Hall.



“ “

Music does bridge gaps; it makes the world smaller. It makes us have common values and I think it's very important.” —Joshua Bell

Joshua Bell rehearses with Valery Gergiev and NYO-USA.

Joshua Bell, Violin

Joshua Bell's stunning virtuosity, beautiful tone, and charismatic stage presence have brought him universal acclaim. An Avery Fisher Prize recipient, Mr. Bell recently received the New York Chapter Recording Academy Honors and was the first person appointed music director of the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields (ASMF) since Sir Neville Marriner formed the orchestra in 1958. The ensemble's first CD under Mr. Bell's leadership—Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 and Symphony No. 7—debuted at the top of the *Billboard* classical chart.

Mr. Bell's 2007 incognito Washington, DC, subway station performance resulted in a provocative Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* story that examined art and context. The conversation continues with the new illustrated children's book *The Man with the Violin*.

As a soloist, chamber musician, and conductor, Mr. Bell has recorded more than 40 CDs garnering Grammy, Mercury, *Gramophone*, and Echo Klassik awards. Recent releases include works of French Impressionism with pianist Jeremy Denk, *At Home with Friends*, Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with the Berliner Philharmoniker. His discography encompasses the major violin repertoire, in addition to John Corigliano's Oscar-winning soundtrack to *The Red Violin*.

Born in Bloomington, Indiana, Mr. Bell received his first violin at age four and at 12 began studying with Josef Gingold at Indiana University. Two years later, Mr. Bell came to national attention through performances with Riccardo Muti and The Philadelphia Orchestra, and at age 17, he made his Carnegie Hall debut. Bell plays the 1713 Huberman Stradivarius.

Sean Shepherd, Composer

Sean Shepherd has quickly gained admiration and repeat performances with major ensembles and performers across the US and Europe. In recent years, his work has been performed by the National, BBC, and New World symphony orchestras, at festivals in Aldeburgh, Heidelberg, La Jolla, Lucerne, Tanglewood, and Santa Fe, and by leading European ensembles including Berlin's Scharoun Ensemble, Amsterdam's Asko|Schönberg, and Birmingham Contemporary Music Group.

Shepherd maintains a busy schedule as an emerging voice in the American orchestral world. He continues as the Daniel R. Lewis Composer Fellow of The Cleveland Orchestra, for whom he composed a new work that Franz Welser-Möst and the ensemble premiered in April 2013. In March 2013, the St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble premiered a new quintet at several New York venues. He will also compose a work for the New York Philharmonic, to be performed in 2013–2014, in response to being named the Kravis Emerging Composer. Alan Gilbert previously led the premiere of *These Particular Circumstances*, commissioned by the New York Philharmonic for the inaugural season of *CONTACT!* in 2010.

Shepherd's education includes degrees in composition and bassoon performance from Indiana University, a master's degree from The Juilliard School, and doctoral work at Cornell University with Roberto Sierra and Steven Stucky.

“ “

Months after a busy residency and tour, I still feel inspired by the students and the experience, and was reminded of my own enthusiasm for music and for orchestras. I look forward to following the news of successes great and small—for NYO-USA and for my young colleagues—for many years to come.” —Sean Shepherd

Sean Shepherd enjoys his first opportunity to hear *Magiya* performed.

“ “

The technique of these players was absolutely dazzling, but I was far more impressed by their curiosity, their musical courage, and their flexibility.” —Sean Shepherd



Sponsor Salute

Carnegie Hall Salutes the Supporters of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America

Carnegie Hall gratefully salutes the major supporters of NYO-USA who help make this program possible, and Ronald O. Perelman, Chairman of the NYO-USA Advisory Board of Directors, for his leadership.

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NYO-USA rehearses on the stage of Mariinsky II in St. Petersburg.



Ronald O. Perelman, chairman of the NYO-USA Advisory Board, Valery Gergiev, and Clive Gillinson, executive and artistic director of Carnegie Hall, celebrate NYO-USA's final performance at Royal Albert Hall during a pre-concert reception hosted by Mr. Perelman.



Carnegie Hall Trustee and NYO-USA supporter Yoko Ceschina greets Joshua Bell backstage at the Moscow Conservatory.



Carnegie Hall may have created the best music camp ever.” —NPR



- 1: Orchestra Director James Ross rehearses Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10.
- 2: Angelique Montes and Tom Jeon arrive at Purchase College, SUNY, with resident assistant Melissa Williams.
- 3: From left to right: oboists Ryan Roberts, Gabe Young, and Mark Debski in rehearsal



Training Residency

June 30–July 11, 2013

Purchase College, SUNY
Purchase, New York

The musicians came together for the first time on June 30, 2013. Before embarking on tour, they lived and worked together at Purchase College, SUNY, for two weeks.



Sam Sparrow

If you heard our first rehearsal, you wouldn't believe it was our first time playing together. So excited for the next month! #NYOUSA

There were



**63.5 hours
of rehearsal**

or



**7,620 collective hours
of rehearsal**

... and only



**one fire alarm
disruption**

Faculty

Orchestra Director James Ross led full orchestra rehearsals in preparation for Valery Gergiev’s arrival, and an all-star faculty of principal players from major American orchestras also coached the musicians.

James Ross, Orchestra Director

Robert Chen, Concertmaster, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Alison Harney, Principal Second Violin, St. Louis Symphony

Carrie Dennis, Principal Viola, Los Angeles Philharmonic

John Sharp, Principal Cello, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Jeffrey Turner, Principal Bass, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Jeffrey Khaner, Principal Flute, The Philadelphia Orchestra

Elaine Douvas, Principal Oboe, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra

Ricardo Morales, Principal Clarinet, The Philadelphia Orchestra

William Short, Principal Bassoon, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra

William VerMeulen, Principal Horn, Houston Symphony

David Krauss, Principal Trumpet, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra

R. Douglas Wright, Principal Trombone, Minnesota Orchestra

Alan Baer, Principal Tuba, New York Philharmonic

Cynthia Yeh, Principal Percussion, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Jauvon Gilliam, Principal Timpani, National Symphony Orchestra



1: Carrie Dennis, viola faculty member, works with (from left to right) Sam Matzner, Maggie Klucznik, and Bob Donowick.
2: Faculty members Ricardo Morales, Jeffrey Khaner, and William VerMeulen play in a side-by-side rehearsal with Caelan Stewart, Lincoln Valdez, Michelle Hembree, Tom Jeon, Alex Ishov, and Jennifer Chiang.
3: James Ross and Robert Chen take a break after rehearsal.

“Sitting next to Robert Chen taught me that a leader is someone who is able to make others feel confident enough to dare, to try.” —Julia Popham, violin, writing for *Symphony* magazine

Jennifer Kim stretches in a Yoga for Musicians class.



Beyond Rehearsal

The musicians rounded out their experience with workshops designed to promote healthy habits and open their eyes to new aspects of musicianship.

“I’d say that’s what I’ve been most amazed by: not just the baseline level of playing, but the leaps and bounds everyone is ready and willing to take to bring ourselves together as an orchestra.” —Leah Meyer, horn



Workshop and Seminar Leaders

David Wallace, Musical Overview of Tchaikovsky and Shostakovich

Aliza Stewart, Introduction to the Feldenkrais Method

James Ross, Conducting

Sean Shepherd, Composition

Nicole Newman, Yoga for Musicians

Members of Decoda, Engaging Audiences

Jeffery Zeigler, Improvisation

Catharine Nepomnyashchy, Cultural History of Moscow and St. Petersburg



New York City | July 7, 2013

Mid-way through the training residency, the orchestra took a day trip to New York City. After a morning of sightseeing, NYO-USA members attended a concert by the New York Philharmonic, followed by a private Q&A session with Philharmonic musicians. They closed the day with dinner and dancing on a Circle Line tour of Manhattan.



1: NYO-USA musicians visit Times Square.

2: From left to right: Russell Hoffman, Jordan Brokken, Sam Sparrow, Isaac Schultz, Mariko Shimasaki, Blair Shepperd, Leah Meyer, and Mark Debski wait for the boat to depart.

3: From left to right: Audrey Chen, Camille Glazer, and Clara Abel



Michelle Hembree, Kevin Li, and Zeynep Alpan model the look before NYO-USA's debut.

A New Look

In concert, NYO-USA sported a youthful, fun, and elegant new look.

- 1: Fred Bernstein (right), NYO-USA's stylist, with assistant stylist Damien Shippee at the Purchase, New York, concert.
- 2: Tabitha Oh shows off the patriotic footwear that quickly became NYO-USA's signature.

The musicians' uniforms required



423.5 hours
of measurements and alterations
to the wardrobe
during the
two-week residency.

The new look was styled by
Fred Bernstein, courtesy of Macy's.





The performance
exuded vitality
and confidence.”
—*The New York Times*

Inaugural Tour

Concert 1 | July 11, 2013

The Performing Arts Center | Concert Hall
Purchase College, SUNY



- 1: Valery Gergiev leads NYO-USA in its debut performance.
- 2: Wind and percussion players perform Sean Shepherd's *Magiya*.
- 3: Marianne Martinoli warms up backstage.



I think we truly became the
National Youth Orchestra tonight.”
—Micheal Barnes, percussion, to NPR

Washington, DC | July 12–14, 2013

In Washington, the first stop on tour, the musicians received a briefing on cultural diplomacy from the US Department of State and visited the National Mall.



- 1: Angela Holmes looks on as Nina Morales asks a question about cultural diplomacy.
- 2: Anaida K. Haas, public diplomacy desk officer for Russia, US Department of State, answers questions from members of NYO-USA about traveling to Russia.
- 3: Musicians walk along the National Mall.
- 4: Andrew Burgan visits the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.



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Between NYO’s debut on Thursday and performing for Maestro Gergiev and Ambassador Kislyak at the Embassy this evening, this week has been full of some of the most memorable and important musical experiences of my life.”
—Giancarlo Latta, violin



Russian Embassy


The Russian ambassador to the United States, Sergei Kislyak, invited NYO-USA to the Russian Embassy, along with other guests, to celebrate the orchestra’s tour. NYO-USA musicians performed a selection of chamber music, and Ambassador Kislyak, Clive Gillinson, and Valery Gergiev spoke about the significance of NYO-USA.

- 1: An NYO-USA wind quintet performs for invited guests.
- 2: Clive Gillinson thanks Ambassador Kislyak for his support.
- 3: Angelique Montes, Anne Jung, and Skye Dearborn pose in front of a mural in the Russian Embassy.

Concert 2 | July 13, 2013

The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts | Concert Hall
Washington, DC



 Eric Goldberg
We sold out the
Kennedy Center!!!!
Can't wait for tonight!
#NYOUSA

- 1: Joshua Bell and Valery Gergiev perform
Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto.
- 2: Jacob Warren poses with his relatives.
Many families came to support NYO-USA
musicians at The Kennedy Center.
- 3: NYO-USA warms up in The Kennedy Center
Concert Hall before its performance

“The highlight of the evening came in the second half of the concert as Valery Gergiev led the National Youth Orchestra in a simply outstanding and shockingly well-interpreted performance of the Shostakovich Symphony No. 10 in E Minor, Op.93.” —DCMetroTheaterArts.com

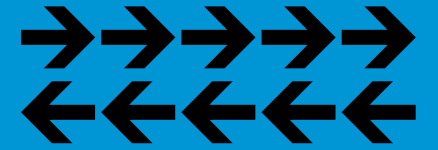
Travel

Moving 150 people and their luggage, instruments, and equipment around the globe is no easy task.



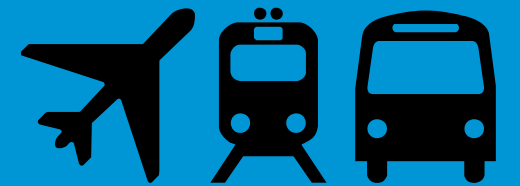
NYO-USA buses pause for a rest stop between Purchase, New York, and Washington, DC at 2 AM.

Coordinating travel for musicians and staff took



10 trips
to the Russian Consulate
to iron out the details
of the international tour.

The tour included



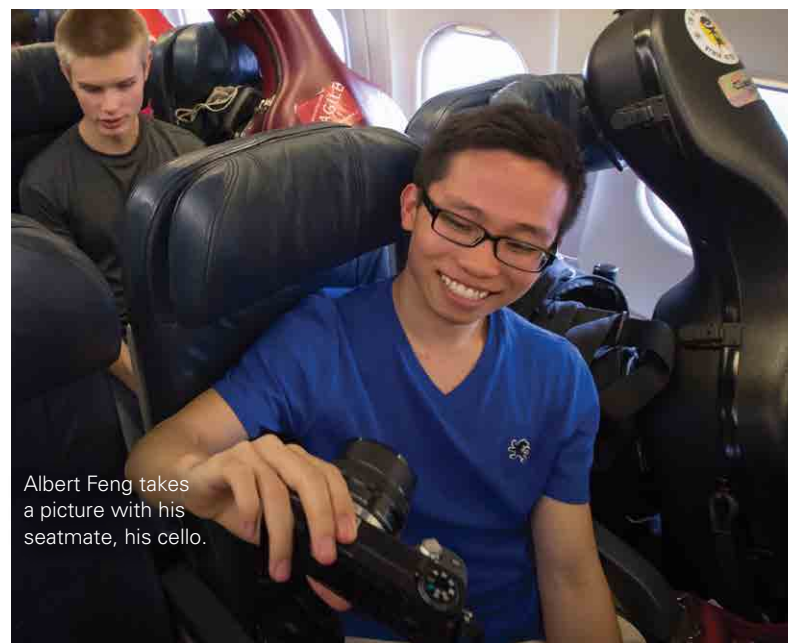
40 hours
on planes, trains, and buses,
as well as



14 pieces
of lost luggage along the way.



Christopher Zhou helps Elizabeth Sperry with her bag at the Moscow airport.



Albert Feng takes a picture with his seatmate, his cello.

A media team came along
for the ride, capturing



20,135 photos



**18,170
media files**

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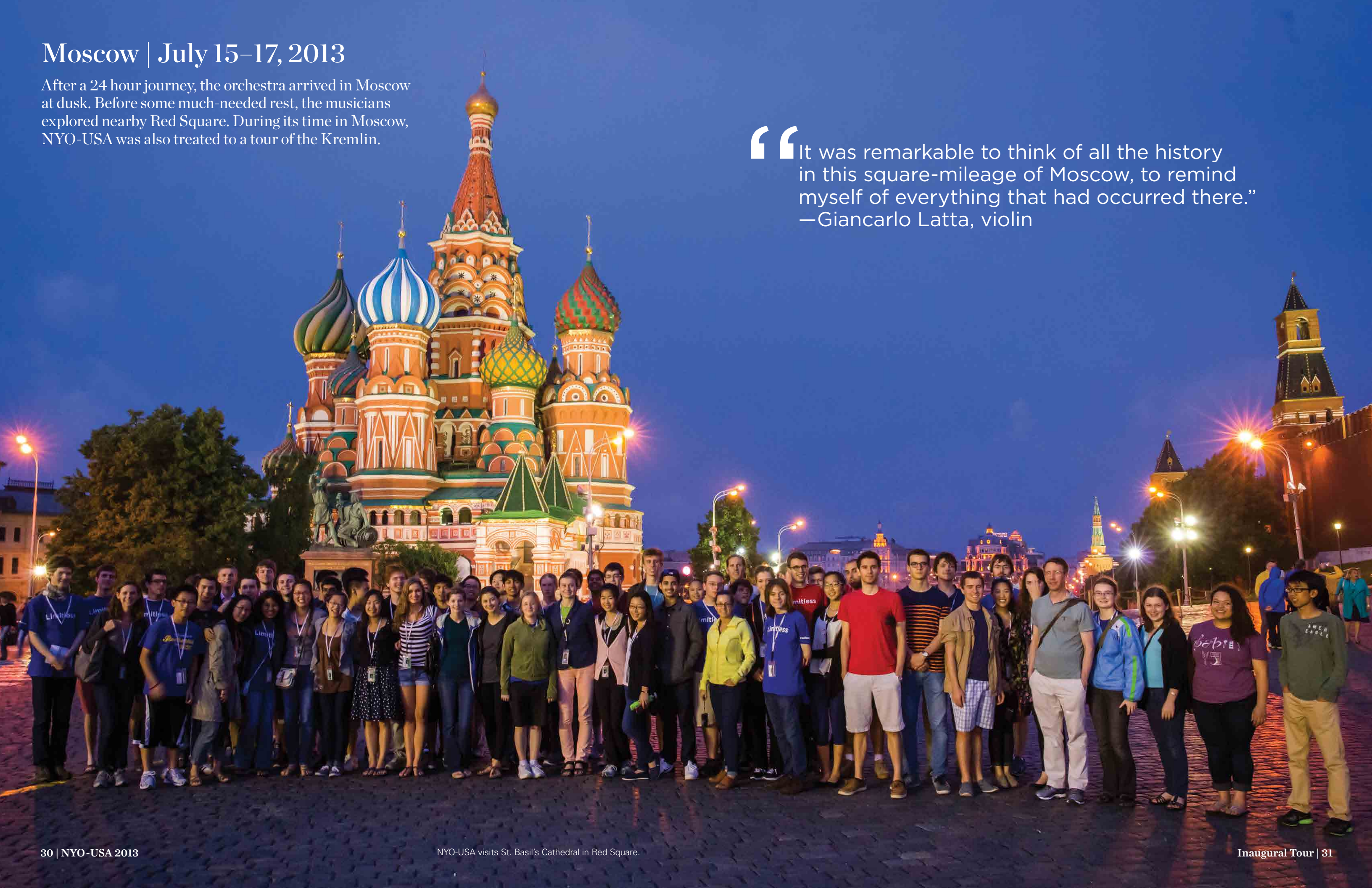


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of audio-visual data
(1.67 terabytes!)

Moscow | July 15–17, 2013

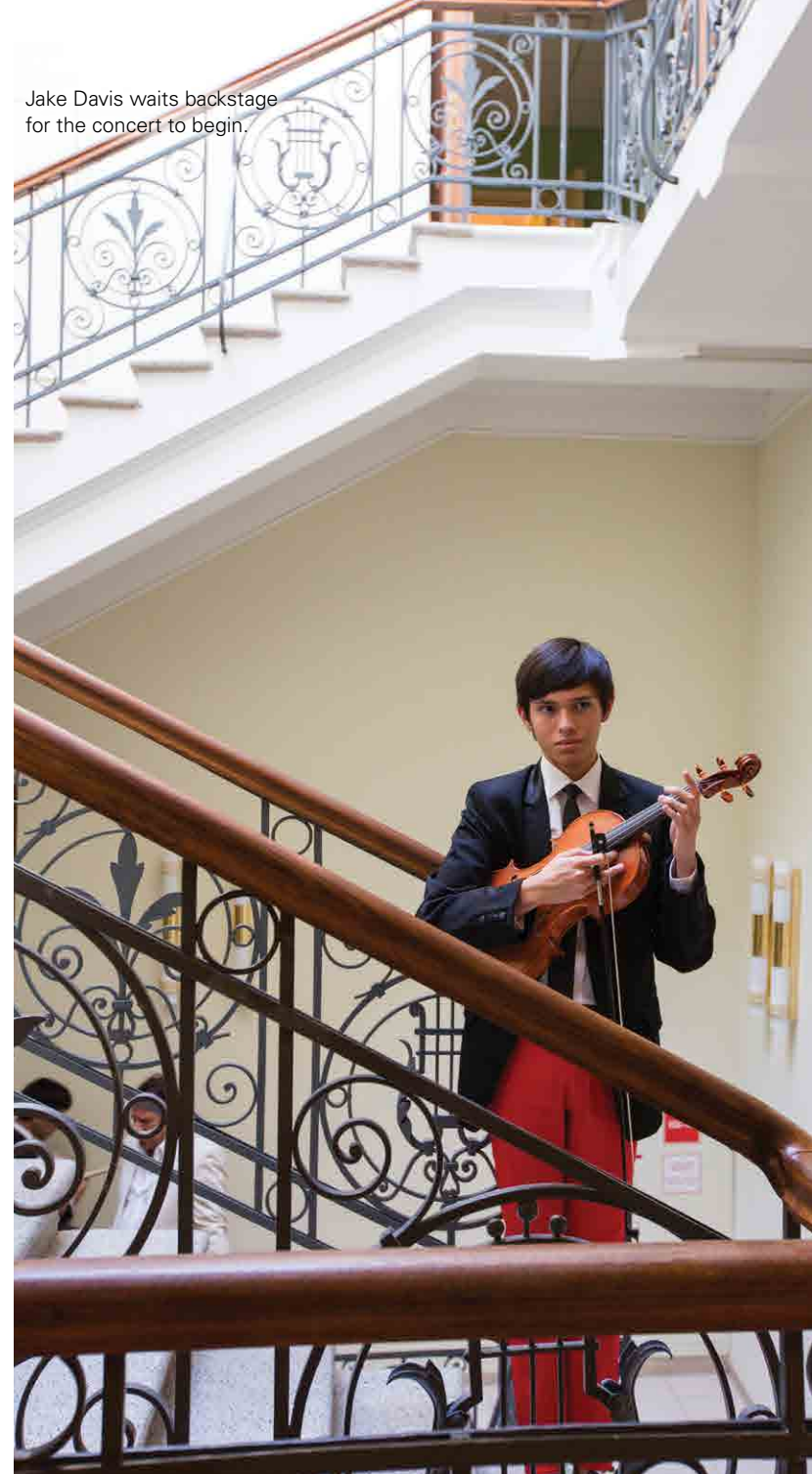
After a 24 hour journey, the orchestra arrived in Moscow at dusk. Before some much-needed rest, the musicians explored nearby Red Square. During its time in Moscow, NYO-USA was also treated to a tour of the Kremlin.

“It was remarkable to think of all the history in this square-mileage of Moscow, to remind myself of everything that had occurred there.”
—Giancarlo Latta, violin





Michael McFaul,
US Ambassador to Russia
Thank you @ValeryGergievRU
@JoshuaBellMusic & #NYOUSA
for a fantastic concert tonight!
You are the real ambassadors.



Concert 3 | July 16, 2013

Moscow Conservatory | Great Hall
Moscow



Having spent a day in Russia, this piece gained another dimension in my mind, as I pondered the people I had observed and the juxtaposition of old and new at every corner of the city. Soaking in the atmosphere changed my perspective and my performance in an unidentifiable way.”
—Nina Morales, violin

St. Petersburg | July 17–19, 2013

NYO-USA visited St. Petersburg during the “white nights,” when the city receives nearly 24 hours of sunlight each day. The musicians made the most of the churches, cathedrals, canals, and museums in this historic city.



Jared Murray, Jennifer Kim, and Audrey Chen earn some rubles busking at Peter and Paul Fortress.

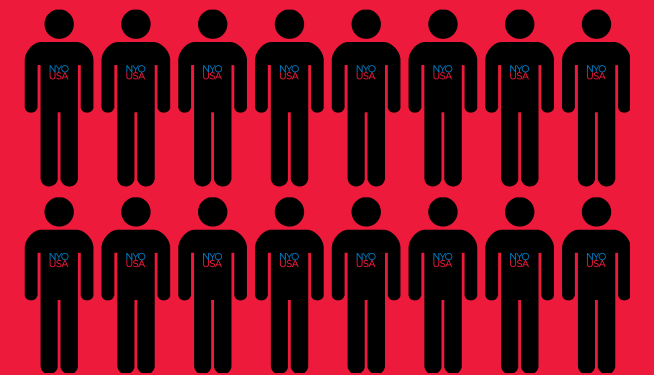
NYO-USA musicians climb to the top of Saint Isaac's Cathedral. (From left to right: Jarrett Grempe, Henry Whitaker, Madison Freed, Camille Glazer, Sam Sparrow, Jake Davis, Lincoln Valdez, Jake Mezera, Sam Matzner, and Brian Wendel)



Sam Matzner visits the Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood.



Before the tour,
there were



**16 NYO-USA
musicians who had never
traveled outside the US.**

Now, they can check
Russia and England
off their lists!



Side-by-Side Rehearsal | July 19, 2013

NYO-USA participated in a side-by-side open rehearsal with Capella Taurida, an orchestra for young musicians in St. Petersburg. The ensembles joined forces to play Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*.

1: NYO-USA assistant conductor Blake Richardson leads the combined orchestras.

2: Sean Byrne (center) and Jackson Whang (right) talk with a member of Capella Taurida.

3: John Paul Powers (left) poses with his fellow tubist from Capella Taurida.

4: Jason Herrmann (back left) and Marius Sander (back center) join members of Capella Taurida in the violin section.



Concert 4 | July 18, 2013

Mariinsky II
St. Petersburg

“ Instead of standing, Russian audiences clap ... in rhythm. They all begin clapping on beat and the whole concert hall claps together. It is so cool. And so exciting and energetic.”
—Nikki LaBonte, horn



- 1: A canal separates Mariinsky II from the original theatre.
- 2: Sean Shepherd bows with Valery Gergiev after his piece is performed in St. Petersburg.
- 3: NYO-USA was the first American orchestra to perform in Mariinsky II.

“ Before the music even begins, all of us, dressed in our crisp black, white, and red outfits, can feel a unique and precious unity that has risen as a result of all the time we had spent together: eating meals, experiencing new sights, and most importantly, pouring our sweat and energy into rehearsing music we love.”
—Audrey Chen, cello



1: Nathan Kirchhoff and Jennifer Chiang walk toward the Tower Bridge.

2: A ceremonial guard of the Tower of London leads musicians on a tour.

3: NYO-USA witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tower of London.



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BBC Proms Rehearsal

- 1: The woodwind section rehearses for the Proms at Royal Albert Hall.
- 2: NYO-USA's percussion section (from left to right): Jon Collazo, Eric Goldberg, David Yoon, Micheal Barnes, and Karl Ronneburg
- 3: NYO-USA cellists arrive for the BBC Proms dress rehearsal.



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“The Proms is just the apex of everything. All of our hard work, dedication, and determination have been leading up to this one big concert.”
—Ryan Roberts, oboe

Concert 5 | July 21, 2013

BBC Proms | Royal Albert Hall
London

“They told me, ‘Your concert better be good, mate; we’ve been waiting here to buy our tickets since five in the morning.’ Our concert didn’t start until 7:30 that night.” —Tom Jeon, clarinet, writing for *Symphony*



The queue for standing room tickets stretched around the block.



Joshua Bell plays Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto at the BBC Proms.



“The whole ensemble played with electric commitment.”
—*The Guardian*

Royal Albert Hall, which was sold out for NYO-USA's concert, holds close to 5,000 audience members.



Closing Party

The tour came to a close with a celebration at the London offices of Bloomberg, NYO-USA's lead sponsor.

- 1: An NYO-USA string sextet performs for Bloomberg employees.
- 2: Julia Popham and Nathan Kirchhoff take the dance floor.
- 3: Violinist Ray Anthony Trujillo picked up a saxophone to perform for the closing party.



Musicians





Emily Camras, Skye Dearborn, Jacob Warren, Karl Ronneburg, and Kayla Mathes

Violin

Zeynep Alban, 18
Hometown: Bethesda, Maryland
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra and Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra (Philharmonic)

Eric Bowser, 18
Hometown: Center Point, Texas
School: Our Lady of the Hills Regional Catholic High School
Youth Orchestra: Hill Country Youth Orchestra

Andrew Burgan, 16
Hometown: Aurora, Colorado
School: Institute de Rennes, Paris
Youth Orchestra: Symphonic Orchestra of the Paris Conservatory

Enchi Chang, 18
Hometown: Belmont, Massachusetts
School: Belmont High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

Jessie Chen, 18
Hometown: Palos Verdes, California
School: Princeton University
Andrew Cheshire, 16
Hometown: Merritt Island, Florida
School: Merritt Island High School
Youth Orchestra: Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra

Annabel Chyung, 16
Hometown: Miami, Florida
School: Ransom Everglades Upper School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Miami Youth Symphony

Alexandria Conrad, 18
Instrument: Violin
Hometown: Willow Street, Pennsylvania
School: Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School
Youth Orchestra: Trowbridge Chamber Orchestra

Guillermo del Prado, 17
Hometown: Hattiesburg, Mississippi
School: Oak Grove High School
Youth Orchestra: Austral Orchestra, South Mississippi Youth Orchestra

Akshay Dinakar, 16
Hometown: Kansas City, Kansas
School: Shawnee Mission East High School

Demi Fang, 17
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
School: Centerville High School
Youth Orchestra: Centerville High School Chamber Orchestra and Starling Chamber Orchestra

Jason Herrmann, 16
Hometown: Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
School: Harriton High School
Youth Orchestra: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Trowbridge Chamber Orchestra of the Settlement Music School, Delaware County Youth Orchestra

Beatrice Hsieh, 17
Hometown: North Wales, Pennsylvania
School: North Penn High School Temple
Youth Orchestra: Temple Music Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra

Russell Iceberg, 18
Hometown: New Market, Maryland
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Academy of Saint Cecilia Youth Orchestra, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, Maryland Talent Education Center String Orchestra

Annika Jenkins, 18
Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia
School: Laurel Springs Gifted and Talented Academy
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra, Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia Symphony, World Youth Alliance Chamber Orchestra, Hampton Roads Chamber Players Sinfonietta

Ha Kyung Jung, 17
Hometown: Irvine, California
School: Arnold O. Beckman High School
Youth Orchestra: Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra

Jennifer Kim, 18
Hometown: Rochester, Minnesota
School: Rochester Century High School
Youth Orchestra: Southeast Minnesota Youth Orchestra

Julia Kirk, 16
Hometown: Jackson, Mississippi
School: St. Andrew's Episcopal School
Youth Orchestra: Belhaven Chamber Orchestra Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra

Giancarlo Latta, 17
Hometown: Ann Arbor, Michigan
School: Pioneer High School
Youth Orchestra: Academy Chamber Orchestra at the Music Institute of Chicago

Kevin Li, 18
Hometown: Bettendorf, Iowa
School: Pleasant Valley High School
Youth Orchestra: Quad City Youth Symphony

Joseph Lorang, 17
Hometown: Seattle, Washington
School: Lakeside School Seattle
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

Marianne Martinoli, 16
Hometown: Monroe, Washington
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra, Academy Chamber Orchestra

Brendon Mezzetti, 18
Hometown: Eagle River, Alaska
School: Homeschooled, Frontier Charter School
Youth Orchestra: Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, Anchorage Civic Orchestra, Anchorage Youth Symphony, Anchorage Opera, Cyrano's Theater Company, Alaska Theatre of Youth

Joseph Morag, 16
Hometown: New York, New York
School: LaGuardia High School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: New York Youth Symphony

Nina Morales, 16
Hometown: Spring Hill, Florida
School: Frank W. Springstead High School

Tabitha Oh, 17
Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
School: University of Chicago Laboratory High School
Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Encore Chamber Orchestra



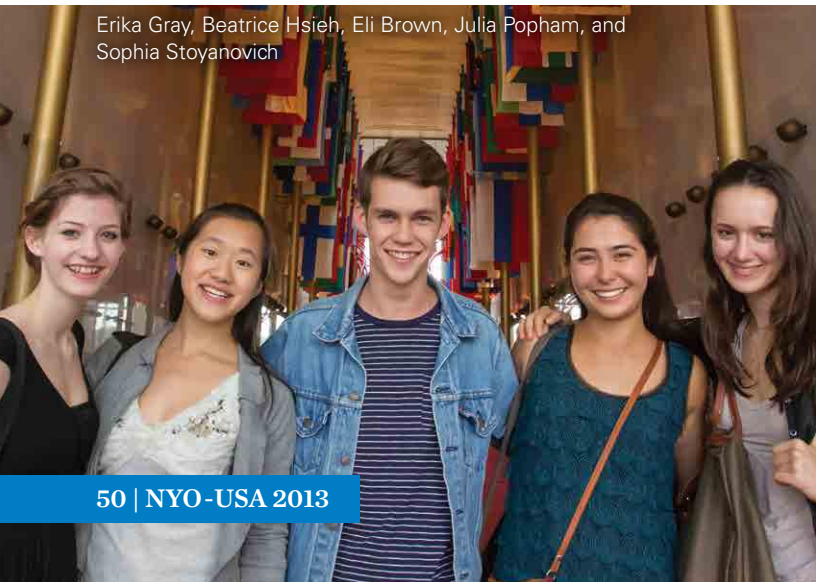
Micheal Barnes, Katja Yeager, and Andrew Burgan



Jennifer Kim, Erika Gray, Alex Conrad, and Amy Semes



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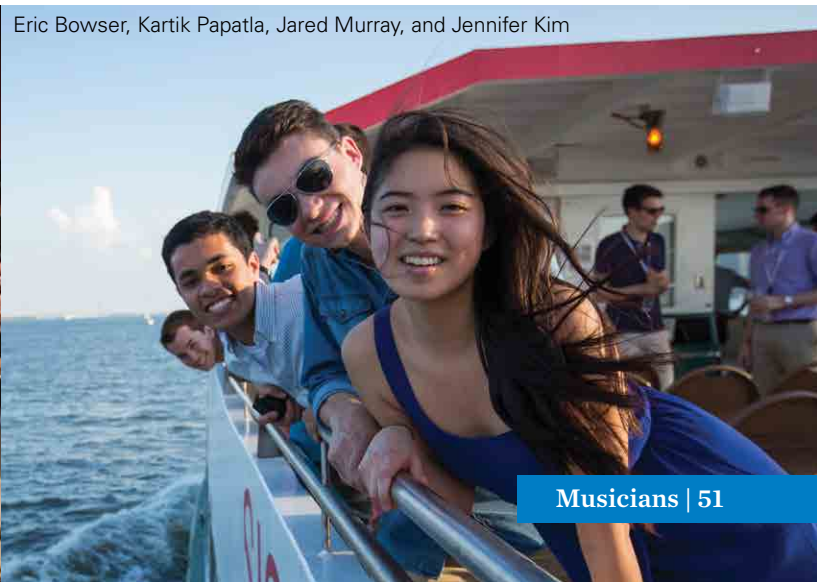
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Hometown: Princeton Junction, New Jersey
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Youth Orchestra: Central Jersey Regional High School Orchestra

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Youth Orchestra: Sacramento Youth Symphony

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School: Henry M. Gunn High School

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Hometown: Plano, Texas
School: Plano Senior High School

Kevin Yu, 18
Hometown: Albertson, New York
School: Herricks High School
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School: Westside High School
Youth Orchestra: Omaha Area Youth Orchestra's Youth Symphony

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School: West Seneca West High School
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Hometown: St. Cloud, Minnesota
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Hometown: Orlando, Florida
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Youth Orchestra: The Colburn School

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Youth Orchestra: Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra

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Youth Orchestra: Connecticut Youth Symphony

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Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra, Jeunes Virtuoses de New York, and World Youth Alliance Chamber Orchestra

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School: Loyola High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Chamber Orchestra



Nora Doyle



Christopher Zhou, Akshay Dinakar, and Franklin Jia



Zeynep Alpan with Valery Gergiev after the BBC Proms performance



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Kartik Papatla, Zeynep Alpan, Michelle Hembree, and resident assistant Melissa Williams



Jarrett Grepel



Audrey Chen and Kayla Mathes



Kevin Yu



Madison Freed

Thomas Wong, 18
Hometown: Plano, Texas
School: Plano West Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: New England Conservatory Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

Katja Yeager, 18
Hometown: Vienna, Virginia
School: James Madison High School
Youth Orchestra: American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

Cello

Clara Abel, 17
Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana
School: Herron High School

Emily Camras, 18
Hometown: Batavia, Illinois
School: The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
Youth Orchestra: Midwest Young Artists' Symphony Orchestra

Audrey Chen, 16
Hometown: Redmond, Washington
School: Interlake High School
Youth Orchestra: Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra

Garrett Chou, 17
Hometown: Northbrook, Illinois
School: Glenbrook North High school
Nora Doyle, 17
Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota
School: Southwest High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies

Jacob Efthimiou, 17
Hometown: Delhi, New York
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Empire State Youth Orchestra

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School: William G. Enloe High School
Youth Orchestra: Triangle Youth Philharmonic, North Carolina Eastern Regional Orchestra, and North Carolina Honors Orchestra

Angela Holmes, 16
Hometown: Lee's Summit, Missouri
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Youth Symphony of Kansas City and Heartland Music Academy Camerata Orchestra

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Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico
School: Bosque School
Youth Orchestra: Albuquerque Youth Symphony

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Youth Orchestra: New Orleans Center for Creative Arts

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Hometown: Lanesville, Indiana
School: Floyd Central High School
Youth Orchestra: Louisville Youth Orchestra and Floyd County Youth Symphony

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Youth Orchestra: Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra and Tucson Junior Strings

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Hometown: Kalamazoo, Michigan
School: Homeschooled
Youth Orchestra: Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra

Kartik Papatla, 17
Hometown: Mequon, Wisconsin
School: Homestead High School
Youth Orchestra: Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra's Senior Symphony and Chamber Orchestra

Bass

Ahmer'e Blackman, 18
Hometown: Wilmerding, Pennsylvania
School: Pittsburgh School for the Creative and Performing Arts
Youth Orchestra: Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

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Hometown: Williamsport, Pennsylvania
School: Williamsport Area High School

Andrew Downs, 16
Hometown: Irondale, Alabama
School: Alabama School of Fine Arts
Youth Orchestra: Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra

Jackie Johnson, 18
Hometown: Plano, Texas
School: Spring Creek Academy
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

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Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming
School: Central High School

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School: Roosevelt High School
Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra and Thalia Symphony Orchestra

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School: Coral Reef Senior High School
Youth Orchestra: Miami String Project

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Hometown: Marietta, Georgia
School: Homeschooled, Indiana University High School
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Hometown: South Lyon, Michigan
School: Rudolf Steiner High School of Ann Arbor
Youth Orchestra: Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra

Sebastian Zinca, 18
Hometown: Miami, Florida
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Academy Orchestra



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Blair Shepperd and Kristen Fang with Clive Gillinson



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Martine Thomas

Flute

Jennifer Chiang, 17
Hometown: Tempe, Arizona
School: Corona del Sol High School
Youth Orchestra: Phoenix Youth Symphony

Kristen Fang, 16
Hometown: Walnut Creek, California
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Alexander Ishov, 18
Hometown: Gainesville, Florida
School: Interlochen Arts Academy
Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Academy Orchestra

Elizabeth Sperry, 16
Hometown: Chelmsford, Massachusetts
School: Chelmsford High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

Annie Wu, 17
Hometown: Pleasanton, California
School: Foothill High School
Youth Orchestra: San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

Oboe

Mark Debski, 18
Hometown: Bethel Park, Pennsylvania
School: Bethel Park High School
Youth Orchestra: Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Russell Hoffman, 17
Hometown: Mountain Lakes, New Jersey
School: Mountain Lakes High School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

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School: Douglas Anderson School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra

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Hometown: Santa Monica, California
School: Santa Monica High School
Youth Orchestra: Colburn Youth Orchestra

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Youth Orchestra: Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon

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Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

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Hometown: Lexington, Massachusetts
School: Lexington High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Franklin Jia, 16
Hometown: Plano, Texas
School: Jasper High School
Youth Orchestra: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

Samuel Sparrow, 18
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina
School: North Raleigh Christian Academy
Youth Orchestra: Triangle Youth Philharmonic

Christopher Zhou, 16
Hometown: Prospect, Kentucky
School: duPont Manual High School
Youth Orchestra: Louisville Youth Orchestra

Bassoon

Jordan Brokken, 18
Hometown: Houston, Texas
School: Westfield High School
Youth Orchestra: Houston Youth Symphony

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Hometown: Wantagh, New York
School: Professional Children's School
Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

Nathan Kirchhoff, 17
Hometown: San Gabriel, California
School: Los Angeles County High School for the Arts
Youth Orchestra: American Youth Symphony

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Hometown: Exeter, New Hampshire
School: Phillips Exeter Academy
Youth Orchestra: Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Blair Shepperd, 17
Hometown: Portland, Oregon
School: Grant High School
Youth Orchestra: Portland Youth Philharmonic

Horn

Michelle Hembree, 16
Hometown: Boise, Idaho
School: Boise High School
Youth Orchestra: Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Nikolette LaBonte, 18
Hometown: Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
School: A. W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Youth Orchestra: Palm Beach Gardens Concert Band

Weston McCall, 17
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
School: John Marshall High School
Youth Orchestra: Youth Orchestras of San Antonio

Leah Meyer, 17
Hometown: Belmont, Massachusetts
School: Belmont High School
Youth Orchestra: Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra



Will Langlie-Miletich and Leah Meyer



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Musicians during a mid-rehearsal fire alarm



Brendon Mezzetti



Jason Herrmann

Markus Osterlund, 18

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii

School: Interlochen Academy of the Arts

Youth Orchestra: Interlochen Academy Orchestra

Caelan Stewart, 16

Hometown: Clarkston, Michigan

School: Interlochen Arts Academy

Youth Orchestra: Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic Youth Orchestra and Wind Symphony

Trumpet

Elias Brown, 18

Hometown: Santa Monica, California

School: Santa Monica High School

Youth Orchestra: American Youth Symphony

Matthew Gajda, 16

Hometown: Mahwah, New Jersey

School: Bergen County Academies

Youth Orchestra: Juilliard Pre-College Symphony

Lincoln Valdez, 17

Hometown: Austin, Texas

School: Westlake High School

Youth Orchestra: Westlake High School

Henry Whitaker, 17

Hometown: Millersville, Maryland

School: Old Mill High School

Youth Orchestra: American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, Peabody Youth Symphony Orchestra, Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Londontowne Symphony Orchestra

Trombone

Skye Dearborn, 17

Hometown: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

School: Lincoln High School

Youth Orchestra: South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra

Jacob Mezera, 18

Hometown: Tinley Park, Illinois

School: Tinley Park High School

Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra

Brian Wendel, 18

Hometown: Conway, Massachusetts

School: Four Rivers Charter Public School

Youth Orchestra: New England Conservatory Preparatory School Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

Bass Trombone

Tanner Jackson, 17

Instrument: Bass Trombone

Hometown: Tinley Park, Illinois

School: Tinley Park High School

Youth Orchestra: Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra

Tuba

John Paul Powers, 17

Hometown: Clinton, Tennessee

School: Clinton High School

Youth Orchestra: Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra

Timpani and Percussion

Micheal Barnes, 19

Hometown: Lawton, Oklahoma

School: Oklahoma State University

Youth Orchestra: Oklahoma State University Orchestra

Jonathan Collazo, 18

Hometown: Kissimmee, Florida

School: Osceola County School for the Arts

Youth Orchestra: Osceola County School for the Arts

Eric Goldberg, 18

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

School: Whitney M. Young Magnet High School

Youth Orchestra: The Percussion Scholarship Group

Karl Ronneburg, 18

Hometown: Sammamish, Washington

School: Redmond High School

Youth Orchestra: Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonia Northwest Orchestra

David Yoon, 17

Hometown: Irvine, California

School: Northwood High School

Youth Orchestra: Northwood High School

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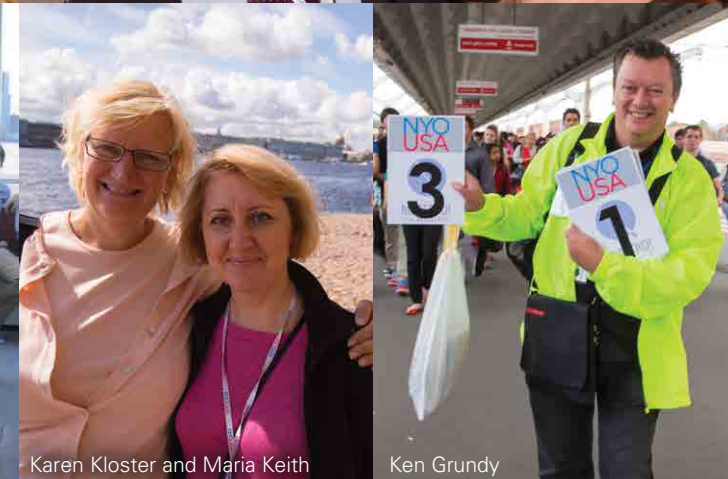
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