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Biographies and Photos

Caleb Borick, Piano



Caleb studies with Dr. Joseph Rackers. Caleb has won many awards and scholarships including the Grand Prize in the 2014 Philadelphia International Music Festival's Concerto Competition, best solo 2019 Arthur Frasier International Piano Competition and fifth place in the 2019 International e-Piano Junior Competition. Caleb is a volunteer with the Medical University of SC's Arts in Healing Program. When not playing the piano, Caleb enjoys karate; he is a third degree black belt who teaches younger students in various schools.

See Caleb's complete biography and additional photographs below.

Emma Joyce, Violin

Emma Joyce is a junior at the Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA), where she is concertmaster of the SOA Sinfonietta and Symphony. She is also concertmaster of the Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra. She won that group's concerto competition in 2019. Emma has attended summer music camps in North Carolina (Brevard), Charleston, Colorado, Georgia, and most recently the Josef Gingold Chamber Music Festival in Miami. She was named a Piccolo Spoleto Festival Rising Star in 2018, has performed with region and state honors orchestras since 2012, and this year will be a member of the NAFME All National Honors Orchestra. Emma currently studies with Yuriy Bekker, concertmaster of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. She has been a scholarship recipient from the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League for the past four years as well as a recipient of the Charleston Music Club Donald J. Shetler String Award this past year.



See Emma's complete biography and additional photograph below.

Benjamin Kremer, Violin



Benjamin Kremer, 18 years old, is a freshman at the Lynn Conservatory of Music in Boca Raton, Florida where he receives full scholarship and studying with Elmar Oliveira. He performed in the final round of the Hilton Head concerto competition in 2017 and 2019, was one of the three high school students who studied in the concertmaster studio at Brevard in 2016, performed with the National Honor Orchestra in Grapevine, Texas in 2016 and received many other awards through middle and high school age. He graduated Charleston County School of the Arts in 2019 and performed Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto 3rd movement at final school concert. His former teachers are Andrew Emmett, Sarah Johnson and Jan Mark Sloman and also has worked with Ara Gregorian, Amy Schwartz Moretti and Yuriy Bekker during his time in high school. Benjamin is currently playing Mendelssohn String quartet in F minor at school and competing in the chamber music competition.

See Benjamin's complete biography and additional photograph below.

Erica Kremer, Cello

Cellist Erica Kremer, 19 years old, is a sophomore cello performance major at Florida State University, where she studies with Dr. Greg Sauer. She began piano studies at the age of five and received many awards, and then she began her cello studies in 8th grade under the instruction of her father, Damian Kremer. Erica attended Charleston County School of the Arts high school as cellist. Soon she became very serious in her cello playing and decided to pursue cello studies as her focus in college. Erica attended the Brevard Summer Music Festival in 2015 and 2017 as a piano student, and attended Charleston Chamber Music Intensive in 2018 and 2019 as piano and cello student. She won the concerto competition at the School of the Arts and performed Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme at the final concert. At Florida State University, Erica performs frequently as a cellist in several chamber and orchestra groups, and has played in featured solo performances and master classes. She is also maintaining her piano skills, and has appeared as accompanist in several studio classes and recitals.



See Erica's biography and additional photograph below.

Reed Kurtz, Piano

Reed Kurtz is a high school senior and plans on majoring in piano performance and composition. He was a 2019 CSOL Summer Study and Barry Goldsmith Scholarship recipient. Through the generosity of the CSOL he was able to attend the Brevard Music Center Summer Institute and Festival where he studied with Dr. Craig Nies from Blair Music School, Vanderbilt University. Dr. Nies wrote that Reed's "eloquent runs in the middle section of Jardins was a highlight of [his] 14 summers at Brevard." Reed also attended the 2019 Charleston Chamber Music Institute. It was a life-changing summer of making music. Reed currently studies with Dr. Paul Sanchez at the College of Charleston. Reed is in his third season as the pianist for the Summerville Orchestra under the baton of Wojciech Milewski.



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Marshall McArthur, Viola



Marshall is a junior at Charleston School of the Arts, where he is the principal violist. He has also been the principal of the Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra for the past two years. Over the summer he attended Brevard music festival in North Carolina, where he was principal for one of the concerts. Marshall has also been to many camps around the Charleston area. He has been in numerous chamber ensembles, as well as many region and all-state orchestras. Marshall has been studying with principal violist of the CSO, Jan-Marie Joyce, for a year and a half.

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Eliza Turner, Voice



Eliza Turner is a freshman on a talent and academic scholarship at Coastal Carolina University where she is studying Musical Theatre in their BFA program. Eliza graduated from Wando High School and studied at the Musical Theater Center since she was four. She just appeared in Coastal Carolina University's production of "Bright Star" and will next be seen in "Legally Blonde". Past roles at the Musical Theatre Center (MTC) include Genie in Aladdin, JR, Nala in The Lion King, JR, Donkey in Shrek, JR, Peter Pan in Peter Pan, JR, Ariel in The Little Mermaid, JR, Timoune in Once on this Island, JR, Gabriella in High School Musical 2, JR as well as many others. She also has taken part in the MTC trips to the Junior Theater Festival; a theater competition held in Atlanta, Georgia. She has been awarded Outstanding Female Performer twice and has also been selected to perform in choreography DVDs for newly published works by Music Theater International filmed in New York City.

Elliott Weeks, Violin

Elliott Weeks is a second-year student at Florida State University studying Violin Performance. He was named a finalist in the 2018 Hilton Head Youth Concerto Competition and has performed in masterclasses with Herbert Greenberg, Viktor Danchenko, and Gary Levinson. This past summer, Elliott participated in the inaugural season of the Josef Gingold Chamber Music Festival in Miami, Florida. He is currently concertmaster of the Florida State University Philharmonia and studies with Benjamin Sung. Outside of his studies, Elliott is a student missionary with the Catholic Student Union at FSU and has a strong interest in orchestral conducting.



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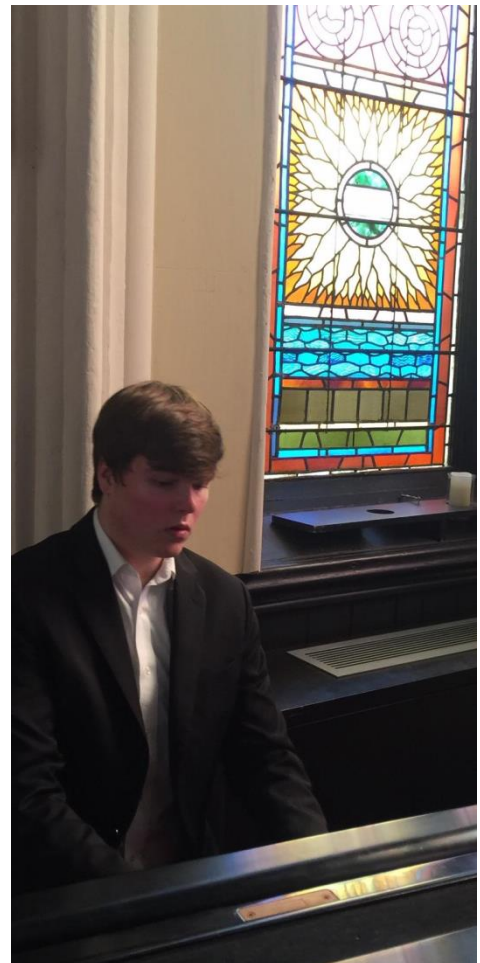
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Caleb Borick, sixteen, studies with Dr. Joseph Rackers. Caleb has won numerous awards and scholarships including the Grand Prize in the 2014 Philadelphia International Music Festival's Concerto Competition, third place in the 2017 MTNA Nationals Junior Division, first place in the 2017 Ronald Sachs International Music Competition, second place in the 2017 International Institute for Young Musicians International Piano Competition, first place in the 2017 SCGSAH Junior Artist Piano Competition, first place in the 2018 Steinway & Sons Junior Piano Competition Division 3 NC, first place 2019 MTNA Senior Division for SC, second place, young jury and best solo 2019 Arthur Frasier International Piano Competition, and fifth place 2019 International e-Piano Junior Competition.

Caleb has been the featured soloist with the Fountain Inn Symphony Orchestra, the Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestra for their 20th Anniversary East Coast Tour to Carnegie Hall, the Alicante Symphony Orchestra, the Southcoast Symphony Orchestra, the Tidewater Intergenerational Orchestra and The Charleston Symphony Orchestra. He has appeared on WPR's *The Midday* with Norman Gilliland, KPR's *Classical Music in the Morning* with Michael Keelan, and on NPR's *From The Top* Episode # 320. He has participated and soloed in numerous music festivals including Southeastern Piano Festival, International Institute for Young Musicians, Green Lake Festival of Music, The Cliburn Junior Festival, and MusicFest Perugia in Perugia, Italy.

As an arts education leader, Caleb is a volunteer with the Medical University of SC's *Arts in Healing* Program. When he is not playing the piano, Caleb enjoys karate. He is a third degree black belt who teaches younger students in schools weekly.



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Benjamin performed as concertmaster several times with SC Region Orchestra, SC All State Orchestra all through his middle and high school years, and the National Honor Orchestra in 2016, and Brevard Summer Festival high school orchestra in 2016. At the Brevard Summer Festival, he was one of the three high school students who were accepted into the concertmaster studio and studied with William Preucil, David Kim (Philadelphia Orchestra) and

David Coucheron (Atlanta Symphony). Benjamin has also attended Chamber Music on the Hill in 2015 and Charleston Chamber Music Intensive in 2018 and 2019 with full scholarship.

Benjamin has accomplished many awards and appearances such as winner of Charleston Bach Society Young Artist Competition in 2017 and 2018, second place of MTNA Solo Competition in Senior division in 2018, finalist of the Hilton Head Concerto Competition, performed Mendelssohn Violin concerto 1st movement (in 2017) and Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto 3rd movement (in 2019), and been selected by audition to McDuffie Labor Day Festival in his high school senior year. Benjamin has worked with many known violinists such as Yuriy Bekker, Ara Gregorian (East Carolina University) and Amy Schwartz Moretti (McDuffie Center of String) in the past and studied regularly with Andrew Emmett, Sarah Johnson (Converse College) and Jan Mark Sloman (Cleveland Institute of Music). Benjamin loves playing chamber music as he is in the string quartet at Lynn Conservatory where the group will be entering their annual chamber music competition in December.

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