

Davidson Fellow
Drew Petersen

(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Drew Petersen

Age: 12

Oradell, New Jersey

School, College and Career Plans

Drew will take a number of honors and accelerated courses as he enters the eighth grade at Dwight-Englewood School. The youngest student ever accepted into the Manhattan School of Music Conducting Program and he hopes to become a performing pianist, composer and conductor.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Music*)

In his portfolio, "Keeping Classical Music Alive," Drew believes that if he can reach an audience through his piano performances he will inspire them to become more active and engaged listeners in all areas of their lives. Drew currently attends the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division, and has performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. In 2005, Drew won the Manhattan School of Music Concerto Competition and has been a featured performer on NPR's "From the Top."

Biography

For as long as he can remember, Drew has had a passion for classical music. That passion has led him to performances all over the United States and Europe, resulting in a number of impressive musical awards and accomplishments.

In April 2006, Drew's talent led him to a collaboration with Ariel Winds, a woodwind quintet, in a number of cultural leadership programs for New York City students. This gave him the opportunity to share the importance of classical music with his peers.

Proving that his musical skills and interests are not limited to the piano, Drew has also found success as a composer, studied the organ and shown a keen interest in conducting.

In addition to his musical success and endeavors, Drew has an eclectic variety of other interests, including swimming, running, sailing, hiking and bicycling. He is also enrolled in honors and advanced courses in his school, including two foreign languages – French and Latin.

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Honors/Awards

- 2006 Davidson Fellow
- 2006 Acceptance into highly selective Meadowmount School of Music
- 2005 Manhattan School of Music Concerto Competition Winner
- 2005 Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society Competition Winner
- 2005 Participant in "Just Normal" documentary; produced and aired on Plum TV
- 2004 Music Festival of the Hamptons solo recital
- 2003 Acceptance into Manhattan School of Music conducting program; youngest student ever
- 2003 Nicholas Green Distinguished Student award
- 2003 Steinway Hall solo recital; Presented by Steinway and Sons for their 150th anniversary
- 2002 Performance of one of his compositions by great jazz trumpeter, Jon Faddis and his jazz quartet.
- 2001 Music Educator's Association of New Jersey State-wide Piano Competition, 1st place in concerto, piano duet, piano duo categories
- 2001 Piano Teacher's Society of America Competition Winner

Community Activities

Drew is very active in community outreach programs for schools and nonprofit fundraisers. He enjoys performing at senior care facilities and for educational outreach programs with the Westchester Philharmonic and Young Audiences New York City. He has participated in hurricane relief fundraising in his community and has served as a lecturer for children at local libraries.

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