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John Enz • Symphonic Orchestra

Phillip Pugh • String Preparatory & Pro Arte Orchestra

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Dr. Jordan Smith • Saxophone Ensemble & Saxophone Choir

Dr. Alexander Costantino • Brass Choir

Scott Collins • Woodwind Choir

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YOCJ Conductors

John Enz, YOCJ Artistic Director and Conductor of the Symphonic Orchestra, holds a Master's degree in cello performance and music education from Temple University. After completing his undergraduate studies at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, with further studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and at Interlochen Center for the Arts, Mr. Enz spent two years working with the music students of Ecole St. Trinité and the Haitian Orchestra in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He toured with this group on the East Coast and to Tanglewood Music Camp. Mr. Enz began his long association with the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District in 1977 when he took over and nurtured a fledgling string program at Dutch Neck School, continued at Community Middle School and moved to High School North where he taught orchestra and strings before retiring in June 2018. While working with High School North, Mr. Enz toured with his orchestras to Spain, England, Canada, Germany, the Czech Republic and Italy. Mr. Enz was a cellist with the Princeton Symphony for over 30 years and taught at Albemarle Music Camp. He continues to enjoy free-lancing in the area and teaching cello in his private studio. Mr. Enz has been with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey since 1985.

Phillip Pugh, YOCJ Assistant Director and Conductor of the Pro Arte and String Preparatory Orchestras, holds a Master's degree in music theory and a Bachelor's degree in music education from Temple University. In addition to extensive study in violin performance, Mr. Pugh is a registered Suzuki teacher and has also studied string instrument repair and set up under the tutelage of leading luthiers. As a violinist and violist, he performs with the Boheme Opera Company and the New Jersey Capital Philharmonic Orchestra. Additionally, he teaches strings at the West Windsor-Plainsboro's Millstone River School, has served on the faculty of the Csehy Summer School of Music, and maintains an active private studio, teaching violin and viola. Mr. Pugh has been with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey since 1988.

Brian Woodward, Conductor of the Wind Symphony and the Brass Ensemble, earned a Bachelor of Music degree from The College of New Jersey. He has been teaching at West Windsor-Plainsboro's Community Middle School since 1999. Along with teaching, he keeps a busy performing schedule playing the trumpet with many groups around the tri state area. Along with conducting, Mr. Woodward enjoys a busy freelance career as a trumpet player. He has performed with many groups in New Jersey and throughout Pennsylvania such as The Capitol Philharmonic, The Allentown Symphony, The Bohme Opera Orchestra, The Garden State Symphonic Band, Newtown Chamber Orchestra, and the Nassau Brass. Most notably, Mr. Woodward has been the Principal Trumpet for the Eastern Wind Symphony since its inception in 1996. He has performed with this group at Carnegie Hall, and the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. The group was also invited to perform at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic as well as The International Trumpet Guild Conference. Mr. Brian Woodward has been with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey ever since 2001.

Dr. Jordan Smith, Conductor of the Saxophone Choir and Saxophone Ensemble, holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Rutgers University, a Master of Music in saxophone performance from the Manhattan School of Music and a Bachelor of Music in music education degree from The College of New Jersey. He has concertized throughout the U.S., Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, and Greece as a soloist, conductor, chamber and orchestral musician, and has recently performed with the New World Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and the Sifodec Orchestra in such venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and more. As a Chamber musician in NYC and a strong advocate for new music, he has premiered over 30 works for saxophone. His article on Jules Massenet appeared in a 2015 edition of The Saxophone Symposium and a recent article on Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé Suite* was published in a 2011 issue of Saxophone Journal. In addition to YOCJ, Dr. Smith teaches music history at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City. He maintains a large private studio in Princeton, NJ. Dr. Smith joined YOCJ in 2010. Jordanpsmith.com

Dr. Alexander Costantino, Conductor of the Brass Choir, holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts as well as graduate degrees in performance, wind conducting and music education from the University of North Texas, and a Bachelor's degree in music education from TCNJ. He has been a brass practitioner, private instructor and educator in Dallas, Fort Worth, Philadelphia and

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New Jersey. Dr. Costantino has performed with the Sherman Symphony, Las Colinas Symphony, Allen Philharmonic, Lonestar Wind Orchestra, Eastern Wind Symphony and the Princeton Brass Band. A former member of the North Texas Tuba Quartet and Metroplex Brass, he currently plays with the Nassau Brass of Princeton, New Jersey. He teaches music in the Hamilton Township Public School District. Dr. Costantino joined the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey in 2013.

Scott Collins, Conductor of the Woodwind Choir, holds a Master's Degree in Clarinet Performance, a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, both from Temple University, as well as an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from the Valley Forge Military College. Mr. Collins has been teaching in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District since 2004, where he has directed a great variety of ensembles including concert band, jazz band, marching band, and string orchestra. Currently, Mr. Collins teaches concert band at the Community Middle School. In July 2011, he was named a "Conducting Fellow" for the Conducting Workshop for Music Educators at the Juilliard School. Mr. Collins has performed as a clarinetist with the Haddonfield Symphony, the Opera Festival of New Jersey, the Princeton Festival, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and the Arts at St. John's, with whom he performed Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major back in 2014. Mr. Scott Collins joined the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey in 2015.

Sandy Olson, Conductor of the Flute Choir and Ensemble holds a Master of Music in flute performance from Western Illinois University, a Bachelors degree in music education from Arkansas State University, and completed her DMA coursework in flute performance at the University of Illinois. She has been a flute teacher and director of the summer flute camp at Westminster Conservatory as well as a middle school music teacher in South Brunswick, New Jersey for the past twenty years. For the National Flute Association, she is the past chairman of both the High School Soloist Competition and the High School Flute Choir Competition. Her love of nurturing young students started with her Suzuki Flute Teacher Training with Tatsumi Shiojima. She has also performed at both the National Flute Association and the British Flute Association flute conventions. Ms. Sandy Olson is happy to have joined the YOCJ staff in 2016.

Chris Colaneri, Conductor of the Percussion Prep and Percussion Ensemble, holds a Master's in music education from New Jersey City University and a Bachelor's degree in classical performance from Rowan University. Mr. Colaneri has been teaching in the New York and New Jersey Public schools since 1996. He current position is with the Berkeley Heights Public School System. He recently co-founded and is currently the President of the Percussion Educator's Association. Mr. Colaneri's orchestral endeavors have taken him to Spain, France, Israel and Jordan, where he has given many radio and television appearances. Locally, he has performed with the Plainfield Symphony, South Orange Symphony, Haddonfield Symphony, and Metropolitan Orchestra. He has also performed with the touring Symphonic Gerry Garcia featuring Warren Haynes at the Central Park Summer Stage and the PNC Arts Center. As a vibist, marimba and Latin percussion performer, Mr. Colaneri has led his own jazz quartet CCQ for the past seventeen years. This ensemble has given featured performances at NJPAC, various jazz clubs, private corporate and political functions and jazz festivals throughout NJ. He also runs a banquet and wedding orchestra, Legacy Productions. In an endeavor to promote total percussion to the public schools systems, Mr. Colaneri has written articles for the music educator's magazine Tempo and has given lectures at Rowan University and Mason Gross School of the Arts, the New Jersey Music Educator's State Convention and All Eastern. As an author for Oxford University Press, his recent method book The Total Percussionists, can be found in classrooms throughout New Jersey and abroad. Mr. Colaneri just joined YOCJ in 2017.

Barbara Witmer, substitute coach of the Woodwind Chamber Players, as well as the Symphonic Orchestra woodwind section, holds a Master's Degree in Music Education from Ithaca College and a Bachelor's from Lebanon Valley College, also in Music Education. Ms. Witmer is a fifth grade band teacher at Millstone River School in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. Barbara Witmer plays oboe in the Capital Philharmonic Orchestra and performs as a free lance musician in the area. In addition, she also teaches private oboe students from her home in Pennington New Jersey. Ms. Witmer also serves the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey on the Alumni Committee of the Board of Trustees. YOCJ appreciates that Ms. Witmer is able to substitute for Dr. Erin Banholzer during the 2018-19 season, while she is on a leave of absence.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday June 11

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Tuesday September 10

New Student Auditions • Register at yocj.org/auditions

Tuesday September 24

Registration Night • Upper Dining Hall, WWPHS North

Sunday December 15 • 3pm

Winter Small Ensemble Concert • Mayo Hall, TCNJ

Sunday January 19, 2020 • 3pm & 7pm

Winter Large Ensemble Concerts • Kendall Hall, TCNJ

Late June/early July, 2020

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YOCJ MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

YOCJ would like to recognize the students who have been members for 4 or more "seasons". With a multitude of activities clamoring for the attention of all of our talented students, longevity speaks volumes about the loyalty, dedication, and sense of commitment of the following members. Students are listed in the order that they joined YOCJ within each season.

4 Seasons

Samhita Ghosh
Raymond Jia
Mahika Surve
Anthony Wong
Ivan Wong
Ireanne Cao
Laura Chang
Selma Cheeks
Nicholas Epps
Jacob Ferrer
Andrew Huang
Anika Jonelagadda
Anika Kapoor
Jai Kasera
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Ishwari Joshi
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Michael Kong
Cathy Li
Carter Mudgett
Nitya Narayanan
Sancharitha Ramji
Nitin Reganti
Sana Sathaye
Mathew Seng

5 Seasons

Crosby Davidson
Justin Epstein
Madeline Epstein
Chern Yang
Luke Armstrong
Sruti Bapatla
Pratyoy Biswas
Praneel Chakraborty
Annabel Guo
Shivang Luthra
Sharvari Tatachar
Arthur Kim
Safa Morrison
Lakshay Patel
Jimmy Wang

6 Seasons

May Zheng
Ethan Li
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Luna Lee
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7 Seasons

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3:00pm Concert

Wind Symphony

Brian Woodward, Conductor

The Lord of The Rings

Johan deMeij (b.1953)

arr. by Paul Lavend

Flute

Ava Fong
Sancharitha Ramji
Sharvari Tatachar

Piccolo

Sancharitha Ramji

Oboe

Rachel Wang

Clarinet

Junkai Gong
Aiden Holman
Sahana Iyer
Ram Peddu
Meenakshi Rao
Dheeksha Sudhakar
Kylie Zhou

Bass Clarinet

Aiden Holman

Bassoon

Emily Brieva
Liz Rosa +

Trumpet

Aaron Cruz
Karishma Dhayagude
Shrihith Manoj

French Horn

Alyssa Chang
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Trombone

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Euphonium

James Gater
Allen Zhang

Tuba

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Alto Saxophone

Justin Morgan
Sidharth Rao
Abhik Mojumdar

Tenor Saxophone

Aryan Avdhanam
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Percussion

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James Ward will be graduating Hightstown High School this year. He will be attending Rutgers University in the fall and intends to double major in aerospace engineering and mathematics. He will also be enrolled in flight school as he begins his pursuit of a career in aviation flying commercially. James started playing the Violin at the age of 8 and joined YOCJ in the 2011-12 season when he was 11. James also started playing the Trombone at the age of 7, an instrument he enjoys playing in his school's Wind Ensemble. Among his many achievements, James holds a 1st degree black belt in Taekwondo and was part of the first high school class in American history to write a federal bill and have it signed into law. During his free time, James enjoys building miniature models or flying on the simulator. James would like to thank his parents for inspiring and supporting his pursuit of music over the years.

Anthony Wong is currently a senior at WPHS South and will be studying Pharmacy at Rutgers University this fall. He started playing the violin in 4th grade, started lessons with Dr. Kevin Tsai and is now under the instruction of Katarzyna Powichrowska. Anthony joined YOCJ in 2016 and has performed in the Symphonic Orchestra ever since. He has performed with both the NJ Region II and All-State Orchestra during the 2017-2018 season. In school, he has held various principal positions in his orchestra, is on the Orchestra Council, and has played in multiple pit orchestras. On the piano, he has finished the ABRSM curriculum, competed in National League for 2 years, and participated in NJMTA for several years. Outside of music, Anthony is a member of the National Honor Society, an officer for South's Chinese Club, and a captain of High School South's Varsity Swim Team. He enjoys listening to many genres of music and sleeping. Lastly, he would like to thank his friends, family, teachers, and orchestra directors for pushing him to keep working hard and making music a lifelong passion he will hold onto forever.



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Alicia Method is a senior at Bordentown Regional High School and will be attending Gettysburg College this upcoming fall to study English and Music. She joined YOCJ in the 2013-2014 season and has been playing cello since fourth grade. She qualified and performed with the South Jersey Regional Orchestra for six years. Some of her favorite hobbies include reading, writing, and dance. She would like to thank Mr. Enz for being such an incredibly patient and dedicated private tutor as well as conductor. She appreciates his enthusiasm for linking her love of literature and cello by teaching her to always find the story in the music. She would also like to thank YOCJ for opening the door to many wonderful experiences such as working with Yumi Kendall in a masterclass, traveling in Germany, and playing with their orchestras.

Ayush Vikram is a senior at WPHS North. A trumpet player, he is a member of the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, and Marching Band, in which he was also the Historian. He has performed with the Philharmonic Orchestra, most recently during the tour to Portugal, and has been in the Region II Jazz Band. Ayush plans to study Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign while also participating in musical activities. Apart from his musical endeavors, he has served as President of the MIT LaunchX Club, Mercer County 4-H Ambassador, FTC Robotics Mentor, and has competed at the Future Problem Solving Program International Competition and at math competitions as part of his school math team. In YOCJ, he is a member of the Symphonic Orchestra and the Brass Choir. He would like to thank his current YOCJ conductors, Mr. Enz and Dr. Costantino, his current and former band directors, Mr. Bencivengo, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Collins, and his former private teacher, TJ Brungard, for providing support and guidance and allowing him to better his abilities.



String Preparatory Orchestra

Phillip Pugh, Conductor

Simple Symphony

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

- I. Boisterous Bourrée
- II. Playful Pizzicato
- III. Sentimental Saraband
- IV. Frolicsome Finale

Violin I

Beatrice Cai
Meghana Ivaturi
Darby Ko
Emily Liu
Ram Rallapalli
Shyamananda Salem
Arshia Tadipatri
Shubhan Trivedi
Henry Tsai *
Kayla Zhang

Viola

Joanne Bennet *
Jessica Chen
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Violin II

Richard Aerath
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Prisha Bagchi
Julie Cai
Marcus Huang
Krish Lenka
Eliana Ozsvath
Aadvik Parhi
Angad Singh
Sloka Vendra
Joyce Wu *
Kyson Zhou

* = Principal Player

Cello

Sidhak Arneja
Leel Dias *
Luke Ferrer
Nethaka Hald
Lucas Horowitz
Ethan Hung
Aditya Kapoor
Allen Lee
Aaron Li
Parishi Narain
Richa Palle
Aarav Patel
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Ethan Xu

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Symphony in C Minor, Op. 31 "La Paix"

- I. La Revolution
 - Marche de Anglois
 - Marche des Autrichiens et Prussiens
- II. Marche Fumbre
- III. Marche de Anglois
 - Marche des Alliés
 - Tumulte d'une Bataille

Paul Wranitzky
(1756-1808)

Violin I

Laura Chang
Evan Chen
Timothy Fong
Samhita Ghosh
Shreya Joshi
Michael Kong
Julie Liu
Katherine Monroe
Nikhil Srinivasan
Shriya Sudhakar
Ivan Wong *
Chern Yang
Grace Yuan
Ino Zhu

Violin II

Aashi Chanda
Ritika Chinta
Alekyia Dantam
Bhavya Deshaboina
Jai Kasera
Sanjay Kaushik *
Elizabeth Li
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Neal Haldar
Sarayu Kodali *
Soham Sinha

Cello

Sahas Chodhari
Jinhu Chung
Jacob Ferrer
Mahati Gorthy
Ishwari Joshi
Viktor Pullan
Kevin Song
Olivia Tang *
Jacob Woodward
Jacob Young
Jeffrey Yuan

Double Bass

Praachi Chakraborty
Madeline Epstein
Arnav Joshi
Ved Karamsetty
Laura-Simone Martin *

* = Principal Player

Pro Arte Orchestra & Wind Symphony

Phillip Pugh & Brian Woodward, Conductors

Danse Bacchanale
from *Samson et Dalila*

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Raiders March
from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

John Williams (b. 1932)

been involved in the Rising Stars and Music Teachers National Association Competitions. This is Charlotte's 3rd semester with the YOCJ Saxophone Choir, and is excited to be conducting her arrangement of Appalachian Spring in her last concert. She is also excited to be performing *An American In Paris* with the Symphonic Orchestra, as playing in an orchestra has been a dream come true! Charlotte would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers for supporting her throughout her musical journey. She is excited to attend Michigan State University as a double major in Saxophone Performance and Music Education.

Raghuram Jasti is a senior at West Windsor Plainsboro High School North who has been playing the saxophone for seven years. He joined the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey playing the alto saxophone in the Saxophone Choir. He currently has Dr. Jordan Smith as his private teacher for the last two years. He will be attending TCNJ later this year as a biology major.

Raymond Jia is a Senior at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South. Attending Georgia Tech as an ECE major in the fall, Raymond has been playing the violin since 1st grade and has been with many teachers, Ms. Smale, Mrs. Chika, Ms. Wu, and Mr. Law. Joining YOCJ in 7th grade, he went with YOCJ on the Europe tour to Austria and the Czech Republic in 2014 and left briefly before returning in 9th Grade. Raymond participates in a multitude of musical ensembles aside from South's Philharmonia and YOCJ, playing in New Jersey's Regional and All-State orchestras and the All-Eastern Honors Orchestra as well as working with South's Nonet and Pit Orchestra. He would like to thank his parents and especially his violin teachers Ms. Smale and Mr. Law for instilling in him a love for music that has and will continue to guide his life. Raymond would also like to thank his friends who have accompanied him in his music endeavors and helped him to truly understand the power of music and its joys beyond the stage.

Eashan Krishnamoorthy currently attends the Central Jersey College Prep Charter School. He has committed to go to Rutgers University - New Brunswick and plans on majoring in BAIT (Business Analytics and Informational Technology). He started playing alto saxophone in fourth grade. His past private teachers include Scott Grimaldi and his current is Sridhar Sagar. He joined YOCJ in his freshman year of high school. He enjoys cooking, playing sports, and playing music. Eashan would like to thank his sister for inspiring him to play music and his parents for their continued support.

Jocelyn Lim attends Lawrence High School and has been playing the violin since she was in fourth grade. She joined the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey in ninth grade. She thanks her parents and her private violin teacher, Joan Cordas, for their support.

Selma Cheeks attends Nottingham High School in Hamilton NJ. She plans on first joining the Army National Guard then go to Rowan University in the Spring. She plans on studying Health Science while she's there. Selma started playing the French Horn in the fall of 2014. The French Horn isn't her primary instrument however. She has also been playing trumpet since 2010. Selma currently studies with Roger Prieto and used to study with Tom Bonomo and Jarret Susswein. Selma joined YOCJ in the fall of 2015 and she's received numerous awards since then. In 2017 she joined the Raiders Drum and Bugle Corps and received 'Most Improved Member.' Later in 2017 she was awarded with the Outstanding Musicianship award from Hamilton High West's Jazz Festival. In early 2018 she joined Eastern Wind Symphony and was titled as the Principal Trumpet for the group. Later in 2018 she had the opportunity to be a Drum Major for her school's marching band. During the final stretch of the season, her marching band broke the school record with a score of 87.775. She would love to thank Mr. Penkala, Dr. Costantino, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Enz, Mr. Warshafsky, Mr. Kuntz, Mr. Susswein, and Mrs. Klek for always seeing her potential and helping her achieve great things.

Nell Diebel attends Allentown High School and plans to go to Rutgers University to major in Music Education and Music Performance. She has been playing bassoon for three years and taking private lessons with Dr. Wickham. She only joined YOCJ this year but has enjoyed her time there. Nell was accepted into CJMEA regions orchestra and the All-Shore concert band along with being able to travel to Ireland to play with the Royal Irish Academy of Music's summer orchestra program. In her spare time she does boxing competitions and likes to read. She is thankful to her band teacher Mr. Hecht for helping her pursue music.

Taylor Eng is a current student at Allentown High School. Since starting the clarinet in the fourth grade, Taylor has been a member of her school's marching band and served as Drum Major this past season, and has also been involved in High Street Winds Woodwind Quartet and Trio. She is a member of her high school's Symphonic Band class. She leads and plays in the rehearsals for her high school's clarinet ensemble as well, and studies clarinet privately with Gregory Marsh. This is Taylor's first year in YOCJ. She would like to thank her teachers, mentors, friends, and parents for supporting her and pushing her to continue pursuing music beyond high school. She plans on attending the University of Delaware in the fall, majoring in Instrumental Music Education.

Charlotte Jansky is a senior at Red Bank Regional High School, in Little Silver. Charlotte started playing the saxophone in fourth grade and has studied with Peter Laurance and her current teacher, Jon Wintringham. She has been a four-year member of the All Shore Symphonic Band, holding the first chair position for the past two years. Charlotte has also

Congratulations 2019 Region & All State members

Abhik Mojumdar, Saxophone, Region Intermediate Band
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Aditya Kapoor, Cello, Region Intermediate Orchestra
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Arty Li, Bass, Region High School Orchestra
Aryan Avadhanam, Saxophone, Region Intermediate Band
Aryanam Tomar, Bass, Region Intermediate Orchestra, All State Intermediate
Crosby Davidson, Cello, Region High School Orchestra
Drew Borek, Trumpet, Region High School Band & Orchestra, All State Band and Orchestra, All Eastern Band
Elayne Jia, Viola, Region High School Orchestra, All State Orchestra
Elizabeth Ferrara, French Horn, Region High School Band & Orchestra
Emmanuel Ramos, Trumpet, Region High School Band & Orchestra, All State Band
Gaurav Kakarla, Bass, Region Intermediate Orchestra, All State Intermediate
Ivan Wong, Violin, Region Intermediate Orchestra, All State Intermediate
Jai Kaser, Violin, Region Intermediate Orchestra
Janardhan Raghunathan, French Horn, Region Intermediate Band
Jimmy Wang, Saxophone, Region High School Band, All State High School Band
Jinhu Chung, Cello, Region Intermediate Orchestra
Junkai Gong, Clarinet, Region Intermediate Band
Kylie Zhou, Clarinet, Region Intermediate Band
Lakshmi Madhav, Flute, Region Intermediate Band
Laura Liao, Violin, Region High School Orchestra
Laura Simone Martin, Bass, Region Intermediate Orchestra, All State Intermediate
Leel Dias, Cello, Intermediate Region Orchestra
Luke Armstrong, Tuba, Region High School Band, All State High School Band
Madeline Epstein, Bass, Region High School Orchestra
Mathew Seng, Trombone, Region High School Band
Meenakshi Rao, Clarinet, Region Intermediate Band
Nell Diebel, Bassoon, Region High School Orchestra
Nitin Reganti, Bass, Region High School Orchestra, All State High School Orchestra
Praachi Chakraborty, Bass, Region Intermediate Orchestra, All State Intermediate
Praneel Chakraborty, Bass, Region High School Orchestra, All State High School
Rachel Wong, Oboe, Region Intermediate Band
Raj Venugopal, Percussion, Region Intermediate Band
Rishi Patel, Trombone, Region High School Band
Rithika Iyengar, Clarinet, Region High School Band and Orchestra
Sahas Chodhari, Cello, Region Intermediate Orchestra
Samhith Manoj, Tuba, Region Intermediate Band
Sanjay Kaushik, Violin, Region Intermediate Orchestra
Sara Srinivasan, Flute, Region Intermediate Band
Sarayu Kodali, Viola, Region Intermediate Orchestra, All State Intermediate
Shreyas Kanwar, Oboe, both Region & All State High School Band & Orchestra
Shrihith Manoj, Trumpet, Region Intermediate Band
Sidharth Rao, Saxophone, Region Intermediate Band
Sounish Ghosh, Percussion, Region Intermediate Band
Sriya Bapatla, Viola, Region High School Orchestra
Sruti Bapatla, Bass, Region Intermediate Orchestra, All State Intermediate Orch.
Tej Venugopal, Percussion, Region Intermediate Band
Ved Karamsetty, Bass, Region High School Orchestra, All State High School

7:00pm Concert

Saxophone Choir

Dr. Jordan Smith, Conductor

"Simple Gifts"

from *Appalachian Spring*

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

arr. Charlotte Jansky

Charlotte Jansky, Student Conductor

Meditation

Mark Alan Taggart (b. 1956)

Variations on America

Charles Ives (1874-1954)

arr. Paul Cohen

Soprano

Timothy Chen
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Alto

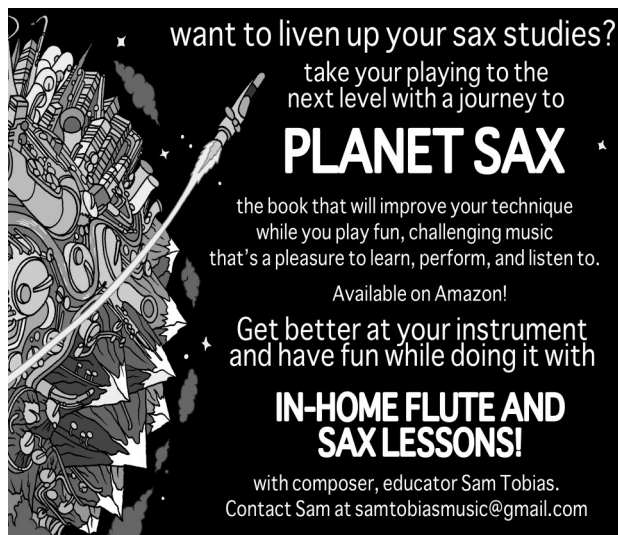
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Ribhav Bose is currently a senior at West Windsor Plainsboro high school north, and will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall to study Economics. He started playing the viola at age 8 under Mr. Paul Manulik and has continued to take lessons from him since then. Ribhav has been a member of YOCJ since fifth grade. He's also participated in the Central Jersey Regional Orchestra and New Jersey State orchestras through middle and high school. Outside of the viola, Ribhav loves to do crosswords, play games, and watch TV. He'd like to thank Mr. Paul Manulik, the YOCJ family and specifically Mr. Enz and Mr. Pugh, his parents and his brother for helping him along his musical journey.

Lauren Cao is currently a student at High School South. Lauren plans to attend Duke University with a major in biomedical engineering. She was first introduced to violin at the age of four by her neighbor Chika Mimura, who became her first violin teacher. Three years ago, she began studying under Nancy Wilson. She joined YOCJ in seventh grade and has stayed ever since for the wonderful music, amazing teachers, and the great friends she's made. Lauren also recently participated in the pit orchestra for Playful Theater Productions' *Sunset Boulevard*, an experience she would highly recommend to all younger musicians. She would like to thank Ms. Chika for introducing her to the wonderful world of music, as well as her current and former private teachers for putting up with her fervent hatred toward practicing scales! Lauren would also like to thank her conductors at YOCJ, Mr. Enz and Mr. Pugh, for encouraging her love of music these past six years. She would like to thank her parents for starting her musical journey. Finally, Lauren would like to thank her sister Ireanne, her quartet, and all her friends for supporting her these past years.

Laura Chang attends Lawrence High School and intends to pursue a Biology major in the Seven-Year-Optometry program at The College of New Jersey. She started playing the violin in fourth grade at the House of Music with Mr. Lou and later, Mr. Collins. Laura joined YOCJ in seventh grade, and looks forward to playing violin in college. She has been selected as a delegate and received the Award of Excellence in the Congress of Future Medical Leaders and successfully taught in the LHS STEM Academy's Geology Seminar series. She is actively involved in STEM Academy, Science Olympiad, Chemistry Club and National Honors Society. Laura also participated in children service at her church as a main teacher. She would like to thank Mr. Collins and her classical music playlist for inspiring her in her musical pursuits.

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Senior Biographies

Elizabeth Barstein is a senior at High School South. Elizabeth has proudly been a part of the band program since 2011. She initially chose to play the euphonium because of how uncommon it was, and was eager to join YOCJ, which she has been a part of for 7 years. Through music, Elizabeth has had the chance to perform for her community, travel to Europe, and be a part of Regions/All-State band. She is incredibly grateful that music has given her these unique opportunities to learn. Elizabeth would like to thank her family for their support along with her teacher of 7 years, Brad Ward, for constantly inspiring, challenging, and encouraging her to be a better musician. As she goes off to college at Brandeis University, she is excited to pursue her love for learning languages and continue her passion for music.

Alec Berger has attended Princeton Day School for the past four years and this fall will attend Grinnell College in Iowa. He has been playing French Horn since fifth grade, and joined YOCJ in seventh grade. Alec has studied with Karen Schubert and currently studies with Dr. Craig Levesque. Other than playing French Horn, Alec is a photographer, plays guitar, and does creative writing. He would like to thank his parents, Karen and Elliot, and his two sisters, Tessa and Chloe for encouraging him over the years.

Symphonic Orchestra

John Enz Conductor

The Butterfly Lovers Concerto

**He Zhanhao & Chen Gang
(1959)**

Raymond Jia, Violin

Senior Concerto Competition Winner

Overture from Rienzi

Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

An American In Paris

George Gershwin (1898-1937)

Violin I

Ireanne Cao
Lauren Cao
Vivian Chen
Annabel Guo
Andrew Huang
Raymond Jia **
Sonya Jin
Luna Lee
Laura Liao
Lakshay Patel
Anthony Wong
May Zheng

Violin II

Annika Ault
Nicholas Epps
Anika Kapoor *
Rishima Kasi
Sullivan Lee
Angela Li
Cathy Li
Ethan Li
Jocelyn Lim
James Ward

Viola

Sriya Bapatla
Ribhav Bose *
Guha Gurushankar
Elayne Jia
Dhruvi Raghuraman
Parth Shastri
Sundhararajan Vinodh-
Sangeetha

Harp

Justin Epstein

** = Concertmaster

* = Principal Player

Cello

Crosby Davidson
Justin Epstein
Blenda Guo
Ivan Ho
Anika Jonelagadda
Arthur Kim
Gracelynn Lu
Vrshaank Mahesh
Alicia Method *
Safa Morrison
Lewen Sun

Double Bass

Sruti Bapatla
Praneel Chakraborty
Arthur Li *
Nitin Reganti

Flute

Ahani Murthy
Anny Shi
Swetha Yogeswaran

Piccolo

Lakshmi Madhav

Oboe

Shreyas Kanwar
Barbara Witmer +

English Horn

Shreyas Kanwar

Clarinet

Taylor Eng
Rithika Iyengar
Helen Zhu

Bass Clarinet

Taylor Eng

+ = Educator

Bassoon

Nell Diebel
Peter Houdalis+

Alto Saxophone

Charlotte Jansky

Tenor Saxophone

Oliver Cai
Shivang Luthra

Baritone Saxophone

Patrick Kline

French Horn

Alec Berger
Selma Cheeks
Elizabeth Ferrara

Trumpet

Drew Borek
Carter Mudgett
Emmanuel Ramos
Courtney Sawada
Ayush Vikram

Trombone

Nitya Narayanan
Rishi Patel
Mathew Seng

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