

## **CONCERT FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA**

Violin I
Anton Polezhayev, Concertmaster

Dula Bao

Alexandra Calabro

Charles Piemonte

HyunJu Ji

Violin II

Anna Heifetz, Principal

Dorothy Shorter

Tetyana Barbacena

Diana Barbacena

Viola

Tonya Bibashka, Principal

Sarah Ludwiczak

Cello

Jeong Yoon Park, Principal

Peter Howard

**Double Bass** 

Kageki Nagao

**Flute** 

Denis Savelyev

Oboe

Susan Mohney

Jennifer Hood

Clarinet

Alexander Negruta Gennady Kupisok

**Bassoon** 

Peter Landy

French Horn

Patty Schmitt

Jeanine Nagao

Cembalo

Yelena Polezhayev



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Conductor Vladimir Polezhayev

## SOLOISTS: GRAND PRIX WINNERS OF CONCERTO COMPETITION 2014

Marco Motroni

Riho Nosaka

Memie Osuga

**Christine Ramirez** 

**Brian Leung** 

Samantha Silverstein

Ejin (Euijin) Hur

Alison Jin

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Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Marco Motroni, 11, began his violin study at age 6 at the Music Institute of Long Island, under the instruction of director Carol Kushner. Marco attends Munsey Park Elementary School in Manhasset where he has been a member of the 5th and 6th grade orchestra since 2nd grade. He has participated in NYSSMA levels 1-5 and received outstanding scores each time. Marco performed as concertmaster at All County, and was 2nd chair at LISFA both in 2014. Marco won first place at Concert Festival as a soloist performing Bohm's Perpetual Mobile as well as first violinist in a piano quintet performing Vivaldi's Spring, both of which he performed at Carnegie Hall in 2013. He has also performed at Symphony Space, Baruch College, Steinway Hall and Landmark Theater. Marco is honored to perform for you today.

**Riho Nosaka,** 9, was born in Tokyo and lives in the U. S. since she was six. She played violin at many lovely concerts in NY including Carnegie Hall.

Memie Osuga is a junior at Hunter College High School and studies cello with Mr. Alex Croxton in the Honors Program of Preparatory Division at Mannes College the New School for Music. She performs frequently at the Mannes Concert Hall and Steinway Hall. In addition, she has performed at Bryant Park,NY; Ohio; Pennsylvania; Italy and Germany. Memie is a member of Mannes Prep Philharmonic and an active chamber music performer. She has participated in InterHarmony International Music Festival in Germany and Italy. She was a winner in several competitions, including the Associated Music Teachers League's Young Musicians Concert, American Protégé International Competition, Bradshaw and Buono Piano Competition. Memie enjoys Tae Kwon Do and being an active member of her community at school and was invited to attend the Camp Rising Sun 2013.

Christine Ramirez, 13, violinist and pianist from Glen Head. She is a violin student of Dorothy Shorter at the Music Institute of Long Island. As a soloist and a chamber musician, Christine won first places, including Concert Festival, American Fine Arts and Morgan Park Scholarship Competition. She has performed as a winner at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Merkin Hall, Symphony Space. In 2014 Christine won \$500 scholarship to take a part in Concert Festival Tour to St. Petersburg, Russia. She has participated in All County and Long Island String Festivals for the past 3 years, being concertmaster for 2 consecutive years. She is the winner of the Concert Festival Concerto Competition 2014 on violin and piano. Besides playing music Christine enjoys reading books and has a black belt Karate.

Brian Leung, 14, level 6 NYSSMA violinist. He has been learning violin with Ms. Dorothy Shorter at the Center for Preparatory Studies in Music at Queens College since he was 7 years old. He has joined the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, achieving concertmaster in the string and concert tiers of the group, performing at distinctive concert halls such as Carnegie Hall, Adelphi University and Tilles Center. In the summer of 2014, Brian went with MYO to China, performed in many cities like Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu and Shanghai.

Samantha Silverstein, 15, is a tenth grader at Kent Place School. She is currently attending Mannes College Prep and has been a member of the New York Youth Symphony. Samantha has served as concertmaster and soloist for the New Jersey Youth Symphony Orchestra. She has won numerous awards and competitions and performed more than a dozen times at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall for both violin and piano, competitions include: American Protege, International Virtuoso Competition, NY International Music Festival, Golden Key, Crescendo International Music Festival, Piano Teachers Society of America. Samantha has done masterclasses with Ann Setzer, Stephen Clapp, Stefan Milenkovich, and Ida Kavafian. She has participated in 4 Strings Music Festival, New York Summer Music Festival, Philadelphia International Music Festival and Waterville Music Festival. She currently studies violin with Khullip Jeung.

**Ejin Hur,** 15, from New Jersey, started violin at the age of 6. Currently, she is studying with Dr. Yu Jeong Lee. She has been part of the New Jersey Regionals Orchestra since 7th grade. In 2014, she led the second violin section of the Regionals Orchestra as the principal and was selected for the NJ All-State Orchestra. Since 2013, she has been a member of the New York Youth Symphony. Also, she is actively playing in the Good Neighbor Ensemble of NJ. In the summers of 2013 and 2014, she participated in the Echo Music Festival.

Alison Jin, 17, from Ohio, began classical piano training with Mrs. Olga Radosavljevich. Currently, she is studying piano with Mrs. Ella Karasik and Mr. Antonio Pompa-Baldi. She has won various prizes in piano competitions and performed in many prestigious venues, including the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. She performed Schumann Piano Concerto with the Lakeside Symphony Orchestra in Ohio, with the Israeli Ashdod Symphony Orchestra in Italy, and with the North Shore Symphony Orchestra in New York. Alison also plays Gu Zheng, Chinese folk instrument. She has won various prizes for her Gu Zheng performances, including Concert Festival International Concerto Competition 2014 and has performed Guzheng multiple times at Carnegie Hall as well as on international stages, such as Lviv Philharmonic in Ukraine. In 2013 she performed the Butterfly Lovers Guzheng Concerto with the Philharmonic Orchestra in Lutsk, Ukraine. Recently Alison gave three Guzheng solo concerts in Italy at Milano Civica Scuola di Musica, Accademia Vivaldi Istituto Musicale "Citta di Bollate" and the Bellagio Festival on Lake Como.



J.S. Bach - Violin Concerto in A minor, Mov. I Soloist - Marco Motroni

> J. Haydn - Violin Concerto in G major, Mov. I *Soloist* - **Riho Nosaka**

J. Haydn - Cello Concerto in C major, Mov. III Soloist - **Memie Osuga** 

L.van Beethoven - Romance in F major, Op.50
Soloist - Christine Ramirez

W.A. Mozart - Violin Concerto #3 in G major, Mov. I Soloist - Brian Leung

Intermission

C. Saint-Saens - Havanaise, Op.83 Soloist - Samantha Silverstein

M. Bruch - Violin Concerto in G minor, Op.26 Mov. I Soloist - Ejin (Euijin) Hur

> He Zhan Hao - "The Butterfly Lovers" Guzheng Concerto Soloist - Alison Jin

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