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Two Hochstein Students Named to Carnegie Hall's NYO2 Intensive Summer Program

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are two of four N.Y. state students selected*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— **Epongue Ekille** (violin) of Rochester and **Oliver Lindblom** (trombone) of Irondequoit are **two of only four New York State students** selected for the inaugural year of **Carnegie Hall's NYO2 summer program**. An extension of the National Youth Orchestra of the USA, this two-week intensive for outstanding American instrumentalists ages 14–17 will culminate in a side-by-side performance on July 2 with The Philadelphia Orchestra. Both are students at the Hochstein School of Music & Dance.

A violin student in Hochstein Faculty member An-Chi Lin's studio, **Epongue Ekille** recently earned multiple awards from the Royal Conservatory Music Development Program and she is also a four-time winner of Hochstein's Merit Scholarships in both violin and piano. She is in Hochstein's Honors Certificate Program and a member of a scholarship piano trio. A junior at Fairport High School, Ekille has been studying music at the Hochstein School since her early childhood.

Oliver Lindblom, a homeschooled junior, is principal trombone of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) – with whom he has toured France and Austria – and a member of Hochstein's

Scholarship Trombone Choir. Recipient of the 2014 George A. Pettersen Scholarship, he also won the HYSO Concerto Competition and performed as a soloist with the orchestra in spring 2015. He studies trombone with Hochstein faculty member Ben David Aronson.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School of Music & Dance celebrates 95 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, the Hochstein School continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

About NYO2: Created by Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute, NYO2 brings together outstanding young American instrumentalists ages 14–17 for a two-week, intensive summer training program at Purchase College, SUNY. An extension of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA), NYO2 offers an opportunity for participants to play alongside exceptionally talented peers and learn from a world-class faculty. The program aims to expand the pool of young musicians across the country equipped with the tools to succeed at the highest level, particularly those who will bring greater diversity to classical orchestral music and/or those who have not had access to highly selective training opportunities outside of their local community. As a central part of NYO2, participants will have the opportunity to work closely with select members of The Philadelphia Orchestra, and NYO2's 2016 season culminates with the young musicians performing in an exciting side-by-side performance with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra at Verizon Hall in Philadelphia on July 2. For more information, visit www.carnegiehall.org/nyo2.

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