

Conductor



Mr. Kempton is a native of Northern Michigan and has attended the Interlochen National Music Camp, the Eastman School of Music, the University of Illinois, Westminster Choir College and the University of Michigan. His first professional experience was as trombonist with the National Symphony and Opera Orchestras of Iran in Tehran. Since returning to the US he has been an active conductor and trombonist in the New York metropolitan area. He is also a published composer and arranger.

Orchestra



The Island Chamber Symphony has been giving concerts at various sites on Long Island for over 30 years. ICS is most often conducted by founder/music director Jeremy Niles Kempton. The orchestra is made up of between 25 and 30 of Long Island's finest musicians. The exact number and instrumentation depends on the specific programs being presented.

We are especially proud of our policy of showcasing gifted young artists, many of whom have gone on to perform with orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony, the Mexico City Symphony and many others.

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Jeremy Niles Kempton, Conductor

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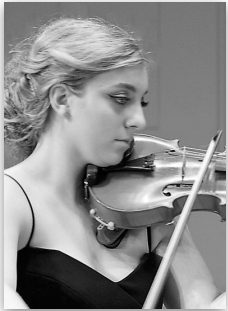
Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, 1st Mov.t _____ Samuel Barber
Michele Ripka, Violin Soloist

Concerto for Piano in D Major, 1st Mov.t _____ Franz Joseph Haydn
Brenden J. Davis, Piano Soloist

Intermission

Concerto for 2 Clarinets and Orchestra _____ Franz Krommer
I. Allegro
II. Adagio
III. Tempo di Rondo
Nancy Daniels & Heather Jackson, Clarinet Soloists

Irish Tune From County Derry _____ Trad./Percy Grainger
Arranged for Woodwinds and Horns by Richard Sergeant



Michele Ripka, Violinist, is thrilled to be performing with the Island Chamber Symphony again. Michele is an Honor Roll senior student at Syosset High School in Syosset, NY. She began her studies at the age of 3 under the guidance of Carol Kushner and her mother Geri Kushner, directors of Music Institute of Long Island (MILI). Michele is a student of Dr. Anne Setzer. She studies and performs chamber music at MILI coached by Carol Kushner. Her first public competition debut was at age 6, she won first place at the New York Competition and subsequently performed at Carnegie Hall. Michele's first solo with orchestra was Vivaldi's "Spring" Concerto at age 11 with the Gemini Youth Symphony at Alice Tully Hall. Most recently, Michele was

the winner of the Syosset High School Concerto Competition and just performed the Barber Violin Concerto with orchestra as well as winner of the Town of Oyster Bay's Arts Council Award. As a chamber musician and soloist she has won first place in numerous competitions, including the American Fine Arts Festival (AFAF). Michele performed at Carnegie Hall with her trio, DISHE, as winners of AFAF competition. Ms. Ripka has soloed with the Manhattan Strings Orchestra in NYC, at the St Peter's Church for a 9/11 Memorial concert as well as playing with them at the United Nations. She has won the Concerto Competitions in 2014 soloing with Island Chamber Orchestra performing Bruch's Violin Concerto in G minor and as well in 2012 performing Mozart's G major Concerto with both Concert Festival and Island Symphony Orchestras. In December, Michele attended All State Conference in Rochester, NY for the 2nd time after receiving a 100, A+ NYSSMA score. In January, Michele was Concert Master in NBC's debut TV series, "Shades of Blue" starring Jennifer Lopez and Ray Liotta. Michele has been accepted to the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, and the School of Literature, Arts, and Sciences, at the University of Michigan where she will be pursuing both music and psychology this Fall. Michele thanks the warm-hearted Yelena and Vladimir Polezhayev of Concert Festival, and Conductor Jeremy Kempton of Island Chamber Symphony for giving their support and encouragement to musicians like herself.



Brenden J. Davis is a 14 year old pianist, studies with Veselin Nonov. Brenden attends the Hempstead Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he plays the piano for services. Brenden has been playing the piano since he was six years old. His genre of music is classical with interest in Chopin, Mozart, Haydn and Bach. Brenden has played for piano competitions, recitals at the Piano Teachers Congress of New York, NYSSMA, performed at the Presbyterians Men's Ensemble Tenors in Concert, weddings, and played with the Lincoln University Choir. Brenden also won the Grand Prize Trophy at the Young Talented Pianists Competition in March 2014 at the Great Neck Conservatory of Music where

he performed the Fantasie – Impromptu by Chopin. Recently in 2015 Brenden was awarded the Grand Prix in Concert Festival Concerto Competition.