



Class of 2015!

BOSTON COLLEGE

Melanie Qing, Violin
Years in MYA: 8 Years
Anticipated Major: Finance

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Emma Parkinson, Viola
Years in MYA: 8 Years
Anticipated Major: Journalism
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: When the 2012-2013 Concert orchestra played Haydn Symphony 104 without Dr.D conducting...for our concert performance.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Katie Jenks, Flute
Years in MYA: 6 Years
Anticipated Major: Undecided but probably something in the realm of Applied Math and Economics
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: When I was in Concert Orchestra, we were warming up on stage at Pick-Staiger and the principal violin player began playing our symphony. Within five minutes the whole orchestra was playing along. We played all the way to the end of the symphony, still waiting for Dr. Dennis to appear. Turns out he was watching the whole time.
"Whyyyyy youuuu ruashhhhh?????????"

CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

Daniel Kaler, Cello
Years in MYA: 2 Years
Anticipated Major: Cello Performance
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing the Vivaldi Double concerto with I'Solisti

Ben Smelser, Trombone
Years in MYA: 3 Years
Anticipated Major: Trombone Performance
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing tenor tuba on Don Quixote
"Why you rush?!"

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Chris Gao, Cello
Years in MYA: 8 Years
Anticipated Major: Undecided
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Sight-reading Bartok No. 2 2nd movement

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

Reed Cawley, Oboe
Years in MYA: 2 Years

Nicholas Slaggert, Trumpet

Years in MYA: 3 Years
Anticipated Major: Trumpet Performance
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Performing Mahler 1 at Pick-Staiger

David Wagner, Trumpet

Years in MYA: 2 Years
Anticipated Major: Trumpet Performance
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Awkwardly warming up in the bathroom with Nick before quintet rehearsal

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Riley Bernardi, Flute
Years in MYA: 1 Years
Anticipated Major: Flute Performance

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Sean Knapp, Double Bass
Years in MYA: 1 Year
Anticipated Major: Classical Performance
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Bass classes
"Hit the mother!"

Taylor Kroma, Bass

Years in MYA: 1 Year
Anticipated Major: Jazz Studies and Music Education
Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Taking pictures of an egg and sending them to Mr. Madsen during rehearsal

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Deanna Stephenson, Violin

Years in MYA: 6 Years

Anticipated Major: Global Business

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: My favorite memory is when Dr. D let us play without a conductor for one piece on the concert. I think it was Haydn's Symphony #104.

"Why you rush?" Dr. D

THE HARTT SCHOOL

Carissa McQuaid, Violin

Years in MYA: 8 Years

Anticipated Major: Violin Performance/Minor: Dance Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Performing at different schools with I'Solisti

"Rip the mother!" -Dr. D

HARVARD COLLEGE

Adam Wrobel, Drums

Years in MYA: 6 Years

Anticipated Major: Undecided

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Sunday night Big Band rehearsals

"Everything's better with a Dilla beat" -Chris Madsen

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Sam Biemer, Violin

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Math and Violin Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing at Symphony Center last year

"Don't give yourself the pleasure of going on"

Bailey Knowles, Viola

Years in MYA: 1 Years

Anticipated Major: Music Education

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: When Dr. D forgot his pants for the holiday concert

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Daniel Sahyouni, Percussion

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Anticipated Major: Music Education

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: In my first MYA concert I was playing timpani on the fourth movement of Shostakovich 10, and Dr. D looked at me before a huge roll and raised his violently shaking arm at me while wearing a passionately angry expression on his tomato red face. At the

time I didn't know Dr. D very well so it left quite the impression and the image is forever burned into my mind. Now I realize that moment basically sums up Dr. D completely!

"Rip the Mother!" - Dr. D

Janani Sivakumar, Violin

Years in MYA: 4 Years

Anticipated Major: Violin Performance and Computer Science

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: I'Solisti with Mr. Pikler

"Borscht for breakfast, borscht for lunch, borscht for dinner!" - Dr. D

THE JULLIARD SCHOOL

Joe Bricker, Percussion

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Classical Percussion - Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Performing Rite of Spring

KNOX COLLEGE

Graeme Gover, Guitar

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Music, art, creative writing

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Hearing my song performed last year

"'Pyongyang Blues' sounds too political for us to play" -- Mr Pierson

LAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Yoan Ganev, Piano

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Biology (Possibly Music as a double major)

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: When I played the harpsichord with the Baroque Ensemble. It was a new and exciting experience!

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Megan Anderson, Oboe

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Anticipated Major: Music Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: The "Woodwind Olympics" sophomore year

"Why you rrrrrrrush?"

Travis Ritchie, Piano

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Mechanical Engineering
"Haybürner" -Chris Madsen

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Paris Benson-Perez, Violin

Years in MYA: 8 Years

Anticipated Major: Psychology

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Summer chamber camp

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Kalina Yang, Cello

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Chemical Engineering

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Sean Holly, Bass Trombone

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Trombone Performance

Aidan Perreault, Violin

Years in MYA: 9 Years

Anticipated Major: Math/Violin double degree

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing Beethoven at Fischhoff with Quartet Fuoco
"Let me consult my book of smells." -Mr. Pikler

Eugene Yakubovich, Tenor Saxophone

Years in MYA: 4 Years

Anticipated Major: Music Education, Jazz Study

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Meeting Chris Madsen and playing with him at one of the combo concerts over the song Work Song which was amazing

Steven Zhang, Clarinet

Years in MYA: 5 Years

Anticipated Major: Clarinet Performance and Applied Mathematics

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Shostakovich 10

OBERLIN COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY

Nina Laube, Bassoon

Years in MYA: 4 Years

Anticipated Major: Bassoon Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Preparing and performing Tchaikovsky Symphony no. 5

There was one year I thought about quitting MYA, but Dr. D called me personally and convinced me otherwise. I don't remember the exact words, but that conversation had a huge impact on me.

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Jenna George, Violin

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Special Education, Spanish

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing at Millenium Park

PEABODY INSTITUTE OF THE JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Rania Adamczyk, Violin

Years in MYA: 10 Years

Anticipated Major: Music Composition

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: When we were rehearsing the Tchaikovsky violin concerto one year to play with a Walgreens Concerto Competition winner, we got to the point where the soloist comes in and Dr. D asked if any of the violinists in the orchestra knew the solo line and could play it for the rehearsal. A violinist named James Hanford, who was sitting two stands in front of me, started in on the spot and beautifully played the solo for us through the entire movement.

Conor Flynn, Double Bass

Years in MYA: 7 Years

Anticipated Major: Double Bass

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Tour to France and The Netherlands

"Wait a minute...We've got a B-52 bomber convention back in the bass section."

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Lucia Zhang, Violin

Years in MYA: 6 Years

Anticipated Major: Economics

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Going to France!
*"Why you rush..." *cue eyebrow wiggle**

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

Rebecca Clewett, French Horn

Years in MYA: 6 Years

Anticipated Major: Mechanical Engineering

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: The European trip to France and the Netherlands

"How far away is this?"- Mr. Bruce Daugherty

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Matthew Bæckelandt, Tenor Saxophone

Years in MYA: 5 Years

Anticipated Major: General Engineering

Tiffany Chung, Violin

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Anticipated Major: Chemical Engineering

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: performing with my chamber group and at Symphony Center!

"Why. You. Rrrrusssh??" – Dr. D

Marc Edler, Trombone

Years in MYA: 4 Years

Anticipated Major: Music

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: "The Lick"

Maggie Hunt, Oboe

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: International Business

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing at Pick-Staiger

"Beethoven knew Jaws before Jaws knew Jaws"

Walter Lindwall, Cello

Years in MYA: 6 Years

Anticipated Major: History

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Visiting Paris on the European tour

"Why you rush?"

Sunny Liu, Violin

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Anticipated Major: Business

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: The speech that Dr. D gave after he came back to rehearsals after he fell off his stool

"Rip into the mother!"

Allison Milligan, Flute

Years in MYA: 8 Years

Anticipated Major: Flute Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing Shosti 5 at Symphony Center

Any of Dr. D's viola jokes

Zach Molina, Piano

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: undecided

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Seeing all the birch creek kids again

"Take a Za break"

Daniel Ostrow, Violin

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Violin Performance and Mathematics

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing Stravinsky's Rite of Spring

Charles Price, Tuba

Years in MYA: 5 Years

Anticipated Major: Music Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Our new world symphony concert

"How far away is this?" -Mr. Daugherty

Madelyn Tenuta, Flute

Years in MYA: 4 Years

Anticipated Major: Flute Performance and Music Technology

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: My favorite memories from MYA are the times when we would have hours between our dress rehearsal and the actual concert so we would all just hang out and talk and laugh.

Matthew Young, Alto Saxophone

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Engineering Physics

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: The Lick, in all twelve of its beautiful keys.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Nathan Goldin, Horn

Years in MYA: 7 Years

Anticipated Major: Horn performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing Brahms Symphony No. 2 in Église de la Madeleine on the tour to France and the Netherlands

"Everybody's calm!"

Daniel Nibeck, Trumpet

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Anticipated Major: Sound Engineering

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Hanging out with the trumpets

Marissa Takaki, Bassoon

Years in MYA: 5 Years

Anticipated Major: Bassoon Performance and Music Business

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Honestly, there are way too many to pick one. But I have to say, performing Mahler 1 and playing with the Lang Lang Scholars at Millennium Park were definite highlights.

"What was that? It sounded like a beer fart!"

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Lexa Deamant, Bassoon

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Bassoon Performance and Music Ed

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Meeting new people

"Don't do what I say do what I mean"-Mr.A

Isabel Frye, Viola

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Anticipated Major: Music/ Viola Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: I Solisti

Jesse Sacks, Trumpet

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Music Education

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: When Dr. Dennis had to wear jeans to the Christmas concert because he left them at home

"Trumpets, bells up! Play louder... you're trumpet players!"

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TWIN CITIES

Samuel Boundy, Cello

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: undecided

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing Shosty 5

Alex Vanden Bussche, Oboe / English Horn

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Anticipated Major: Mechanical Engineering

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing Shostakovich 5 at Symphony Center

"Don't tell your parents I said that" - Dr. D

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Solena Rizzato, Viola

Years in MYA: 6 Years

Anticipated Major: Meteorology/Viola Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Performing with the Lang Lang Scholars at Millennium Park

"Give every single moment of every single day, everything that you've got." -Dr. D

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

Karl Lingner, Bass

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Meteorology

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Tap dancing at Ravinia

"Hahaha, y'all are never going to get a quote from me!"

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Matthew Hancock, Bassoon

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Undecided

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing New World

"Why you rush" - Dr. D.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Corey Hong, Violin/Cello

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Undecided

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Jam Sessions with Jiwon, Ezra, and Lizzy at Pick-Staiger

"Why you rush?"

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Liah Watt, Clarinet

Years in MYA: 11 Years

Anticipated Major: Neuroscience and Clarinet Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Wandering around Notre Dame in the rain on the France-Netherlands Tour

"I don't know what I would do every Saturday if I didn't come to orchestra." - Dr. D

WHEATON COLLEGE

Timothy Banna, Violin

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Violin Performance

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing with the incredibly talented Lang Lang winners

Lea Wells, Oboe

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Anticipated Major: Music with Elective Studies in Business

WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Allen Wang, Violin and Piano

Years in MYA: 8 Years

Anticipated Major: Undecided

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Seeing the smiles on the faces of my YMS students I have been teaching Tuesday nights for the last 3 years, Dr. D's enlightening and inspirational personality, Walgreens Concerto Competitions. Thank you Dr. D!!!

"The process is the journey"

UNDECIDED

Christopher Affinito, Violin

Years in MYA: 5 Years

Will Finnegan, Guitar

Years in MYA: 2 Years

Anticipated Major: Engineering

Grant Herbert, Viola

Years in MYA: 2 Years

School: MSOE or UW Whitewater

Anticipated Major: undecided

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Playing String Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 27 by Grieg

Erin Hoffman, Viola

Years in MYA: 5 Years

School: Deciding between Colgate University, Amherst College, and Denison University

Anticipated Major: English

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: When Dr. D couldn't find his pants to the holiday concert, so he showed up in half a suit and jeans.

"Hit the mother!" --Dr. Dennis

Sophia Huang, Violin

Years in MYA: 1 Year

Sean O'Reilly, Percussion

Years in MYA: 4 Years

School: St. Olaf or Grinnell

Anticipated Major: Music/Economics

"It's all 90s weekend, Bro"

Mary Sliva, Violin

Years in MYA: 4 Years

Anticipated Major: Violin Performance

Eric von Holst, Double Bass

Years in MYA: 3 Years

Most Memorable Moment at MYA: Performing at Symphony Center

"Lay into the mother" - Dr. D

Vicky Wen, Cello

Years in MYA: 4 Years

Anticipated Major: Art - illustration

Most Memorable Moment at MYA:

France/Netherlands tour

"That was...better!...uh..."