## Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra



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#### Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra 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

<sup>\*</sup> 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

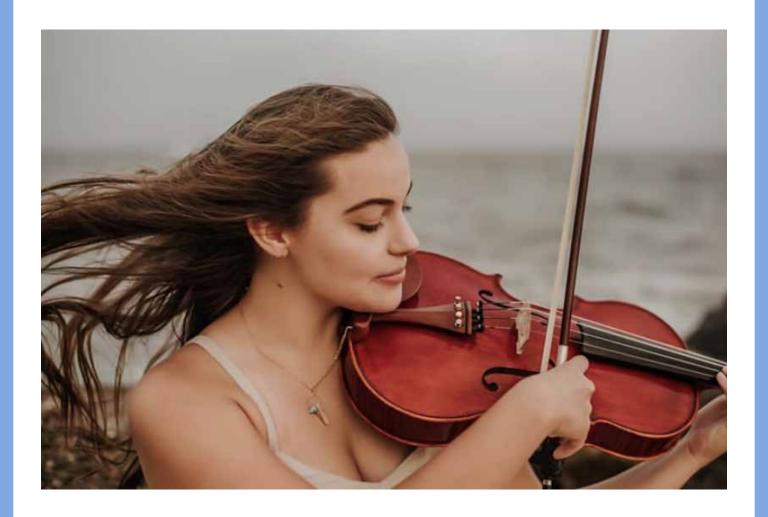




HYSO - 2 years Instrument - Clarinet Future plans - SUNY Fredonia, Music Education

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.

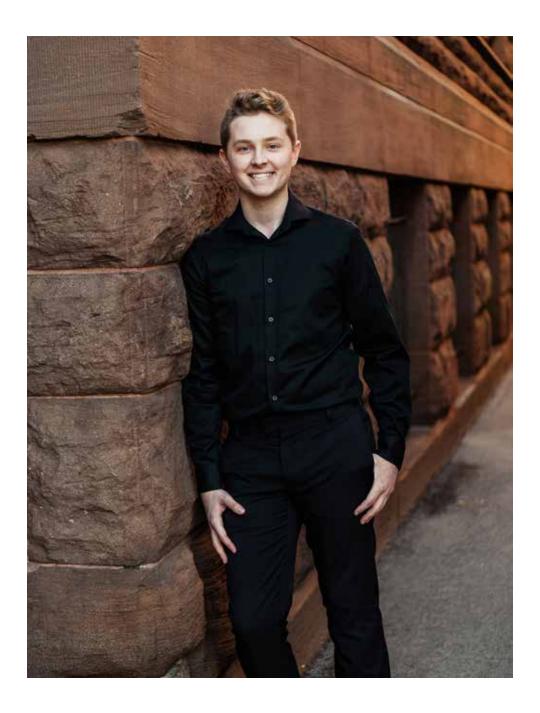
#### Bella Ciardi



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

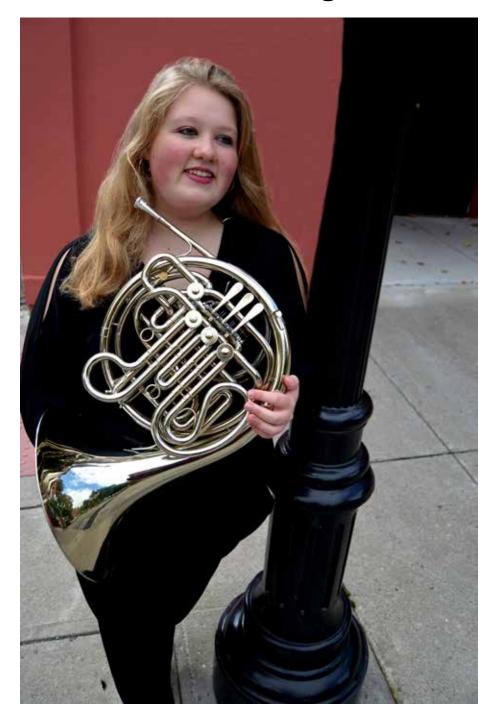




HYSO - 3 years Instrument - Horn Future plans - Rochester Institute of Technology, Illustration

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.

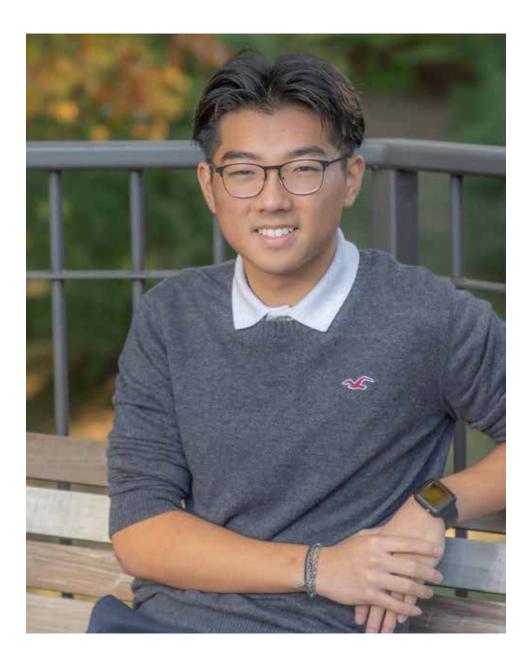
#### Rachel George



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.

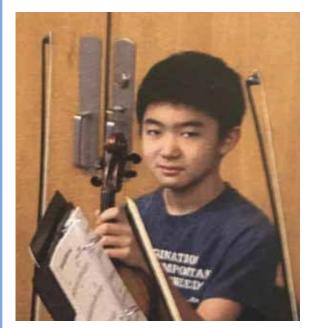
#### Aaron Uzelmeier



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!

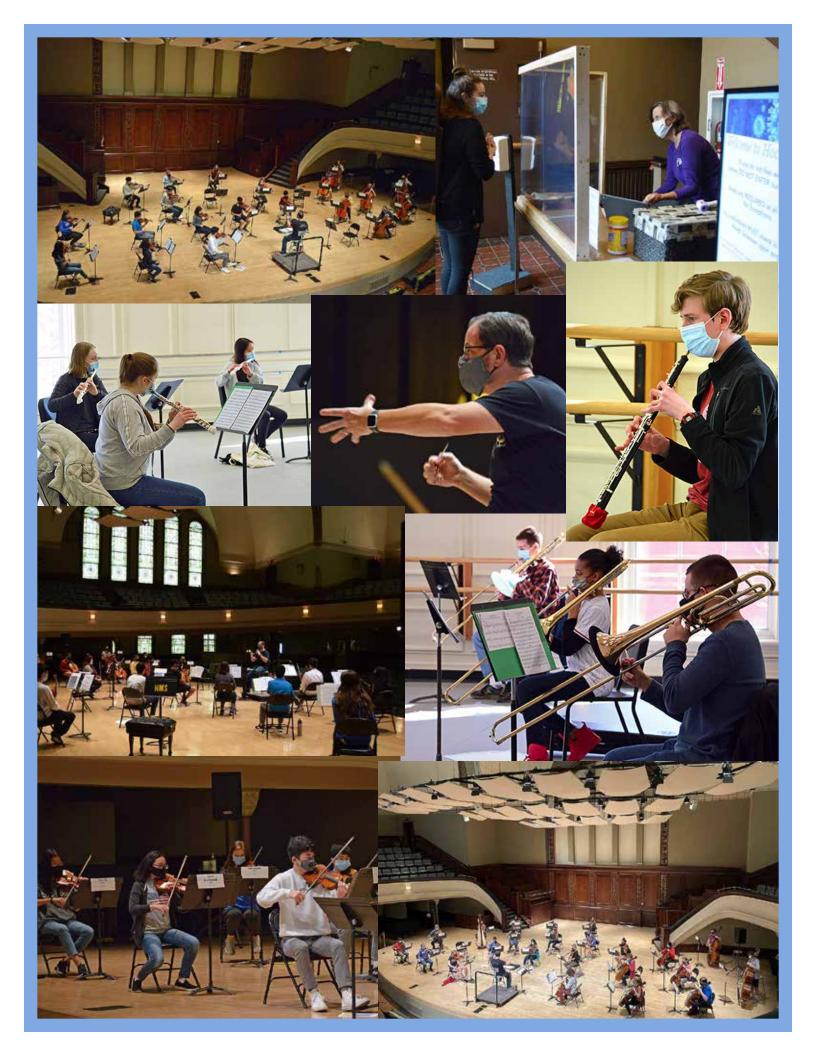
#### Kathy Yan





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 Join the Hochstein Alumni Orchestra!

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.

