

HOCHSTEIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS
2020





HYSO CONCERTS

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FEBRUARY 9, 2020



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SPRING 2020

Violin I

Luke Pisani, *Concertmaster*
Yuki Wada, *Asst. Concertmaster*
Catharine Runion
Eliana Alweis
Alina Chadwick
Emma Somers
Emma Dickerson
Hoja Arzanesh
Jett Kopalek
Micah Kim
Shu Shu Wu
Chris Han
Melody Kruchten
Audrey Chung
Erica Liu
Ethan Richardson
David Suh

Violin II

Shawn Mou, *Principal*
Pratham Bhamare, *Asst. Principal*
Shreya Mocherla
Meera Pandya
Joshua Cotto
Anna Couch
Aden Bany Ata
Kendall Pask
Jeslyn Han
Isabella Ciardi
Pharoah McLamore
Ella Bode
Shreya Bhattacharya
Will Bozek
Michael Coles
Aaron Sheu

Viola

Olivia Rosen, *Principal*
Dimitri Bushunow, *Asst. Principal*
Sara Kotz
Micah Smith
Celina Nguyen
Kristin Berry

Cello

Amy Feng, *Principal*
Caspar Carson, *Asst. Principal*
Demi Viavattine
Leah Rosen
Matthew DiRisio
John Canham
Summer Braithwaite
Sean Li
Julia Finkbeiner
Joanna Frank

Double Bass

Benjamin Eckdahl, *Co-Principal*
Mabel Zawacki, *Co-Principal*
Helena Robinson
Anneliese White
Peter Foley
Isabel Goldstein

Flute

Ariana Marseglia, *Principal* + piccolo
Lydia Daley + piccolo
Laine Ramsey
Katheryn Uetz + piccolo

Oboe

Kristin Hahn, *Principal* + English Horn
Reid Canham
Shea Willis + English Horn

Clarinet

Hayden Lieb, *Principal*
Norah Bailey
Madeline Couch
Emily Oldfield

Bassoon

Cate Palanski, *Principal*
Ivan Widlund

Horn

Rachel George, *Principal*
Henry Berger
Lizzy Bernold
Madeleine Eckhardt

Trumpet

Cole Pringle, *Principal*
Ben Tischner, *Asst. Principal*
Elijah Malach
Meghan Parisi

Trombone

Daniel Noone, *Principal*
David Lynch
Emma Stenzel
Cody Uman

Tuba

Aaron Uzelmeier, *Principal*
Addilae Canning

Percussion

Daniel Kinney, *Co-Principal*
Maxwell Sun, *Co-Principal*
Joshua Mercer

Harp

Sophia Chuang



PEGGY QUACKENBUSH

PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE HOCHSTEIN SCHOOL



Dear HYSO Seniors,

Like Mr. Springstead, I have so many wonderful memories of your performances – and of your presence! – at Hochstein throughout this past season. After each concert, I found myself saying “You’ve done it again! Wow!”

As seniors, you provided the leadership, the backbone, and the spirit of this great orchestra – and supported and encouraged all the other players. How grateful we are! I have mourned with you the lost opportunities to make more music together, and to share that music with so many others, but I want you to know how deeply you and all your fellow players have etched the experience of your musicianship, energy, and love of music and

each other on my heart. I know that you will carry this experience with you into the world and into your futures, and I can’t wait to hear about all your adventures.

You will always be welcome at Hochstein! Please keep in touch, and visit often. Keep well. Make music and carry on!

Warmest wishes,

Peggy Quackenbush

Dr. Quackenbush



CASEY SPRINGSTEAD

DIRECTOR, HOCHSTEIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HYSO Musicians and Families:

As we look back on the 2019-2020 season, it's easy to focus on what could have been: performing all three of our scheduled concerts; appearing on WXXI's "Live from Hochstein;" and, of course, taking our tour to Germany and Czech Republic. No one could have imagined that our season could be truncated in such an immediate and profound way. The pandemic forced a new way of life on all of us, and it remains so, at least for now.

I would prefer to think about what we were able to do this season. We had two wonderful concerts in November and February, and the memories of our performance of the finale from Pines of Rome with all of Hochstein's orchestras will linger with me for the rest of my life. We performed new literature to many of us, and we performed a work by a woman for the first time in some years. I am excited to program more works by under-represented composers in the seasons to come.

I watched our returning members polish their leadership skills as they nurtured and encouraged our new members, both through their performances and their words. We all experienced exhilarating musical moments, and more importantly, we witnessed the formation of new and lasting relationships. These are the memories we should keep, not those that make us wistful for unfulfilled promise.

Once again, to the HYSO Musicians of the Class of 2020: our hearts go out to you most of all. You are not finishing your high school careers the way you wanted to, but your tenacity and optimism make your teachers, coaches, friends, and families so proud. I send my sincerest best wishes for your inevitable future success.

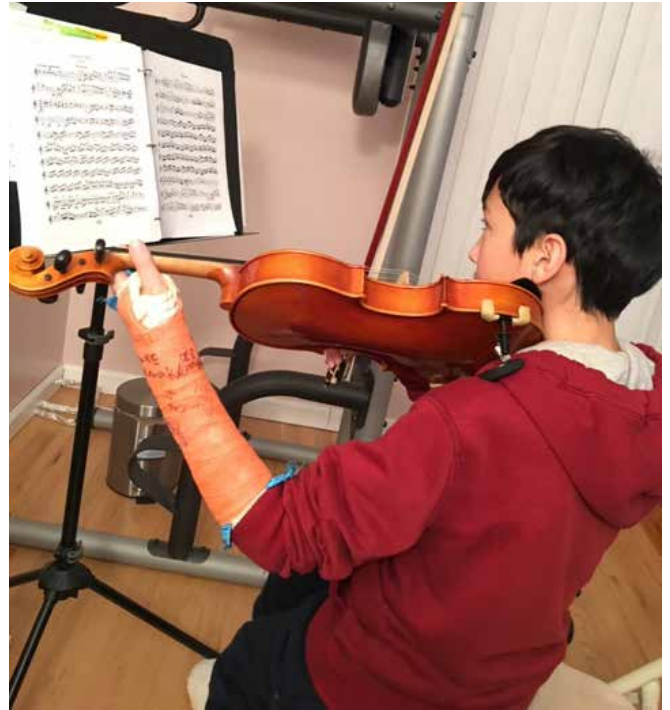
In spite of - or perhaps because of - the uncertainties that await us, we must find ways to enrich ourselves in mind, body, and spirit. In my view, nothing achieves that quite like music. Keep playing, listening, and discovering new musical paths. Share your musical gifts with others, and try to find ways to inspire yourself while you're at it.

Thank you all, be well, and have a wonderful summer in the best way possible. I can't wait to see many of you in the season ahead.

Most fondly,



HOJA ARZANESH



HYSO - 1 year

Future plans - Rochester Institute of Technology, Computer Science Engineering

I had a very special time being a member of the first violin section with HYSO. It was great to see my friends from Rush-Henrietta High School orchestra in HYSO this year. I really enjoyed meeting new friends and learning to play different music genres and styles. Mr. Springstead has been offering such an interesting program for orchestra that pushed our techniques and musicianship to the next level. I was looking forward to the Europe trip, but I also understand that staying safe and healthy is more important to all of us. Thank you, Mr. Springstead, for your help and support.

HENRY BERGER



HYSO - 4 years

Future plans - Yale University, Mechanical Engineering

My favorite HYSO memory would probably be our last concert of the 2018 tour. The whole orchestra had bonded a lot over the course of the trip, and it was bittersweet to know that it was coming to an end. Much of the brass section was tacet in the first two pieces, so we had a few last minutes of whispered conversation to appreciate the moment. Since it was our third concert in a week, I knew the music well enough that I didn't have to concentrate as hard on the notes and rhythms, and I could really focus on making music with a great group of people.

LIZZY BERNOLD



HYSO - 5 years

Future plans - University of Chicago, Public Policy or Human Development and Music Minor or Major

My time in HYSO has meant so much to me. My favorite memories are probably my two times on tour in Austria and Spain/Portugal, always having to get the entire wind section to frantically wave at Mr. Springstead if anyone had a question, and dancing along in the back of the orchestra whenever the horns had a lot of rests. It's going to be weird not spending Saturday mornings with the orchestra anymore, but I'm excited for whatever new groups I get to explore next.

ALINA CHADWICK



HYSO - 4 years

Future plans: Dartmouth College - Double Major in Government and Mathematics

Favorite HYSO Memories: 1) Getting noise complaints every day in Spain in Portugal while I was bonding with the people that would become my life time best friends; 2) Sahil giving me a tissue while I sobbed through the Elgar last year. Thank you for everything. I will never forget it.

JOSHUA COTTO



HYSO - 1 year

Future plans: Nazareth College, Music Performance

My favorite memory was when I performed with everyone for our first concert.

MADELINE COUCH



Madeline & Hayden (Lieb)

HYSO - 1 year

Future plans - Roberts Wesleyan College, Music Education Major and Global Studies Minor

Favorite HYSO memory or thoughts: Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that I would ever be able to play in an orchestra in high school. For years, I would go to my sister Anna's concerts and I loved it. My parents would always ask me why I didn't want to try out, and I would respond with "I'm not good enough." But when I heard that clarinet spots had opened up my senior year, I decided to audition on a whim, just in case. I am so thankful I was given that opportunity, and I am so thankful I was given the chance to play in HYSO. I remember being so scared my first rehearsal, wondering if I was going to be able to keep up. But by the end of the rehearsal, I was not only in awe of the feeling of playing with a full orchestra, but I was so excited because I actually felt like I belonged there. The few months I played with HYSO have not only made me a better musician, but have also given me a little more much-needed confidence that I hope I can take with me as I continue studying music in college.



EMMA DICKERSON



HYSO - 4 years

Future plans - University of Rochester, Digital Media Studies Major and Computer Science Minor

My favorite memory is the few times Mr. Springstead has accidentally thrown his baton into a random section of cellos or violas.

MATTHEW DIRISIO



HYSO - 2 years

Future plans - Michigan State University, Computer Science

Favorite memory: I loved the minicamps and how friendly everyone was during - it made me feel like part of a big family, and I'm heartbroken that the year had to end like it did.

BENJAMIN ECKDAHL
RECIPIENT OF THE GEORGE A. PETTERSEN
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



HYSO - 5 years

Future plans - Le Moyne College, Nursing

My favorite memories are the Austria/Germany trip in my first year in HYSO, and when Mr. Springstead would accidentally throw his baton. I will miss all of you dearly and I thank you for helping me become the man I am today.

KRISTIN HAHN

RECIPIENT OF THE ANNE WILSON YARD MEMORIAL ENDOWED
SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRINCIPAL OBOE



HYSO - 4 years

Future plans - University of Rochester, Biomedical Engineering

I've loved every moment of it! However, I would say that my favorite HYSO memory is the first concert of the year because there is so much energy and excitement about the upcoming season surrounding it. I am so glad to have been part of such a supportive community of musicians!

JETT KOPALEK



HYSO - 1 year
Future plans - SUNY Geneseo

HAYDEN LIEB



HYSO - 5 years

Future plans - Stony Brook University, Mathematics

Favorite memory is playing while covering the clarinet holes with green beans. Wait no! Favorite memory is my friends conspiring with Sylvia to convince me that dessert at a restaurant on tour was oysters after finding out that I was absolutely appalled by them. Haha!

ARIANA MARSEGLIA

RECIPIENT OF THE FRANK AND MARY LOUISE GEORGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRINCIPAL FLUTE



HYSO - 2 years

Future plans - University of Scranton, Neuroscience (Pre-Med) to pursue an MD-PhD in the future

Favorite memory: Starting off my weekend in an HYSO rehearsal every week was like a breath of fresh air. From the first to the last note I play in a rehearsal, I am full of joy and passion. At the end of every stressful week, driving down to Hochstein and sharing music with my peers was such a gift. The tour being canceled is very sad, but it won't change how I look back at the memories and the lovely, even enlightening experiences I've had as a member of HYSO. I appreciate every moment of my time playing in this orchestra and will carry this experience with me for the rest of my life.

SHAWN MOU

HYSO CONDUCTOR APPRENTICE



HYSO - 2 years

Future plans - Sarah Lawrence College, Liberal Arts

For my memory, though it was short lived, I really enjoyed conducting the orchestra for those couple rehearsals. It was fun to paint my own vision of the piece and I wish I could have realized it further.

HYSO 2019/2020 Conductor Apprentice Bio

Shawn Mou began playing violin at age five. By 15, he had studied drum set, piano, composition and arrangement and had taught himself electric bass. At Athena High School, Shawn has led the percussion section in the Symphonic Band & musical pit ensembles and played drums & bass in the Jazz Ensemble. He was honored to hold the Principal Second Violin chair and to be a Conductor's Apprentice for the 19-20 season. He thanks Mr. Springstead and the whole orchestra for allowing him these opportunities.



MEERA PANDYA

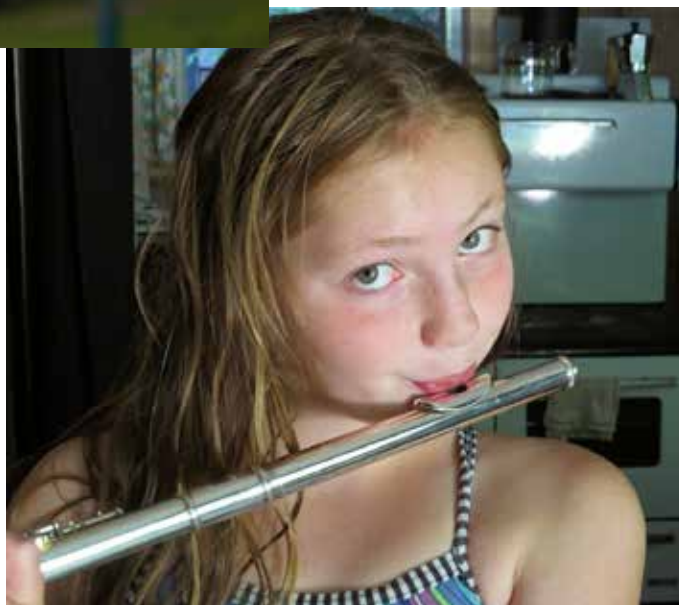


HYSO - 3 years

Future plans - Carnegie Mellon University, College of Engineering, undecided

My favorite memory from HYSO is during the Spain trip, when we sat in the bus aisles and played card games in the most uncomfortable positions, or during rehearsals when everyone would raise their hands just to get Mr. Springstead to notice one person!

LAINÉ RAMSAY



HYSO - 1 year

Future plans - McGill University in Montreal, Canada - Biochemistry Major and Minors in Music and Political Science

Favorite HYSO memory: Honestly, any time we were able to play together. The music we made was art and I'm so grateful to have been a part of that.

HELENA ROBINSON



HYSO - 3 years

Future plans - Norwich University, Mechanical Engineering

My favorite memory was traveling to Spain and Portugal

LEAH ROSEN



HYSO - 4 years

Future plans - Rochester Institute of Technology, Industrial Design and Psychology

My favorite memory is playing an encore in Spain. It was amazing that all of us could coordinate so spontaneously and I was so proud to be a part of the orchestra at that moment

OLIVIA ROSEN



HYSO - 4 years

Future plans - University of Maryland, Animal Sciences

My favorite memory is definitely the Spain and Portugal trip. I couldn't possibly pick just a single moment.

EMMA SOMERS



HYSO - 2 years

Future plans - Cedarville University, Music Education

Favorite memory: Just getting to spend time with and meet new people with the same interests and getting to play amazing pieces that challenged me as a musician. I'm really sad this experience had to end in this way.

EMMA STENZEL



HYSO - 4 years

Future plans - George Washington University - Elliot School of International Affairs, International Affairs

My favorite memory is from the Spain and Portugal trip. It was the last day we were in Madrid, and before we all split up, it started to downpour. Mabel, Emma, and I wanted to get out of the rain, so we found a warm cafe to dry off in. It wasn't a big cafe, but they made a delicious latte, one of the best I've ever had. The only seating available was in the basement, so we descended the stairs to this cute, small room filled with low tables and comfortable chairs. The room was filled with Spanish teens and I felt like I never wanted to leave.

BEN TISCHNER



HYSO - 3 years

Future plans - Brigham Young University, Organ Performance and Biochemistry

Favorite HYSO Memory: Eating churros with my HYSO friends while on tour in Spain.

CODY UMAN

RECIPIENT OF THE MORNING MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIP



HYSO - 3 years

Future plans - Yale University, Mathematics

Favorite HYSO memory: Playing war with Amy for over three hours in Spain.

DEMI VIAVATTINE



HYSO - 3 years

Future plans - University of Miami - Frost School of Music, Cello Performance

My favorite memories are from when we traveled to Spain and Portugal for my first year at HYSO.

SHEA WILLIS



HYSO - 2 years

Future plans - NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study, Major in French, Russian, Existentialist Philosophy, and Music

I am still astounded at how supportive everyone in this orchestra was during my time there. I feel that groups/programs/etc. of such high caliber tend to foster an unfriendly spirit in which one is in competition with everyone else, but in HYSO - the wind section, at least - compliments were thrown around often. If one could listen to a typical rehearsal sans instruments, they would hear a fairly steady barrage of "good job!" after any player's solo. It's such a small thing, but to me these small encouragements meant a lot.

MABEL ZAWACKI



HYSO - 5 years

Future plans - Wellesley College, Classical Studies and a Pre-Med track

One of my favorite memories has to be at one of our concerts in Spain two years ago, I forgot a belt and obviously I needed one so Mr. Kemp was kind enough to wrap black duct tape around me to act as a belt!

SPECIAL MESSAGES TO OUR SENIORS

To Emma Somers:

Emma I can't believe you are graduating. We have been playing the violin together since we were little, both in school and out of school. I am going to miss seeing you every Saturday. You are such an amazing person, role model and friend. Congratulations on all you've accomplished and on finally graduating. I know you are going to do amazing things in the future and I hope you come to visit frequently. - **Kendall Pask**

To Cody Uman and Emma Stenzel:

Dear Cody and Emma, Thank you so much for being such great friends and role models! Good luck to you in your next pursuits! - **Warmly, David Lynch and family**

I'd like to say thanks to all the seniors, especially the ones in the violin section that have been leaders to everyone. I miss everyone! Thanks! - **Erica Liu**

I want to tell the bass section seniors - Ben, Helena and Mabel - that they've always made me feel welcome and are really fun to hang out with. - **Izzy Goldstein**

Hey Lizzy!! I'm going to miss you so much next year! I've had so much fun getting to know you over the past few years from our crazy adventures during RPO holiday pops to being in HYSO together and then All County vocal jazz!! Wow it's been a crazy past year! We have had so many laughs and fun conversations and I'm really going to miss hanging out with you! It's so crazy to think that we met randomly at RPO holiday pops one year and then this past year we have been in so many things together! Keep on being amazing and never forget Mr. Hoopers find it in a minute book. HYSO won't be the same without you! Hope to see you soon! - **Emily Oldfield**

Hey Madeline! I'm going to miss you so much next year! HYSO won't be the same without you and I'm so thankful that I've gotten to know you so well this year from Flower City Work Camp to then being able to play in an orchestra together, what a crazy past year! You have always been so kind and have been such a great friend to me! I've enjoyed many laughs, adventures and hilarious conversations, and I'll really miss that! I hope that we can see each other soon! - **Emily Oldfield**

Jett, we are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You are an amazing and brilliant musician and a kind, smart and thoughtful man. Thank you for being a mentor to Michael and helping him pick out his prized violin. You are going to do great things Jett! We wish you all the best in your future! - **Lori & Paul Coles**

Madeline Couch: We are so happy that you had the opportunity to play in HYSO this year. We will always remember the joy you had as you emerged from your first practices and will never forget your beautiful opening solo at the Centennial Concert, which, as it turns out, concluded your HYSO experience. What an amazing moment. We love you so much and are so very proud of you. We can't wait to see where God leads you. Keep playing your beautiful music, and always remember why music matters. - **Mom and Dad**

Henry Berger: We have loved hearing you and the others play in HYSO, and we thank you for the friendship you have shown Madeline and Anna. I will always remember our trip to Spain and Portugal, and I am so happy I could be there to experience your beautiful music. We wish you the very best and every success as you begin this next journey. - **The Couch Family**

Hayden Lieb: Hayden, I am so happy that Madeline and Anna have had the chance to play alongside you in HYSO. You have been a wonderful friend to both of them, and we are thankful for that. I will always remember you as a young clarinetist doing your best to encourage Madeline and as her stand partner through most of the school concerts. We still tell the story about the time you bribed Madeline with one dollar bills to practice more :). I am grateful that you were that same encouragement as she joined HYSO this year, too. I will always remember the trip to Spain and Portugal and am so happy I could be there to experience your beautiful music. We wish you the very best and every success as you begin your next adventure. Keep playing, and always remember why music matters. - *The Couch Family*

Lizzy Bernold: We have loved hearing you play in HYSO, and we thank you for the friendship you have shown Madeline and Anna. I will always remember our trip to Spain and Portugal, especially when we entered an expensive dress shop minutes before it closed and walked out with a Flamenco dress. I am certain this would not have been possible without your expert navigating. It has been really wonderful watching you grow and flourish, and we wish you the very best and every success as you begin this next journey. Keep playing, and always remember why music matters. - *The Couch Family*

Olivia Rosen: We have loved hearing you play in HYSO, and we thank you for the friendship you have shown Madeline and Anna. There are so many memories, but I will especially cherish the one of our trip to Spain and Portugal; I am so happy I could be there to experience your beautiful music. It has been really wonderful watching you grow and flourish, and we wish you the very best and every success as you begin this next journey. Keep playing, and always remember why music matters. - *The Couch Family*

Leah Rosen: We have loved hearing you play in HYSO, and we thank you for the friendship you have shown Madeline and Anna. There are so many memories, but I will especially cherish the one of our trip to Spain and Portugal. Thinking about you and Anna with the translucent hamburger still makes me laugh out loud (although I am sure that may be one part of the trip you would like to forget). Mostly, I am so happy I could be there to experience your beautiful music. It has been really wonderful watching you grow and flourish, and we wish you the very best and every success as you begin this next journey. Keep playing, and always remember why music matters. - *The Couch Family*

Heyy! Hayden!! I don't even know where to start! I have gotten to know you so well this year and I'm so thankful for that! I'm going to miss you so much next year and HYSO won't be the same without you! We have had so many fun memories from just goofing around during rehearsals to talking about Pokémon go, our musical drawings (the Beetver) and learning music together and playing in the orchestra in Area All-State we've had so much fun! You are an incredible clarinet player and you have taught me sooo much and have really encouraged me to be a more confident player!!! I've enjoyed our goofy chats and just getting to play with someone who's so supportive and talented! You will be missed and I hope that the HYSO clarinet squad will be able to reunite in person soon!! Thanks for being such a great friend! - *Emily Oldfield*

For Emma Stenzel: Emma, thanks so much for bringing me to HYSO this year! Even though we have known each other through fencing for so long, it was amazing to play and spend more time with you this year. Thank you for being a constant role model for me, and for never failing to make me smile or laugh. Have an amazing time at GW next year. You're going to crush it! - *Cate*

For Olivia Rosen: You helped me feel welcome into HYSO last year and it has been really great playing with you. I will miss seeing you at HYSO. - *Sara Kotz*

SPECIAL MESSAGES CONT'D

Seniors, I hope that you have a great post-high school experience, whatever you may be doing! I hope that you are happy with what you are doing and where you are. Also, I hope that you come back to visit at some point. - *Eliana Alweis*

For Alina Chadwick: Thank you for being an amazing stand partner last year. You made me feel welcome in HYSO and were very friendly and I greatly appreciate that. - *Eliana Alweis*

Seniors, I hope you will do well in the future and know you will be missed. I'm going to miss Shea and Kristin. It was a fun section this year and I'm going to be the only oboe returning! I hope you will do great things in the future. - *Reid Canham*

Emma Stenzel: Congratulations and best wishes as you head off to DC. We can't wait to watch you set the world on fire with your intelligence, class, and style. - *The Eckhardt Family*

Congratulations cello seniors - Matt, Leah and Demi! You are great leaders and make our sectionals fun! - *Summer Braithwaite*

Hi to all of our HYSO Seniors! Some of you I know better than others, but I wish you all the best as you move forward into your adult lives. I wish that we all could have traveled to Europe together this spring, but I'm grateful for the time that we did have this year, and the years before. I hope that all of you can continue to incorporate music into your daily lives, and that you continue to live life joyfully as the music in you flourishes. Best wishes to you all! - *John Canham*

To our graduates, may you continue to bless those around you with your amazing gift of music. Let nothing (not even a pandemic) stop you! - *All the Best, The Bode Family*

For Shawn Mou: Thank you for supporting Aaron over the past few years. We really appreciate it! Best wishes in all your future endeavors! - *The Uzelmeier Family*

Message for all the seniors: Thank you for making HYSO the wonderful community that it is. Your guidance, leadership, and enthusiasm are what has made our orchestra possible. Whether you've been here for a single year or many more, you will be missed by all of us. Best of luck in college and everything beyond! - *Amy Feng*

To the graduating Horns - Lizzy and Henry, Congratulations! It is crazy to imagine an HYSO season without you. You've been here since my first year and the section won't be the same. I wish you the best of luck at college and I hope music always remains an important part of your life! Best of luck! - *Rachel George*

To the graduating seniors, thank you for everything. All the memories I've made in this orchestra have only been possible because of all of you. When I first made the trip to Hochstein as a freshman, I was intimidated. The two hour long ride to a music school where there were only strangers threw me out of my comfort zone. I soon realized, however, that Hochstein was a warm and welcoming home. As my mentors, you've shown me what enjoying music meant. As my mentors, you've made having a second family in a far away city possible. For that, I thank you. - *Yuki*

I want to wish every senior well in college - especially **Shawn, Meera and Joshua** from the Violin II section. I hope you all have fun! Thanks for making HYSO fun! - *Pratham Bhamere*

Olivia Rosen, you have been an amazing friend and I love you! - **Celina Nguyen**

Alina, I'll miss you. You were part of the loveshack, the group where I made my first friends in HYSO. I can't count the memories I've made with you all, whether it be in Spain, Portugal, or Rochester. Come by sometime and visit us please!! Stay in touch u fool. - **Yuki**

Jett, Brother you are wack. I'm grateful I was able to be friends with you during All-State. Something about that festival just hit differently. Hit me up sometime and we'll have a jap/pol cookout with our fams. Thanks brodie. - **Yuki**

Emma Sommers/Emma Dickerson, Thank you for being my stand partners, haha! I apologize for my terrible playing and thank you for carrying me. As my stand partners you've helped me grow. Although I haven't really been in touch with either of you, I am glad that you were part of my HYSO experience. Congrats on surviving high school, good luck in college! - **Yuki**

Seniors, thank you all for being a part of this section! We'll miss you a lot, and I'm sure it'll be a hard adjustment to have you gone. I will be praying for you all as you go into the next part of your lives!! And specifically to **Alina** - you were one of the first friends I made in the orchestra - thank you for being so willing to make the 8th grade version of me welcome :) - **Catharine Runion**

Hi, I would like to tell **Ariana and Laine** that it has been so much fun playing with them this year. I am so happy that I can call both of them my friends, and I know that they are going to do amazing things next year and farther in the future. The flute section will not be the same without them. - **Katie Uetz**

Congratulations to **Shawn, Meera and Joshua**! I wish we got to all cry together during our encore Elgar and celebrate your hard work and where you all will be next year! Thank you to Shawn for your incredible leadership this year, when I say we would have been lost without you, I completely mean that; you were an awesome conductor's apprentice and I learned a lot sitting behind you. :) And to Meera, thanks for being an awesome addition to this section and for being the best stand partner, I cannot wait to see you change the whole world at Carnegie Mellon, (we'll go to Germany and Czech some other time). To Joshua, it was a pleasure working with you in the second violin section! Good luck to the second violin seniors, though I doubt you talented people will need it! - **Shreya (Mocherla)**

Hoja, Alina, Jett, Emma and Emma - I had a lot of fun with all of you in the last season and past years. I hope that you are doing well, that your transition to your post-high school experience goes smoothly, and that you enjoy yourselves. Also I hope that you can come back and visit at some point and that music stays a part of your life. Remember: "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." -Plato - **Eliana Alweis**

Dear HYSO seniors,

I am so sorry for all of the things you missed out on due to this virus. It has been so fun to be in the orchestra with you and I am so glad to have had the opportunity to do so. I wish you all good luck on your college and job decisions, and I hope to see you again sometime. I am sorry that we were not able to go on the tour or play our last concert, but I hope that someday we will be able to play again together. We are all thinking of you during this hard time. - **Luke Pisani**

THANK YOU, HYSO SENIORS!

We wish you the very best of luck as you enter a new world of possibilities!
Be sure to keep music in your heart. Stay safe and healthy! - **All of us at Hochstein**



HYSO SENIORS

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Visit our website at: hochstein.org/Ensembles/Orchestras/Hochstein-Alumni-Orchestra for the information you will need to join us. We hope to see you back in the Hall! Stay in touch.

