

# *Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra*

## 2021 HYSO Seniors



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## *Seniors - 2021*

Congratulations to the 29 graduating seniors in the 2021 Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra! They are heading to college to pursue a variety of majors, from music performance to neuroscience to illustration. Some are staying in the Rochester area, while others are heading out of state. We wish them all the best!

Norah Bailey  
Kristin Berry  
Ella Bode  
William Bozek\*  
Summer Braithwaite  
John Canham  
Abigail Canterbury\*  
Caspar Carson  
Isabella Ciardi  
Michael Coles  
Anna Couch  
Lydia Daley  
Madeleine Eckhardt  
Rachel George  
Chris Han  
Pharoah McLamore  
Joshua Mercer  
Shreya Mocherla  
Carli Molinari  
Daniel Noone  
Emily Oldfield  
Meghan Parisi  
Meagan Picard  
Micah Smith  
Katie Uetz  
Aaron Uzelmeier  
Yuki Wada  
Ivan Widlund\*  
Kathy Yan

*\* No additional information provided*

# *Casey Springstead*

## *Director, Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra*

### **HYSO Seniors:**

It goes without saying that this has been a school year like no other. We all found ourselves looking for something – anything! – that seemed normal and “pre-pandemic.” For musicians all over the world, this search was sometimes discouraging and often unfulfilling.

But you persevered. Because of your tenacity, your maturity, and your superb musicianship, you found a way to be a musician even if it was in the solitude of your own practice area at home, a weekly online lesson with your teacher, or a much smaller version of your school ensemble. When opportunities became available at Hochstein, whether it was our string orchestras or the woodwind/brass/percussion offerings this spring, you did not let your discouragement triumph over your motivations. I am so grateful that you kept HYSO a part of your life, and I hope that your participation in our smaller ensembles was rewarding and nourishing.

As a result of your personal and musical skills, your class and last year’s will be as equipped for handling life’s challenges as any students that came before you. You know a unique kind of adversity, and perhaps as a result, you gained a greater understanding of the value of music, especially when you couldn’t participate in the way you were accustomed to. I’m betting you’ll never take any of these experiences for granted, and you will pass along your perspectives to others so that they don’t either.

Thank you all for sharing your talents with us, and I wish unlimited success to all of you. Please keep us updated whenever you can, and I eagerly await the next time our paths cross.

Most fondly,





# *Norah Bailey*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Clarinet**

**Future plans - SUNY Fredonia, Music Education**

My favorite memories are really just going to rehearsals and playing with all the other talented musicians.

# *Kristin Berry*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Viola**

**Future plans - Nazareth College, Music Therapy**

**Favorite memory - Partita**

## *Ella Bode*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - Cedarville University, Pre-law**

My favorite memory was performing Respighi's *Pines of Rome* with all the groups! It was a wonderful, moving experience that reminds me why I love playing so much in an orchestra.

# *Summer Braithwaite*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Cello**

**Future plans - Brigham Young University, Music Education**

I really enjoyed meeting new people who love music as much as I do. One of my favorite memories was playing in the Centennial Concert in February 2020. It was amazing to perform in front of such a large audience and with so many other musicians. I really enjoyed playing *Pines of Rome* and being surrounded by the sound of it. This was the last of two "normal" concerts I had the opportunity to be a part of before COVID hit. The Centennial Concert has served as a wonderful memory that makes me excited to someday return to live music with a full orchestra. I also really enjoyed planning for the tour. I am heartbroken that it couldn't happen, but the anticipation was so exciting. I am so thankful for my friends, Mr. Springstead, and Mrs. Gates for helping me to make the most of an unprecedented experience in orchestra. I am so happy to have had the opportunity to be in HYSO and will always remember the amazing experience I had.



# *John Canham*



**HYSO - 3 years**

**Instrument - Cello**

**Future plans - Rochester Institute of Technology, Engineering**

**Favorite memory** - Relaxing with friends during the pre-season camps was always fun as we looked forward to the year ahead. Playing *Jurassic Park* really rocked too!



# *Caspar Carson*



**HYSO - 5 years**

**Instrument - Cello**

**Future plans - University of Rochester or Binghamton University, Biology**

I absolutely loved meeting so many people from the orchestra over the Spain and Portugal tour and spending so much time with them. Plus, I would never have learned to play Mao if not for that trip.

# *Bella Ciardi*



**HYSO - 1 year**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - Rochester Institute of Technology, Psychology**

Meeting new people and playing great music are my favorite memories.

# *Michael Coles*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - Nazareth College, History and Pre-Law**

**Favorite memory** - Whenever we played the Enescu Romanian Rhapsody and the Partita by Gideon Klein, my stand partner and I would get so hyped up because they were both so fun to play! I also really miss the seniors from last year because they were all so cool to talk to!



# *Anna Couch*



**HYSO - 4 years**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - Baylor University, undecided**

My favorite memory of HYSO was going on our tour of Spain and Portugal. It was an incredible experience that I will remember for the rest of my life!



# *Lydia Daley*



**HYSO - 1 year**

**Instrument - Flute/Piccolo**

**Future plans - I plan on joining the Navy after graduation.**

My favorite memory? When the clarinets couldn't figure out why their part sounded funny so I checked their music and had to inform them that they were playing the wrong song.

# *Madeleine Eckhardt*



**HYSO - 3 years**

**Instrument - Horn**

**Future plans - Rochester Institute of Technology, Illustration**

My favorite memory was playing with all the Hochstein orchestras at the centennial concert. Playing in a group that large was a very memorable experience for me.

# *Rachel George*



**HYSO - 4 years**

**Instrument - Horn**

**Future plans - Nazareth College, Music Therapy and French Horn Performance**

My favorite memory from HYSO would have to be the tour to Spain and Portugal. I experienced so many firsts, such as leaving North America, flying on a plane, and trying new foods! I am truly grateful to have been a small part of this family over the past four years and I will always remember the music we have made together.



# *Chris Han*



**HYSO - 4 years**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - Binghamton University, Finance**

My favorite memory of HYSO was the Spain & Portugal Tour: spending time with friends and exploring the country.



# *Pharoah McLamore\**

**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - College**

My favorite memories are probably hanging out with my new friends before rehearsal and during breaks.

*\* No photo provided*

# *Joshua Mercer*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Percussion**

**Future plans - Finger Lakes Community College, undecided**

My favorite memory is playing with all the other Hochstein ensembles in the Centennial Concert.

# *Shreya Mocherla*



**HYSO - 4 years**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - University of Pittsburgh for a dual major in Business and Economics with a minor in Spanish.** *(Definitely seeking an orchestra to play in there as well!)*

My favorite memory of HYSO has to be speaking in broken English and Spanish to the students in Seville that we played with! I distinctly remember teaching them how to say square while also arguing about who are best composers and also nearly falling out of the bus in Madrid while we tried to play cards. :)



# *Carli Molinari*



**HYSO - 1 year**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - Butler University, Pre-pharmacy**

Getting to know new people who love to play music is my favorite memory of HYSO.



# *Daniel Noone*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Trombone**

**Future plans - University of Rochester, Neuroscience and then medical school to become a physician.**

**Favorite memory** - I would have to say specifically the concert where we played the final movement of Respighi's *Pines of Rome*. The immense magnitude of sound and the power of the piece itself was just amazing to be a part of.

# *Emily Oldfield*



**HYSO - 2 years**

**Instrument - Clarinet**

**Future plans - Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, Music Education with concentrations in clarinet and voice**

My favorite memory of HYSO is all of the friendships I made. I will always cherish the memories of our amazing performances and all of the laughs we shared together.



# *Meghan Parisi*



**HYSO - 3 years**

**Instrument - Trumpet**

**Future plans - Slippery Rock University, Dance**

My favorite memory is having fun at mini-camp dinner.

# *Meagan Picard*



**HYSO - 1 year**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - SUNY Fredonia, Music (Violin)**

My favorite memory is the music and rehearsing with the other strings.



# Micah Smith



**HYSO - 3 years**

**Instrument - Viola**

**Future plans - Gettysburg College, Poli Sci/International Relations with a minor in Music Performance**

Performing *Pines of Rome* with every orchestra at once and standing right next to the audience is my favorite memory.

# *Katie Uetz*



**HYSO - 3 years**

**Instrument - Flute/Piccolo**

**Future plans - Case Western University, Physics and possibly also Astronomy**

My favorite memory is our last concert during my sophomore year. It was the end of my first year in the ensemble, and I was extremely close with the seniors in my section and a couple who played other instruments. I loved how each senior got recognized and, it was interesting finding out about everyone's future plans. The music was amazing and it made me very excited for my eventual senior year in the group.



# *Aaron Uzelmeier*



**HYSO - 3 years**

**Instrument - Tuba**

**Future plans - Nazareth College, dual degree in Music Performance (Tuba) and Chemistry**

**Favorite memory -** Playing *The Cowboys* in concert



# *Yuki Wada*



**HYSO - 5 years**

**Instrument - Violin**

**Future plans - SUNY Binghamton on my path to law school**

**Favorite memory was performing on tour with foreign friends in Spain and Portugal!**

# *Kathy Yan*



**HYSO - 1 year**

**Instrument - Flute**

**Future plans - University of Rochester, Humanities or Business**

Though I've only experienced the Woodwind Ensemble put together this year, I've enjoyed every moment spent playing with other musicians and listening as we've improved throughout the few weeks we've worked together!







# *Autographs!*





# *HYSO Seniors*

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