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In the summer of 2016, Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute brought together 187 of the best young musicians from across the country for its biggest summer of music making yet. The National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA) was joined for the first time by the 78 inaugural members of NYO2. The young musicians from both orchestras came together on the campus of Purchase College, SUNY, for an intensive training residency, taking part in master classes, lessons, chamber music readings, and orchestral rehearsals. The NYO2 program culminated in a weekend of activities in Philadelphia, including a side-by-side concert at Verizon Hall with The Philadelphia Orchestra and conductor Giancarlo Guerrero, as well as a joint performance at the 23rd Street Armory alongside NYO-USA, members of The Philadelphia Orchestra, and local young musicians. Just over a week later at Purchase College and Carnegie Hall, NYO-USA began its six-concert tour with conductor Christoph Eschenbach and pianist Emanuel Ax, before traveling to Europe for concerts under the baton of Valery Gergiev with pianist Denis Matsuev in Amsterdam, Montpellier, Copenhagen, and Prague.

Christoph Eschenbach prepares to take a bow with NYO-USA after a performance at Purchase College.



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# NYO-USA Program Overview

In the summer of 2016, NYO-USA performed two ambitious programs with two renowned conductors: Christoph Eschenbach and Valery Gergiev. In order to prepare two complete programs, NYO-USA musicians had a longer residency at Purchase College than in previous years, rehearsing for three full weeks leading up to the six-concert tour. James Ross, director of orchestral activities at the University of Maryland, returned for a fourth consecutive year to lead the NYO-USA faculty, which included principal players from some of the country's finest professional orchestras. Percussionists from NYO-USA and NYO2 also had the unique opportunity to rehearse chamber music with Sō Percussion.

For the first time, two young musicians were selected as apprentice composers for NYO-USA. During the Purchase residency, they had the opportunity to have their music workshopped with musicians from the orchestra, providing experience with orchestration and writing for larger forces and creating opportunities for dialogue between instrumentalists and composers who are peers. American composer Sean Shepherd served as a mentor and teacher for the young composers. The apprentice composers joined an apprentice orchestra manager, apprentice librarian, and two apprentice conductors as members of the 2016 NYO-USA.

During the Fourth of July weekend, NYO-USA musicians joined their peers in NYO2 for activities in Philadelphia. The NYO-USA brass section performed for tens of thousands of fans during postgame festivities at Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies, and the NYO-USA percussion section performed before The Philadelphia Orchestra's Neighborhood Concert at Penn's Landing. The weekend culminated in a side-by-side performance at the 23rd Street Armory.

Following the Philadelphia weekend and another week of rehearsals, NYO-USA took the stage at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College and Carnegie Hall, with Christoph Eschenbach leading the ensemble in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 22 in E-flat Major, K. 482—featuring Emanuel Ax as soloist—as well as Bruckner's Symphony No. 6. While in New York, several members of the orchestra also participated in the Summer Music Educators Workshop, a Carnegie Hall program that gives music teachers from around the country the opportunity to hone their craft and learn from expert guest faculty.

After performing at Carnegie Hall, NYO-USA flew to Amsterdam to join Valery Gergiev and Denis Matsuev for rehearsals in preparation for the performance of a brand-new program at Amsterdam's legendary Royal Concertgebouw.



With several days to explore the city, the musicians toured the many canals, windmills, and bridges that dot the landscape, sampled the food, and viewed the works of the Dutch masters at the famed Rijksmuseum. A special reception was also held at the United States Consulate to salute NYO-USA's Amsterdam debut and the launch of the orchestra's 2016 European tour.

Rehearsals were held at NedPhO-Koepel, the rehearsal hall for the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra. The new program included Debussy's *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*; Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3; and Prokofiev's Symphony No. 4 and selections from *Romeo and Juliet*. The concert was part of the Concertgebouw's Robeco SummerNights series, and was streamed live around the globe thanks to a partnership with medici.tv. It is now archived on NYO-USA's YouTube channel.

Following its sold-out show in Amsterdam, NYO-USA continued its tour with a performance the very next evening at Montpellier's Opéra Berlioz as part of the Radio France Festival, which was broadcast to listeners nationwide. The musicians logged more miles the next morning, flying to Copenhagen. A tour of the historical sites included the

Marble Church and the Amalienborg Palace, home of the Danish royal family. An afternoon boat cruise took them by Copenhagen's Old Stock Exchange, one of the oldest buildings in the city, as well as the newly built opera house, home of the Danish National Opera. The next day, the orchestra took the stage for its third concert of the European tour, this time in Tivoli Concert Hall, located in the heart of Tivoli Gardens, the famous amusement park and pleasure garden in central Copenhagen. After a successful performance, the musicians enjoyed a rare evening off, lining up for thrilling roller coaster rides.

The final stop on the tour was Prague's Smetana Hall, an Art Nouveau-style music hall filled with sculptures and paintings and topped by an exquisite glass dome. The orchestra added one more work to its repertoire, replacing the Rachmaninoff piano concerto with Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, "Italian." As the last notes sounded, the musicians celebrated the emotional conclusion to an exhausting and fulfilling tour. A final day of sightseeing gave the musicians the opportunity to see the city and enjoy new friendships.



# NYO2 Program Overview

The inaugural class of NYO2, hailing from 27 states as well as Puerto Rico, came together in June 2016 at Purchase College to rehearse and get to know each other for a full week before the arrival of their peers in NYO-USA. The young musicians, ages 14–17, had the special opportunity to work with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra and conductor Giancarlo Guerrero, music director of the Nashville Symphony.

In addition to a busy schedule of rehearsals, sectionals, chamber music practice, and private lessons, the members of NYO2 had access to individual instruction and workshops designed to enable them to serve their communities through music. Joseph Conyers, founder of Project 440 and assistant principal bass of The Philadelphia Orchestra, talked to the group about arts leadership, challenging the musicians to come up with a social entrepreneurship project to work on in groups throughout the residency.

During the second week, NYO2 musicians were joined by the members of NYO-USA for several side-by-side rehearsals and other joint activities. The orchestra also took a break from playing to hear one of the New York Philharmonic's annual Concerts in the Parks and meet Music Director Alan Gilbert, principal clarinetist Anthony McGill, and other members of the orchestra at Van Cortlandt Park. A second trip to New York City included a tour of Carnegie Hall with Gino Francesconi—the longtime director of Carnegie Hall's Archives and Rose Museum—as well as opportunities to take photos onstage and go sightseeing around the city.

The finale of the NYO2 musicians' 2016 season was an action-packed Fourth of July weekend in Philadelphia, highlighted by a free concert at Verizon Hall. Giancarlo Guerrero led the orchestra in Respighi's *Pini di Roma* in a side-by-side performance with The Philadelphia Orchestra; Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien*, performed by NYO2; and Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*, performed by The Philadelphia Orchestra. Following a standing ovation, NYO2 performed selections from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* as an encore, now an NYO ensemble tradition.

During their visit to Philadelphia, NYO2 musicians also had the opportunity to mentor younger students from the Philadelphia Music Alliance for Youth (PMAY) at the Curtis Institute of Music, visit the National Constitution Center and Franklin Institute, and participate in The Philadelphia Orchestra's annual Neighborhood Concert at Penn's Landing. The weekend concluded with an epic side-by-side performance at the 23rd Street Armory that featured NYO2, NYO-USA, and members of The Philadelphia Orchestra—as well as local instrumentalists from Philadelphia-area youth orchestras—totaling nearly 350 musicians and making a fitting conclusion to a successful and meaningful inaugural season.

Giancarlo Guerrero leads members of NYO2 in a rehearsal.





# Guest Artists

## NYO-USA

### Conductors

**Christoph Eschenbach** (US concerts)

**Valery Gergiev** (European concerts)

### Pianists

**Emanuel Ax** (US concerts)

**Denis Matsuev** (European concerts)

## NYO2

**Giancarlo Guerrero**, Conductor



1. Emanuel Ax performs as a guest soloist with NYO-USA and conductor Christoph Eschenbach.
2. Giancarlo Guerrero leads NYO2 during its inaugural season.
3. Valery Gergiev conducts NYO-USA during its European tour.
4. Denis Matsuev performs as a guest soloist during NYO-USA's European tour.



# Donor Salute



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1. Christoph Eschenbach conducts NYO-USA in a performance of Bruckner's Symphony No. 6 at Carnegie Hall.

2. NYO2 performs side-by-side with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center.





# Training Residencies

June 18–July 14, 2016  
Purchase College, SUNY  
Purchase, New York

“In its first readings of Bruckner’s Sixth Symphony at Purchase College ... the NYO-USA sounded fully professional.”

—Jim Oestreich, *The New York Times*



1. NYO2 musicians take part in icebreaker activities.
2. The musicians of NYO-USA build a human pyramid.
3. NYO-USA violinist Evan Johanson wins “Rock, Paper, Scissors” during icebreaker activities.
4. Violinist Valerie Mun and flutist Tracie Kwon post a photo to Instagram during NYO2 icebreaker activities.



# NYO-USA Faculty

Orchestra Director James Ross led full orchestra rehearsals in preparation for Christoph Eschenbach’s arrival, as well as the second program with Valery Gergiev. An all-star faculty of principal players from major American orchestras also coached the musicians.

James Ross  
*Orchestra Director*

Enrico Lopez-Yañez  
*Assistant Conductor*

Erin Keefe  
*Concertmaster, Minnesota Orchestra*

Jeff Thayer  
*Concertmaster, San Diego Symphony Orchestra*

Baird Dodge  
*Principal Second Violin, Chicago Symphony Orchestra*

Cathy Basrak  
*Assistant Principal Viola, Boston Symphony Orchestra*

Lisa Steltenpohl  
*Principal Viola, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra*

Daniel Lee  
*Principal Cello, St. Louis Symphony*

John Sharp  
*Principal Cello, Chicago Symphony Orchestra*

Alex Hanna  
*Principal Bass, Chicago Symphony Orchestra*

Jeffrey Turner  
*Principal Bass, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra*

Aaron Goldman  
*Principal Flute, National Symphony Orchestra*

Mark Sparks  
*Principal Flute, St. Louis Symphony*

Jonathan Fischer  
*Principal Oboe, Houston Symphony Orchestra*

Joseph Peters  
*Principal Oboe, Minnesota Orchestra*

Jonathan Gunn  
*Principal Clarinet, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra*

Rob Patterson  
*Principal Clarinet, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra*

Nancy Goeres  
*Principal Bassoon, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra*

William Short  
*Principal Bassoon, MET Orchestra*

Abel Pereira  
*Principal Horn, National Symphony Orchestra*

Robert Ward  
*Principal Horn, San Francisco Symphony*

Karin Bliznik  
*Principal Trumpet, St. Louis Symphony*

Billy Hunter  
*Principal Trumpet, MET Orchestra*

Kyle R. Covington  
*Principal Trombone, San Diego Symphony*

R. Douglas Wright  
*Principal Trombone, Minnesota Orchestra*

Dennis Nulty  
*Principal Tuba, Detroit Symphony Orchestra*

Jauvon Gilliam  
*Principal Timpani, National Symphony Orchestra*

Gillian Benet Sella  
*Principal Harp, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra*

Sean Shepherd  
*Composition Coach*

Sō Percussion  
Eric Cha-Beach  
Josh Quillen  
Adam Sliwinski  
Jason Treuting  
*Percussion Ensemble Coaches*



“Maestro Ross has been such an enormous influence on my musicianship and personhood. Working with him is an utter privilege and a pleasure.”

—Reuben Stern, NYO-USA bassoonist

1. Orchestra Director James Ross leads NYO-USA during a side-by-side rehearsal with faculty.
2. Cathy Basrak, assistant principal violist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, demonstrates bow technique to violist Nick Pelletier.
3. NYO-USA French horn coach Abel Pereira works with Elisabeth Pesavento during a master class.
4. Sō Percussion member Jason Treuting points out musical details to NYO-USA percussionist Evan Jose. Percussionists from both NYO-USA and NYO2 worked on chamber music with Sō Percussion.
5. Trombone player Marco A. Gómez rehearses with R. Douglas Wright, principal trombonist of the Minnesota Orchestra.
6. Mark Sparks, principal flutist of the St. Louis Symphony, instructs flutist Alejandro Lombo.
7. Jauvon Gilliam, principal timpanist of the National Symphony Orchestra, gives some tips to NYO-USA's percussion section.



# NYO2 Faculty

Conductor Giancarlo Guerrero led NYO2 throughout the program, and the musicians had the opportunity to work closely with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra. Additional players from other leading orchestras and ensembles rounded out the faculty.

## The Philadelphia Orchestra

- Juliette Kang  
*First Associate Concertmaster*
- Hirono Oka  
*First Violin*
- Daniel Han  
*First Violin*
- Kimberly Fisher  
*Principal Second Violin*
- Amy Oshiro-Morales  
*Second Violin*
- Che-Hung Chen  
*Viola*
- Marvin Moon  
*Viola*
- Hai-Ye Ni  
*Principal Cello*
- Gloria dePasquale  
*Cello*
- Ohad Bar-David  
*Cello*
- Harold Robinson  
*Principal Bass*
- Joseph Conyers  
*Assistant Principal Bass*
- Elizabeth Starr Masoudnia  
*English Horn*
- Ricardo Morales  
*Principal Clarinet*
- David Bilger  
*Principal Trumpet*
- Anthony Prisk  
*Trumpet*
- Blair Bollinger  
*Bass Trombone*
- Don Liuzzi  
*Principal Timpani*

## Additional Faculty

- Amadi Azikiwe  
*Viola, Harlem Chamber Players*
- Jonathan Colbert  
*Bass, Royal Danish Orchestra*
- Elizabeth Mann  
*Principal Flute, Orchestra of St. Luke's*
- Julietta Curenton  
*Flute, American Symphony Orchestra*
- Hassan Anderson  
*Oboe, SHUFFLE Concert Ensemble, The Juilliard School*
- Garrett McQueen  
*Bassoon, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra*
- Javier Gándara  
*French Horn, MET Orchestra*
- Weston Sprott  
*Trombone, MET Orchestra*
- Rob Knopper  
*Percussion, MET Orchestra*
- Nancy Allen  
*Principal Harp, New York Philharmonic*



1. Bassoonist Ntinyari Miriti plays during a rehearsal.
2. Ricardo Morales, principal clarinetist of The Philadelphia Orchestra, works with clarinetist Mikhail Marasigan.
3. NYO2 faculty member Harold Robinson coaches the NYO2 bass section.
4. Violinist Adam Barker chats with The Philadelphia Orchestra violinist Amy Oshiro-Morales during a coaching session.
5. Cellist Ella Bondar works with The Philadelphia Orchestra cellist Gloria dePasquale.





## NYO2 Beyond Rehearsal

1. NYO2 greets principal clarinetist Anthony McGill following the New York Philharmonic's performance in Van Cortlandt Park.
2. David Gracia, manager of artist training programs at Carnegie Hall, poses with NYO2.
3. Kyle Favors, Redd Ingram, Braden Ellis, and Nathan Cloeter play a game during NYO2 icebreaker activities.
4. NYO2 musicians take center stage in Times Square.
5. Gino Francesconi, the director of Carnegie Hall's Archives and Rose Museum, shares stories with NYO2.



## NYO-USA Apprentices

1. Valery Gergiev speaks with orchestra manager Joseph Soucy and orchestra management apprentice Mikaela Chang during a rehearsal break at Amsterdam's Royal Concertgebouw.
2. Head of composition faculty Sean Shepherd poses with NYO-USA composition apprentices Paul Novak and Elizabeth Egan before a reading of the apprentices' works.
3. Composition apprentice Paul Novak discusses details of his piece with conducting apprentice Ryan Zhang.
4. Conducting apprentice Eric Meincke leads NYO-USA in rehearsal.
5. Orchestra library apprentice Ethan Russo talks with orchestra librarian Fabrice Curtis at Carnegie Hall.





NYO2 trombone player Oliver Lindblom plays before The Philadelphia Orchestra's Neighborhood Concert at Penn's Landing.

# A Weekend in Philadelphia





## The National Constitution Center

### Mentoring Young Musicians from the Philadelphia Music Alliance for Youth (PMAY)

1. NYO2 violinist Lydia Newton looks on as a young musician practices her part during NYO2's mentorship session with younger players from PMAY at the Curtis Institute of Music.
2. NYO2 musicians mentor younger brass players from PMAY.

1. NYO2 violinist Katherine Zhu enjoys time off.
2. NYO2 musicians Rahel Lulseged, Naomi Powers, and Lydia Newton dress up for the Fourth of July.
3. NYO2 trumpet player Nicholas Recktenwald poses with a statue.



## Performance at Penn's Landing

1. NYO-USA's percussion section performs Part One from Steve Reich's *Drumming* before The Philadelphia Orchestra's Neighborhood Concert at Penn's Landing.
2. A brass ensemble from NYO2 performs Dukas's "Fanfare" from *La p ri* in a special pre-concert program before The Philadelphia Orchestra's Neighborhood Concert at Penn's Landing. Chamber music ensembles from both NYO-USA and NYO2 took part.



## NYO-USA's Philadelphia Phillies Postgame Performance

1. NYO-USA's brass ensemble poses at Citizens Bank Park after the Philadelphia Phillies game. The crowd comprised more than 40,000 people.
2. NYO-USA brass ensemble members watch the fireworks at Citizens Bank Park.





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## Side-by-Side Concert July 2, 2016

NYO2 and The Philadelphia Orchestra  
Verizon Hall

RACHMANINOFF  
Symphonic Dances

TCHAIKOVSKY  
*Capriccio Italien*

RESPIGHI  
*Pini di Roma*

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“We just finished up our spectacular debut side-by-side concert with The Philadelphia Orchestra tonight at Verizon Hall. Without a doubt, this is the most incredible musical experience I have ever been a part of, and I cannot wait to see what lies ahead for me in the near future!”

—Jonathan Keith, NYO2 bassist

“The NYO2 musicians, wearing baseball jerseys, played side by side with Philadelphia counterparts, dressed informally in black, in a grand performance of Respighi’s *Pini di Roma* and in encores by Gershwin and Copland. It was especially delightful to see the youngsters take most of the solos as the veterans looked on approvingly.”

—Jim Oestreich, *The New York Times*



1. NYO2 violinist Epongue Ekiller and The Philadelphia Orchestra’s Amy Oshiro-Morales perform in the side-by-side concert.
2. The Philadelphia Orchestra bassist Michael Shahan speaks with NYO2 bassist Braden Ellis during a side-by-side rehearsal at Verizon Hall.
3. NYO2 performs in a side-by-side concert at Verizon Hall with The Philadelphia Orchestra.





## Side-by-Side Concert July 3, 2016

NYO2, NYO-USA, members of  
The Philadelphia Orchestra, and  
local youth orchestra musicians  
23rd Street Armory

BIZET  
“Farandole” from  
*L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2*

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV  
*Capriccio Espagnol*

TCHAIKOVSKY  
Finale from Symphony No. 4



1. NYO-USA musicians Hannah Burnett, Jimmy Cunningham, and Kevonna Shuford joke around before their side-by-side performance.
2. NYO2 violinist Alex Apicella chats with Kimberly Fisher, principal second violinist of The Philadelphia Orchestra, during a side-by-side rehearsal and performance with NYO-USA, NYO2, members of The Philadelphia Orchestra, and local young musicians from the Philadelphia area at the 23rd Street Armory.
3. The orchestra comprised nearly 350 musicians.



## NYO2 Farewell

“ [I had] the time of my life.  
Thanks Carnegie Hall. ”

—Epongue Ekille, NYO2 violinist

1. NYO2 musicians celebrate after their farewell dinner in Philadelphia.
2. Violist Juliette Duguid and cellist Rahel Lulseged hug at the NYO2 farewell dinner.
3. Trumpet players Rafniel Ríos Babilonia, Josue Chavez, and Nicholas Recktenwald pose together at the NYO2 farewell dinner.
4. Cellists Tanner Rodriguez and Miles Goosby have fun at the NYO2 farewell dinner.





Valery Gergiev conducts NYO-USA at  
Prague's Smetana Hall.

# NYO-USA Tour



# Concert 1 July 13, 2016

The Performing Arts Center  
Concert Hall  
Purchase College, SUNY  
Purchase, New York

MOZART  
Piano Concerto No. 22  
in E-flat Major, K. 482

BRUCKNER  
Symphony No. 6



1. Christoph Eschenbach leads NYO-USA at Purchase College.
2. Cellist Allison Park plays during a dress rehearsal with Emanuel Ax.
3. Emanuel Ax performs Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 22.
4. Oboist David Norville prepares for the concert at Purchase College.





## Concert 2 July 14, 2016

Carnegie Hall  
Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage  
New York, New York

MOZART  
Piano Concerto No. 22  
in E-flat Major, K. 482

BRUCKNER  
Symphony No. 6

“It is hard to imagine a group of young players tackling Bruckner, but in Eschenbach’s patient hands, they consistently found the sweet spot in the composer’s Sixth Symphony. In the first movement, with the orchestra galloping along toward majestic peaks, luminosity combined with bloom and resonance for results that would rival many professional ensembles.”

—Bruce Hodges, *New York Classical Review*



1. Christoph Eschenbach leads NYO-USA in a performance of Bruckner’s Sixth Symphony at Carnegie Hall.
2. Christoph Eschenbach conducts a rehearsal at Carnegie Hall.
3. Bassoonists rehearse at Carnegie Hall.
4. Cellist Leonardo Ko greets audience members after the concert.



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## Summer Music Educators Workshop

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Cellist David Kim participates in a Summer Music Educators Workshop rehearsal led by Randal Swiggum.



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## Circle Line Cruise

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NYO-USA members take a Circle Line Cruise around New York Harbor before they depart for Europe.





## Amsterdam



1. Trumpet player Jamie Gorski enjoys cheese in Amsterdam.
2. Bassist Harry Dearman, clarinetist Sara Han, and flutist Mei Stone take a refreshing ride on the water in Amsterdam.
3. Valery Gergiev and Mei Stone discuss the opening of Debussy's *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*.
4. Carnegie Hall's Executive and Artistic Director Clive Gillinson, US Consul General David McCawley, and the Concertgebouw's Managing Director Simon Reinink talk at a reception for NYO-USA at the United States Consulate in Amsterdam.
5. Violinists Fumika Mizuno and Seoyeon Kim pose in Amsterdam.



## Concert 3 July 21, 2016

Royal Concertgebouw  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

DEBUSSY  
*Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*  
RACHMANINOFF  
Piano Concerto No. 3  
PROKOFIEV  
Symphony No. 4;  
Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*



“For such a young ensemble, the performance [of Prokofiev’s Fourth Symphony] was downright fantastic.”

—Frits van der Waa, *deVolkskrant*

1. Valery Gergiev and members of NYO-USA prepare to take a bow after their performance at Amsterdam’s Royal Concertgebouw.
2. Audience members cheer after the performance.
3. NYO-USA musicians pose in front of the Royal Concertgebouw before the concert.





## Concert 4 July 22, 2016

Opéra Berlioz  
Montpellier, France

DEBUSSY  
*Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*  
RACHMANINOFF  
Piano Concerto No. 3  
PROKOFIEV  
Symphony No. 4;  
Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*



1. Concertgoers rise to their feet at the end of the Montpellier concert.
2. Valery Gergiev cues the opening notes of Debussy's *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*.
3. Valery Gergiev and Denis Matsuev pose with the orchestra en route to Montpellier.



## Concert 5 July 24, 2016

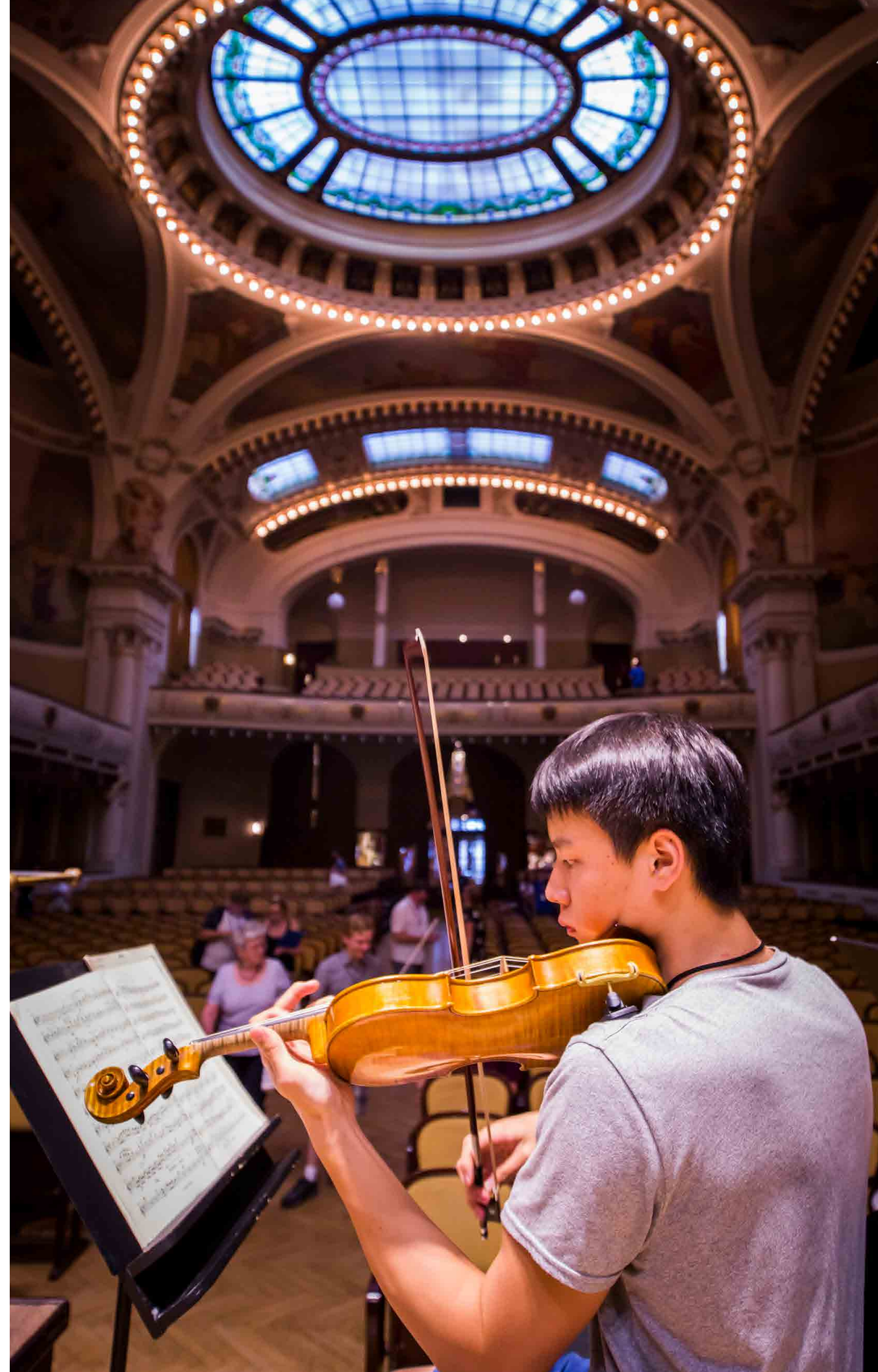
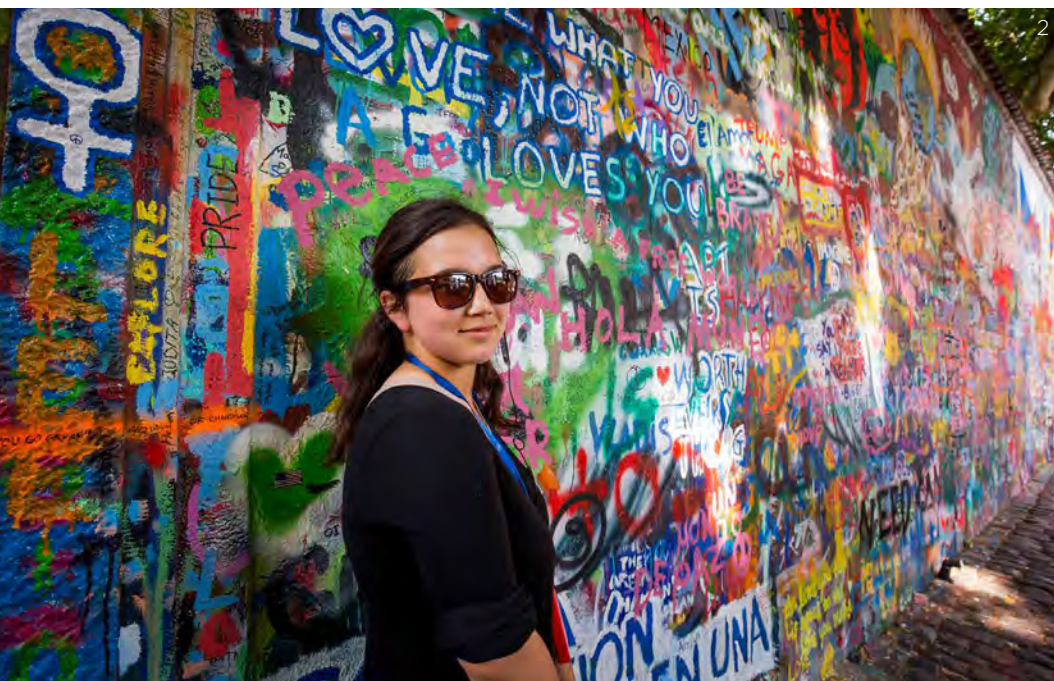
Tivoli Concert Hall  
Copenhagen, Denmark

DEBUSSY  
*Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*  
RACHMANINOFF  
Piano Concerto No. 3  
PROKOFIEV  
Symphony No. 4;  
Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*

1. NYO-USA receives a standing ovation in Copenhagen.
2. Valery Gergiev, Denis Matsuev, and members of NYO-USA take a bow after the Copenhagen performance.
3. Lucie Ticho, Joy Zhao, and Emma DeJarnette enjoy a ride at Tivoli Gardens.
4. NYO-USA members sightsee in Copenhagen.







## Concert 6 July 25, 2016

Smetana Hall  
Prague, Czech Republic

DEBUSSY  
*Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*  
MENDELSSOHN  
Symphony No. 4, "Italian"  
PROKOFIEV  
Symphony No. 4;  
Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*

1. NYO-USA performs at Prague's Smetana Hall.
2. Dana Rath stands in front of Prague's John Lennon Wall.
3. NYO-USA musicians stop for a photo above the Vltava River at a spot known for its scenic view of historic Prague. The Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral can be seen above the musicians.
4. Violinist Andrew Lee warms up on stage at Smetana Hall in Prague.



# NYO-USA Musicians

## Violins

### Back Row (left to right)

**David Horak**, 18  
**Hometown:** Norwich, VT  
**School:** Homeschooled  
**Youth Orchestra:** Dartmouth Symphony Orchestra

**Soyeong Park**, 19  
**Hometown:** Princeton Junction, NJ  
**School:** Princeton University

**Devin Moore**, 17  
**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**School:** Chartiers Valley School District  
**Youth Orchestra:** Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra

**Nicholas Kim**, 17  
**Hometown:** Clarksville, MD  
**School:** River Hill High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Peabody Youth Orchestra, Maryland All-State Orchestra

**Ethan Le**, 18  
**Hometown:** Katy, TX  
**School:** Cinco Ranch High School

**Alan Yao**, 17  
**Hometown:** Scarsdale, NY  
**School:** Scarsdale High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

**Andrew Lee**, 17  
**Hometown:** Los Altos Hills, CA  
**School:** Los Altos High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Neil Goh**, 18  
**Hometown:** North Wales, PA  
**School:** North Penn High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Temple University Music Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra, PMEA All-State Orchestra

### Second Row (left to right)

**Travon DeLeon**, 18  
**Hometown:** South Bend, IN  
**School:** Penn High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra

**Sein An**, 18  
**Hometown:** West Chester, PA  
**School:** Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Temple University Music Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra

**Julie Choe**, 17  
**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**School:** North Allegheny Senior High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Fumika Mizuno**, 17  
**Hometown:** Portland, OR  
**School:** Tualatin High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Portland Youth Philharmonic

**Seoyeon Kim**, 17  
**Hometown:** Falmouth, ME  
**School:** Singapore American School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Singapore National Youth Orchestra

**Annabel Chyung**, 19  
**Hometown:** Miami, FL  
**School:** Yale University  
**Youth Orchestra:** Yale Symphony Orchestra

**Katherine Woo**, 17  
**Hometown:** Greer, SC  
**School:** Riverside High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York String Orchestra Seminar 2014 and 2015, Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

**Claire Geho**, 17  
**Hometown:** Twinsburg, OH  
**School:** Twinsburg High School, Kent State University  
**Youth Orchestra:** The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

**Jonathan Chu**, 17  
**Hometown:** San Francisco, CA  
**School:** Lowell High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

### Third Row (left to right)

**Evan Johanson**, 17  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA  
**School:** North Seattle College  
**Youth Orchestra:** Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras

**Emily Shehi**, 17  
**Hometown:** Olathe, KS  
**School:** Olathe East High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York String Orchestra Seminar 2014, Aspen Chamber Symphony 2015



**Rosie Weiss**, 19  
**Hometown:** Billings, MT  
**School:** Gap Year  
**Youth Orchestra:** Billings Symphony, Red Lodge Chamber Players

**William Yao**, 17  
**Hometown:** Barrington, RI  
**School:** Barrington High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

**Joseph Bates**, 19  
**Hometown:** Tulsa, OK  
**School:** Eagle High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Oklahoma Arts Institute Orchestra

**Samuel Wang**, 18  
**Hometown:** Medford, NJ  
**School:** Bishop Eustace Preparatory School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, All-Eastern Orchestra

**Akshay Dinakar**, 19  
**Hometown:** Prairie Village, KS  
**School:** Stanford University  
**Youth Orchestra:** Kansas City Symphony Rising Stars

**Jason Vassiliou**, 17  
**Hometown:** Berwyn, PA  
**School:** Conestoga High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Temple University Music Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra

### Front Row (left to right)

**Ziqi Meng**, 18  
**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**School:** Mt. Lebanon High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, NafME All-National Honor Orchestra

**Anna Black**, 17  
**Hometown:** Eagle, ID  
**School:** Eagle High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, West Ada Chamber Orchestra

**Emilia Sharpe**, 16  
**Hometown:** Winston Salem, NC  
**School:** University of North Carolina School of the Arts High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** University of North Carolina School of the Arts Symphony and Opera and Ballet Orchestras

**Bronwyn James**, 18  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA  
**School:** Homeschooled  
**Cheyenne J. King**, 18  
**Hometown:** Philadelphia, PA  
**School:** Philadelphia Virtual Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Philadelphia All-City Orchestra

**Chloe Harvel**, 17  
**Hometown:** Brentwood, TN  
**School:** Homeschooled  
**Youth Orchestra:** Curb Youth Symphony, Nashville Citizens' Orchestra

**Evan Falls Hjort**, 17  
**Hometown:** Fall City, WA  
**School:** Homeschooled, Bellevue College  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York String Orchestra





## Violas

### Back Row (left to right)

**Jim Cunningham IV**, 16

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, PA

**School:** Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, Montgomery Fellowship Quartet

**Andrew Hughes**, 17

**Hometown:** Old Tappan, NJ

**School:** Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan

**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra, New York Youth Symphony Chamber Program

**Lydia Grimes**, 16

**Hometown:** Shoreview, MN

**School:** Mounds View High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Minnesota Youth Symphonies

**Emma DeJarnette**, 18

**Hometown:** Snellville, GA

**School:** Brookwood High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

### Middle Row (left to right)

**Nick Pelletier**, 19

**Hometown:** Duluth, GA

**School:** Georgia Institute of Technology

**Youth Orchestra:** Georgia Tech Symphony Orchestra

**Daniel Miles**, 18

**Hometown:** Puyallup, WA

**School:** Governor John R. Rogers High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Tacoma Youth Symphony, NAFME All-Northwest Orchestra

**Hannah Burnett**, 18

**Hometown:** Waco, TX

**School:** Midway High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Waco Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Sean Juhl**, 16

**Hometown:** New York, NY

**School:** Hunter College High School

**Youth Orchestra:** New York Youth Symphony, Face the Music Modern Ensemble

**Elizabeth Geena Woo**, 18

**Hometown:** Radnor, PA

**School:** Radnor High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Temple University Music Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra

**Sae Rheen Kim**, 17

**Hometown:** New York, NY

**School:** Packer Collegiate Institute

**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra, New York Youth Symphony

### Front Row (left to right)

**Kayla Cabrera**, 17

**Hometown:** Crete, IL

**School:** Homeschooled

**Youth Orchestra:** Chicago Youth Symphony

**Faith Pak**, 18

**Hometown:** Auburndale, NY

**School:** Harvard University

**Youth Orchestra:** Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra

**James Kang**, 16

**Hometown:** Lawrenceville, GA

**School:** Collins High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, World Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Kevonna Shuford**, 18

**Hometown:** West Palm Beach, FL

**School:** Dreyfoos School of the Arts

**Youth Orchestra:** New York String Orchestra Seminar 2015, Dreyfoos School of the Arts Philharmonic



## Cellos

### Back Row (left to right)

**Simon Housner**, 16

**Hometown:** Cherry Hill, NJ

**School:** Homeschooled

**Youth Orchestra:** Philadelphia Sinfonia

**Ben Lanners**, 17

**Hometown:** Stillwater, OK

**School:** Stillwater High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Oklahoma Youth Orchestra

### Middle Row (left to right)

**Minku Lee**, 19

**Hometown:** Palo Alto, CA

**School:** Stanford University

**Youth Orchestra:** Stanford University Symphony Orchestra

**Joy Zhao**, 17

**Hometown:** Chalfont, PA

**School:** Central Bucks South High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, NAFME All-National Honor Orchestra 2015

**Leonardo Ko**, 18

**Hometown:** Blauvelt, NY

**School:** Tappan Zee High school

**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

**Dana Rath**, 16

**Hometown:** Lawrence, KS

**School:** Bishop Seabury Academy

**Lucie Ticho**, 18

**Hometown:** Chicago, IL

**School:** Hinsdale Central High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra

### Front Row (left to right)

**Ryan Chung**, 16

**Hometown:** Manhasset, NY

**School:** Manhasset High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

**David Kim**, 18

**Hometown:** East Brunswick, NJ

**School:** East Brunswick High School

**Youth Orchestra:** New Jersey All-State Orchestra

**Henry Shapard**, 17

**Hometown:** Cleveland Heights, OH

**School:** University School

**Youth Orchestra:** Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

**Allison Park**, 17

**Hometown:** Dunn Loring, VA

**School:** George C. Marshall High School

**Youth Orchestra:** American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

**David Bender**, 19

**Hometown:** Nashville, TN

**School:** The Comenius School

**Youth Orchestra:** Curb Youth Symphony





## Basses

### Back Row (left to right)

**William Swett**, 16  
**Hometown:** New York, NY  
**School:** The Dalton School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra, Boston University Tanglewood Institute Young Artists Orchestra 2015

**Marguerite Cox**, 18  
**Hometown:** Hudson, OH  
**School:** Hudson High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

**Taylor Abbitt**, 19  
**Hometown:** Ballston Lake, NY  
**School:** Shenendehowa High School East  
**Youth Orchestra:** Empire State Youth Orchestra

**Nina Bernat**, 16  
**Hometown:** Iowa City, IA  
**School:** West High School

### Front Row (left to right)

**Harry Dearman**, 18  
**Hometown:** Denton, TX  
**School:** Billy Ryan High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

**Ella Sharpe**, 16  
**Hometown:** Winston-Salem, NC  
**School:** University of North Carolina School of the Arts High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** University of North Carolina School of the Arts Symphony

**Michael Gabriel**, 18  
**Hometown:** Manhasset, NY  
**School:** Manhasset Secondary School  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York Youth Symphony

**Chad Wesselkamper**, 18  
**Hometown:** Cincinnati, OH  
**School:** School for Creative and Performing Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra, World Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Ryan Wahidi**, 18  
**Hometown:** Creve Coeur, MO  
**School:** Washington University in St. Louis  
**Youth Orchestra:** Washington University Symphony Orchestra, National High School Honors Orchestra 2014



## Flutes

### (left to right)

**Mei Stone**, 17  
**Hometown:** Waco, TX  
**School:** Interlochen Arts Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

**Elise Kim**, 17  
**Hometown:** Mukilteo, WA  
**School:** Kamiak High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Jessica Shand**, 16  
**Hometown:** Colorado Springs, CO  
**School:** Discovery Canyon Campus High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Denver Young Artists Orchestra

**Alejandro Lombo**, 18  
**Hometown:** Miramar, FL  
**School:** American Heritage School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Florida All-State Band 2016



## Oboes

### (left to right)

**Bobby Nunes**, 18  
**Hometown:** Mesa, AZ  
**School:** Highland High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Phoenix Youth Symphony

**Sarrah Bushara**, 18  
**Hometown:** Eden Prairie, MN  
**School:** PSEO at the University of Minnesota  
**Youth Orchestra:** Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies, Minnesota Youth Symphonies

**Elias Medina-Brewster**, 16  
**Hometown:** Miami, FL  
**School:** New World School of the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Florida All-State Symphony Orchestra, New World Symphony Side-by-Side Orchestra

**David Norville**, 17  
**Hometown:** Fort Myers, FL  
**School:** Interlochen Arts Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra, Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra



# Clarinet

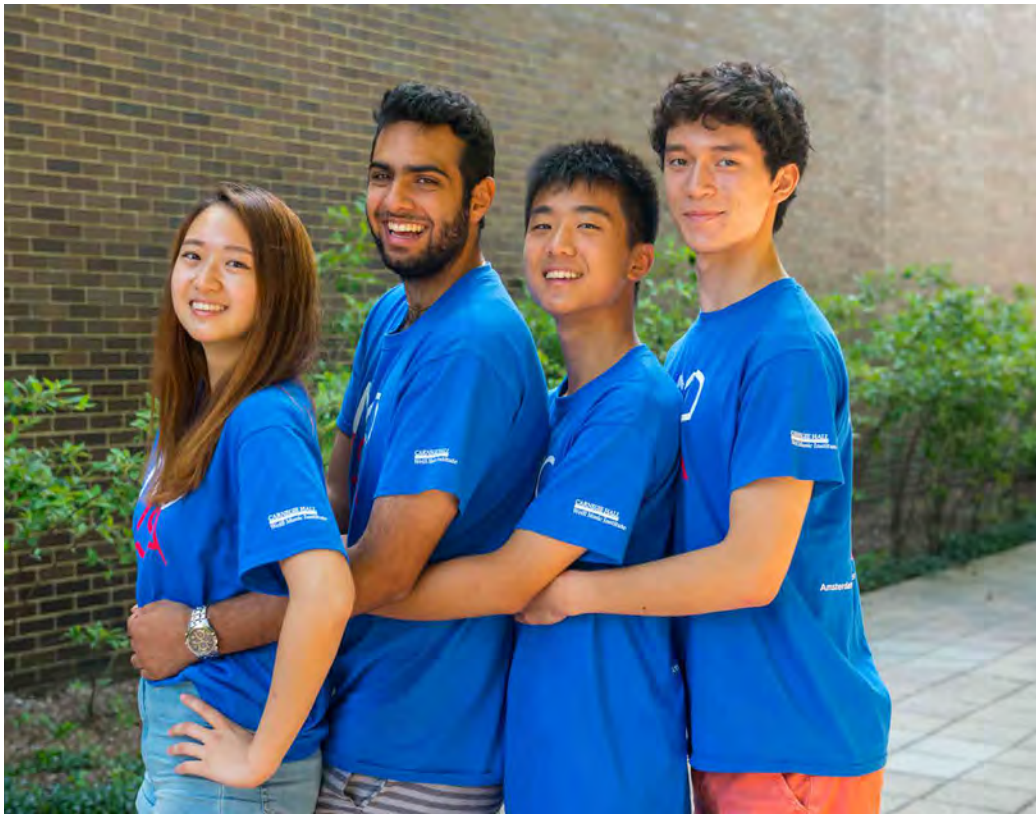
(left to right)

**Sara Han**, 18  
**Hometown:** Interlochen, MI  
**School:** Interlochen Arts Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

**Jay Shankar**, 18  
**Hometown:** San Diego, CA  
**School:** The Bishop's School  
**Youth Orchestra:** San Diego Youth Orchestra

**Daniel Kim**, 16  
**Hometown:** Skillman, NJ  
**School:** Montgomery High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

**Jonathan Jalbert**, 16  
**Hometown:** Houston, TX  
**School:** The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** HSPVA Symphony Orchestra



# Horns

(left to right)

**Andrew Angelos**, 18  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA  
**School:** Roosevelt High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra, Roosevelt High School Symphony Orchestra

**Elisabeth Pesavento**, 17  
**Hometown:** Interlochen, MI  
**School:** Interlochen Arts Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

**Emma Shaw**, 17  
**Hometown:** Tampa, FL  
**School:** Howard W. Blake School of the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra

**Jamie Pfauth**, 18  
**Hometown:** San Diego, CA  
**School:** Grossmont Community College  
**Youth Orchestra:** San Diego Youth Symphony

**Michael Stevens**, 17  
**Hometown:** East Islip, NY  
**School:** East Islip High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York Youth Symphony, Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra



# Bassoons

(left to right)

**Timothy Ruszala**, 18  
**Hometown:** Fairfield, NJ  
**School:** West Essex Regional High School

**Corbin Krebs**, 17  
**Hometown:** Las Vegas, NV  
**School:** Interlochen Arts Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra

**Joshua Elmore**, 18  
**Hometown:** Shaker Heights, OH  
**School:** Shaker Heights High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

**Reuben Stern**, 18  
**Hometown:** Needham, MA  
**School:** Boston University Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra



# Trumpets

(left to right)

**Jamie Gorski**, 17  
**Hometown:** Little Canada, MN  
**School:** Roseville Area High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Minnesota Youth Symphonies

**Charles Stuedemann**, 17  
**Hometown:** Geneva, IL  
**School:** Geneva Community High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Megan Wade**, 18  
**Hometown:** Friendswood, TX  
**School:** Friendswood High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Houston Youth Symphony

**James Vaughen**, 17  
**Hometown:** Champaign, IL  
**School:** University of Illinois Laboratory High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra





# Timpani and Percussion

(left to right)

**Nitish Jindal**, 18  
**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**School:** Greenhill School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Omar El-Abidin**, 17  
**Hometown:** Wall, NJ  
**School:** Wall High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York Youth Symphony, Verbier Festival Junior Orchestra

**Justin Kang**, 18  
**Hometown:** Gilbert, AZ  
**School:** Campo Verde High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Youth Symphony of the Southwest

**Evan Jose**, 18  
**Hometown:** San Antonio, TX  
**School:** Claudia Taylor “Lady Bird” Johnson High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** TMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra



## Trombones

**Connor Rowe**, 18  
**(far left)**  
**Hometown:** Lompoc, CA  
**School:** Cabrillo High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Santa Barbara Youth Symphony

**Ethan Shrier**, 17  
**(second from left)**  
**Hometown:** Potomac, MD  
**School:** Winston Churchill High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Maryland Classic Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

## Bass Trombone

**Marco A. Gómez**, 18  
**(second from right)**  
**Hometown:** Miami, FL  
**School:** Interlochen Arts Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Interlochen Arts Academy Band, Choir, and Orchestra, Greater Miami Youth Symphony

## Tuba

**Alec Mawrence**, 18  
**(far right)**  
**Hometown:** Northbrook, IL  
**School:** Glenbrook North High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra



## Orchestral Keyboard

**Patrick Magee**, 18  
**(left)**  
**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**School:** St. Mark’s School of Texas

## Harps

**Adam Phan**, 18  
**(middle)**  
**Hometown:** Dallas, TX  
**School:** Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

**Elizabeth Yeoh-Wang**, 18  
**(right)**  
**Hometown:** New York, NY  
**School:** The Chapin School  
**Youth Orchestra:** InterSchool Orchestras of New York’s ISO Symphony, The Chapin School Instrumental Ensemble





## Orchestra Management Apprentice

**Mikaela Chang**, 19  
(far right)  
**Hometown:** Closter, NJ  
**School:** Middlebury College  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York Youth Symphony

## Orchestra Librarian Apprentice

**Ethan Russo**, 18  
(third from left)  
**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**School:** Liberal Arts and Science Academy High School (LASA)  
**Youth Orchestra:** LBJ/LASA High School Orchestra

## Conducting Apprentices

**Eric Meincke**, 17  
(second from right)  
**Hometown:** Little Rock, AR  
**School:** Little Rock Central High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Arkansas Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Ryan Zhang**, 17  
(second from left)  
**Hometown:** West Windsor, NJ  
**School:** West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North

## Composing Apprentices

**Elizabeth Egan**, 17  
(third from right)  
**Hometown:** New York, NY  
**School:** The Chapin School  
**Youth Orchestra:** New York Youth Symphony, Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra, ISO Symphony

**Paul Novak**, 18  
(far left)  
**Hometown:** Reno, NV  
**School:** Davidson Academy of Nevada  
**Youth Orchestra:** Reno Philharmonic Youth Symphony Orchestra, Artemisia Chamber Ensemble



NYO2 musicians pose in Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage.

# NYO2 Musicians

## Violins

**Alex Apicella**, 14  
**Hometown:** Fairbanks, AK  
**School:** West Valley High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Fairbanks Youth Symphony

**Adam Barker**, 17  
**Hometown:** Spokane, MO  
**School:** Homeschooled  
**Youth Orchestra:** Springfield-Drury Civic Orchestra

**Che Buford**, 16  
**Hometown:** Brooklyn, NY  
**School:** Talent Unlimited High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard MAP Program

**Imani Edwards**, 16  
**Hometown:** Fairfax, VA  
**School:** Robinson Secondary School  
**Youth Orchestra:** DC Youth Orchestra

**Epongue Ekiller**, 16  
**Hometown:** Rochester, NY  
**School:** Fairport High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

**Kingston Ho**, 15  
**Hometown:** New Providence, NJ  
**School:** Academy for Allied Health Science  
**Youth Orchestra:** InterSchool Orchestra of New York

**Jou Kim**, 15  
**Hometown:** Honolulu, HI  
**School:** Punahou School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Punahou Symphony

**Zoe Kushubar**, 17  
**Hometown:** Campobello, SC  
**School:** South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities  
**Youth Orchestra:** Governor's School Ensembles

**Devin Lai**, 14  
**Hometown:** Morgantown, WV  
**School:** Morgantown High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

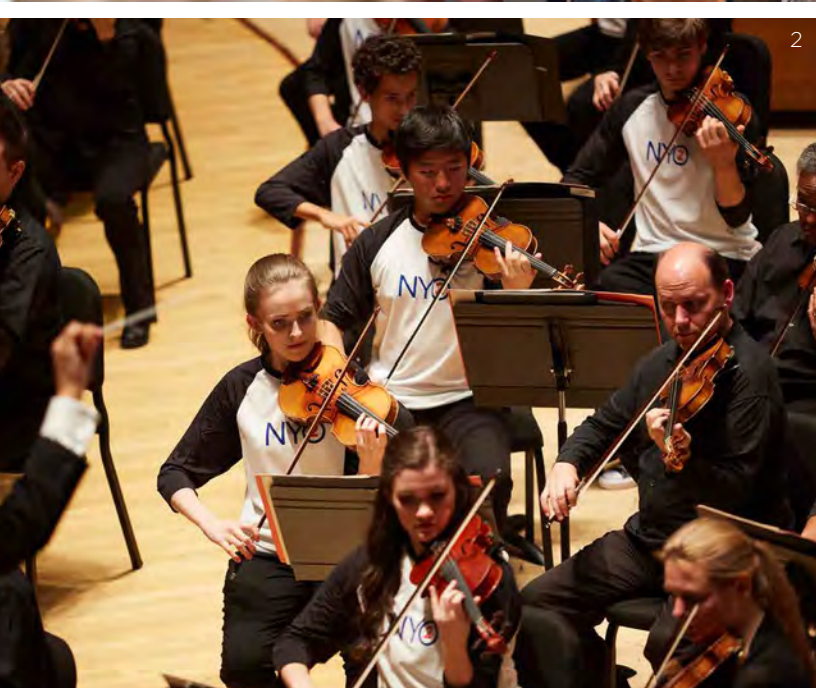
**Chase Lee**, 16  
**Hometown:** Laveen, AZ  
**School:** Arizona School for the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Phoenix Youth Symphony

**Allen Liu**, 16  
**Hometown:** Chattanooga, TN  
**School:** McCallie School  
**Youth Orchestra:** McCallie-GPS Honors Orchestra

**Jacob Lorenz**, 15  
**Hometown:** Jackson, WY  
**School:** Jackson Hole High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Jackson Hole Community Orchestra

**Sean Loveland**, 14  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA  
**School:** Van Nuys High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Hollywood Youth Orchestra





## Violins *(continued)*

**Valerie Mun**, 14

**Hometown:** Old Tappan, NJ

**School:** Northern Valley Regional High School

**Youth Orchestra:** New York Youth Symphony

**Lydia Evangeline Newton**, 15

**Hometown:** Moss Point, MS

**School:** Homeschooled

**Youth Orchestra:** Alabama All-State Orchestra

**Carissa Powe**, 16

**Hometown:** Tucson, AZ

**School:** Homeschooled

**Youth Orchestra:** Tucson Philhamonia Youth Orchestra

**Naomi Powers**, 16

**Hometown:** Mitchell, SD

**School:** Mitchell High School

**Youth Orchestra:** South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Sooah Sohn**, 16

**Hometown:** Clarksburg, MD

**School:** Richard Montgomery High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra

**Derek Song**, 15

**Hometown:** College Station, TX

**School:** College Station High School

**Youth Orchestra:** College Station High School Orchestra

**Melodie Spencer**, 16

**Hometown:** Albany, GA

**School:** Homeschooled

**Javier F. Torres-Delgado**, 15

**Hometown:** San Juan, Puerto Rico

**School:** Escuela Libre de Música, Ernesto Ramos Antonini

**Youth Orchestra:** Conservatorio de Música de Puerto Rico

**Jiddu Vega**, 14

**Hometown:** Miami, FL

**School:** Miami Arts Charter

**Youth Orchestra:** Florida Youth Symphony

**Diego Zamalloa-Chion**, 16

**Hometown:** Kensington, CA

**School:** The College Preparatory School

**Youth Orchestra:** Crowden Youth Chamber Music Program

**Katherine Zhu**, 14

**Hometown:** San Diego, CA

**School:** Del Norte High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Youth Orchestra of the Californias

1. The Philadelphia Orchestra violinist Daniel Han works with NYO2 violinists.
2. NYO2 violinists perform side-by-side with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center.
3. NYO2 violinists rehearse at Purchase College.

## Violas

**Steven Baloue**, 16

**Hometown:** Chicago, IL

**School:** Homeschooled

**Youth Orchestra:** Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Joshua Cai**, 14

**Hometown:** Mount Sinai, NY

**School:** Mt. Sinai Middle School

**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

**Juliette Duguid**, 15

**Hometown:** Westfield, NJ

**School:** Academy for Allied Health Sciences

**Youth Orchestra:** Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra

**J. David Eulentrop Jr.**, 16

**Hometown:** Winfield, MO

**School:** Homeschooled

**Youth Orchestra:** St. Charles County Youth Orchestra

**Matthew E. Garcia**, 15

**Hometown:** Harlingen, TX

**School:** Harlingen School of Health Professions

**Youth Orchestra:** UTRGV Symphony Orchestra

**Gillian Hilscher**, 15

**Hometown:** Sioux Falls, SD

**School:** Lincoln High School

**Youth Orchestra:** South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Joel Kim**, 16

**Hometown:** Northridge, CA

**School:** North Hollywood Highly Gifted Magnet High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Pasadena Conservatory of Music Chamber Music

**Lily Springer**, 16

**Hometown:** Lehi, UT

**School:** Lehi High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra

**Brenda Wong**, 17

**Hometown:** San Gabriel, CA

**School:** Gabrielino High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Colburn Chamber Orchestra

**Edwina Xiong**, 16

**Hometown:** Diamond Bar, CA

**School:** Troy High School

**Youth Orchestra:** Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra, All-Southern California Honors Orchestra

1. NYO2 performs in a side-by-side concert at the Kimmel Center with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra.
2. Violists Steven Baloue, Lily Springer, and J. David Eulentrop Jr. during the side-by-side performance with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center.
3. The Philadelphia Orchestra violist Che-Hung Chen coaches violist Juliette Duguid during a master class.







## Cellos

**Marcel Alexis Bobé**, 15  
**Hometown:** Corpus Christi, TX  
**School:** Richard King High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Corpus Christi Area Youth Orchestra

**Ella Bondar**, 15  
**Hometown:** Chicago, IL  
**School:** Elk Grove High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Schaumburg Youth Orchestra

**Miles Goosby**, 15  
**Hometown:** Bartlett, TN  
**School:** Arlington High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Memphis Youth Symphony

**Sabine Jung**, 15  
**Hometown:** West Chester, PA  
**School:** Unionville High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

**Gregory Llewellyn**, 15  
**Hometown:** Englewood, NJ  
**School:** The Dwight-Englewood School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Manhattan School of Music Precollege

**Rahel Lulseged**, 17  
**Hometown:** Richardson, TX  
**School:** Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** GDYO's Philharmonic, Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Young Strings

**Levi Samuel Nathan Powe**, 16  
**Hometown:** Tucson, AZ  
**School:** Homeschooled  
**Youth Orchestra:** Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra

**Tanner Rodriguez**, 14  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA  
**School:** International Community School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

1. Cellists Tanner Rodriguez and Gregory Llewellyn play during NYO2's first orchestra reading with Giancarlo Guerrero.
2. Cellist Ella Bondar pauses after NYO2's side-by-side concert with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra.
3. Cellists Marcel Alexis Bobé, Rahel Lulseged, and Levi Samuel Nathan Powe play during a sectional rehearsal at Purchase College.

## Basses

**Braden Ellis**, 14  
**Hometown:** Broomall, PA  
**School:** Homeschooled

**Diego Garza-Romero**, 15  
**Hometown:** Edinburg, TX  
**School:** Johnny G. Economedes High School

**Redd C. Ingram**, 17  
**Hometown:** New Albany, OH  
**School:** New Albany High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

**Jonathan Keith**, 17  
**Hometown:** Houston, TX  
**School:** Memorial Senior High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** 2016 TMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra

**Ethan S. Olaguibel**, 15  
**Hometown:** Miami, FL  
**School:** Coral Reef Senior High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Florida All-State Orchestra, All-County Orchestra, NafME All-National Honors Ensemble

**Hector Ponce**, 16  
**Hometown:** San Jose, CA  
**School:** William C. Overfelt High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** San Jose Youth Symphony

## Flutes

**Sophia Jean**, 16  
**Hometown:** Lakeland, FL  
**School:** Harrison School for the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Harrison Symphony Orchestra

**Tracie Kwon**, 15  
**Hometown:** Germantown, MD  
**School:** Richard Montgomery High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra, New Life Youth Orchestra

**Andrea Velasquez**, 17  
**Hometown:** Kingwood, TX  
**School:** Kingwood Park High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Houston Youth Symphony

1. The NYO2 bass section takes a selfie with The Philadelphia Orchestra bassists Joseph Conyers and Harold Robinson after the side-by-side concert at Verizon Hall.
2. Flutist Tracie Kwon plays for NYO2 flute faculty member Julietta Curenton.







## Oboes

**Donovan Bown**, 16  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA  
**School:** University Prep  
**Youth Orchestra:** Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Richard Huang**, 15  
**Hometown:** Frisco, TX  
**School:** Liberty High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra

**Kara Poling**, 14  
**Hometown:** Reisterstown, MD  
**School:** Sudbrook Magnet Middle School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra, Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra

## Clarinets

**Jonathan Lopez**, 16  
**Hometown:** El Paso, TX  
**School:** Mountain View High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Mikhail Marasigan**, 17  
**Hometown:** Miami, FL  
**School:** New World School of the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** New World Wind Ensemble and Orchestra

**Javier Morales-Martinez**, 15  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA  
**School:** Los Angeles County High School for the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Colburn Wind Ensemble, Lachsa Symphony Orchestra

## Bassoons

**John A. Gonzalez**, 15  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA  
**School:** Los Angeles County High School for the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Youth Orchestra Los Angeles

**Vincent Igusa**, 14  
**Hometown:** Baltimore, MD  
**School:** Towson High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Peabody Youth Orchestra

**Ntinyari Miriti**, 17  
**Hometown:** Lexington, KY  
**School:** Lafayette High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra

1. Oboist Kara Poling listens to oboe coach Hassan Anderson.
2. Clarinetists Javier Morales-Martinez, Mikhail Marasigan, and Jonathan Lopez greet the New York Philharmonic's principal clarinetist Anthony McGill after the orchestra's concert in Van Cortlandt Park.
3. Knoxville Symphony Orchestra bassoonist and NYO2 faculty member Garrett McQueen works with bassoonist Vincent Igusa.

## Horns

**Nathan Bamberger**, 17  
**Hometown:** St. George, VT  
**School:** Champlain Valley Union High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** University of Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Vermont Youth Orchestra

**Nathan Cloeter**, 15  
**Hometown:** Lake Jackson, TX  
**School:** Brazoswood High School

**Parker Jones**, 16  
**Hometown:** Bergenfield, NJ  
**School:** Bergenfield High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** All-State Orchestra

**Nicholas Ochoa**, 16  
**Hometown:** Brownsville, TX  
**School:** James Pace Early College High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Texas All-State Orchestra

**Drew M. Stanley**, 15  
**Hometown:** Idaho Falls, ID  
**School:** Bonneville High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Idaho Falls Youth Symphony

## Trumpets

**Josue Chavez**, 16  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA  
**School:** Los Angeles County School for the Arts  
**Youth Orchestra:** Pasadena Youth Orchestra

**David Green**, 14  
**Hometown:** Santa Rosa, CA  
**School:** Santa Rosa Middle School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Nicholas Recktenwald**, 14  
**Hometown:** Louisville, KY  
**School:** The Youth Performing Arts School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Louisville Youth Orchestra

**Rafniel E. Ríos Babilonia**, 15  
**Hometown:** Aguada, Puerto Rico  
**School:** Arsenio Martinez High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Da Capo Music Academy

1. The NYO2 horn section rehearses at Purchase College.
2. NYO2 trumpet players practice during a sectional at Purchase College.
3. Members of NYO2 perform during the side-by-side concert at Verizon Hall.







# Trombones

**Oliver Lindblom**, 17  
**Hometown:** Rochester, NY  
**School:** Homeschooled  
**Youth Orchestra:** Youth Symphony

**Zak Rahal**, 16  
**Hometown:** Plymouth, MI  
**School:** Canton High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra

# Bass Trombone

**David Schonberger**, 15  
**Hometown:** El Paso, TX  
**School:** Coronado High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestra



# Tuba

**Quentell Gipson III**, 16  
**Hometown:** Stone Mountain, GA  
**School:** Shiloh High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra



1. Zak Rahal, Oliver Lindblom, David Schonberger, and Quentell Gipson III play during an NYO2 brass sectional.
2. MET Orchestra trombone player Weston Sprott works with members of the NYO2 brass section.
3. Tuba player Quentell Gipson III warms up alongside The Philadelphia Orchestra's principal tuba player Carol Jantsch.

# Timpani and Percussion

**Sean Edwards**, 14  
**Hometown:** Chicago, IL  
**School:** Lindblom Math and Science Academy  
**Youth Orchestra:** Percussion Scholarship Group

**Kyle Favors**, 16  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, GA  
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**Andrew Fyles**, 17  
**Hometown:** St. Albans, VT  
**School:** Bellows Free Academy, St. Albans  
**Youth Orchestra:** Vermont Youth Orchestra

**Angelica Lorenzo**, 14  
**Hometown:** Chicago, IL  
**School:** Loyola Academy College Prep  
**Youth Orchestra:** CSO Percussion Scholarship Group



# Harp

**Ben Albertson**, 15  
**Hometown:** Olympia, WA  
**School:** Olympia High School  
**Youth Orchestra:** Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra



1. Percussionists Sean Edwards and Kyle Favors perform before The Philadelphia Orchestra's Neighborhood Concert at Penn's Landing.
2. Percussionists Andrew Fyles and Angelica Lorenzo perform before The Philadelphia Orchestra's Neighborhood Concert at Penn's Landing.
3. Harpist Ben Albertson takes a tour of Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage.





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1. Valery Gergiev chats with Enrico Lopez-Yañez during a short break in a rehearsal.
2. WQXR's Jeff Spurgeon is joined by Carnegie Hall's Executive and Artistic Director Clive Gillinson as co-host for the evening's broadcast of NYO-USA's concert at Carnegie Hall.
3. David Gracia at the NYO2 farewell dinner with violinist Carissa Powe and cellist Levi Powe.
4. Douglas Beck, Paul Sharpe, Jenniffer DeSimone, Suzanne Doyle, Chad Zodrow, Synneve Carlino, Sarah Johnson, and Joseph Soucy at NYO-USA's end-of-tour party in Prague.
5. NYO-USA's resident assistants—August Berger, Dana Kelley, Matt Gray, Alyssa Kayser-Hirsh, Jeff Heiman, Victoria Visceglia, and Gerard Minaya—at the closing party in Prague.
6. Douglas Beck, Amanda Fischer, Siobhan Falanga, and Joseph Soucy before NYO-USA's performance at Carnegie Hall.
7. Douglas Beck and Sarah Johnson at the NYO2 farewell party in Philadelphia.
8. NYO-USA and NYO2 resident assistants pose in front of The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.
9. Carnegie Hall staff members enjoy a thank-you dinner for the NYO-USA summer assistants.



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Valery Gergiev poses with members of NYO-USA.







NYO2 musicians strike a pose during icebreaker activities at Purchase College.

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NYO-USA and conductor Christoph Eschenbach prepare to take a bow after their performance of Bruckner's Sixth Symphony at Carnegie Hall.

“ Thank you NYO-USA for an incredible summer. I can’t begin to process the last three weeks. It’s been amazing to listen to and work with such amazing colleagues and friends. I am so grateful. Much respect and love for NYO-USA 2016. I’m blown away at the level of talent by people I now call my friends. ”

—Elizabeth Egan, NYO-USA composing apprentice