



Senior Winners 2014

Fall means most of us under the age of 21 are thinking about going back to school.

Matthew Lee, Hallie Jo Gist and Jeremy Goldwasser will be returning to their respective high schools.

Jee Young Bhan hopes to participate in music while studying medicine at U.C. Davis.

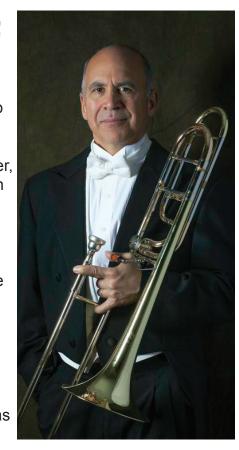
Joe Alessi Wins in 1975, Is Still Winning!

When I directed Joe Alessi Jr. in a concert for the Inverness Music Festival in 1975 I had no idea I was conducting the future first trombone of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and one of the top trombone players of the world!

Perhaps the scholarship awarded Joe in 1975 helped boost his career, but we can't claim all the glory of his success. Marin Music Chest can certainly enjoy standing in his shadow.

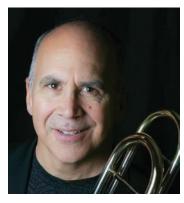
After graduating from Terra Linda High School in San Rafael, he auditioned for and won a position with the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra. Shortly after that he was accepted into The Curtis Institute in Philadelphia where he trained until 1980. He was awarded a "caretaker" second trombone position in the Philadelpha Orchestra and after one season, the regular job was his; he played there for four seasons.

After one year as solo trombone with the Montreal Symphony, he joined the New York Philharmonic as principal trombone where he has performed since.



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Joe has 14 recorded albums to his credit, all available on Amazon, including solo, ensembles and brass choirs. His teaching at Juilliard, along with the trombone seminars he gives around the country are highly respected. For more about Joe, check out the article on Wikipedia. B.G.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

Daniel Cho, 2007 violin Mariko Wyrick, 2007 cello Kuni Migimatso, 2007 piano Collin Wells, 2007 flute Alex Winter, 2007 cello Elizabeth Hertzberg, 2007 voice Elisabeth Zasseder, 2008 harp Olivia Jew, 2008 piano Hayaka Komatsu, 2008 violin

Please send us an email about what you're doing and, if available, a picture. We know some of you may not be full-time professionals but do keep us informed of your whereabouts and how Music Chest made a difference to you. It is our goal to share with our friends the good news and activities of our past winners.

Performance Photos by Eric Chazankin

Jee Young Bhan, Redwood High; Matthew Lee. Branson; and Karl Tietze, Redwood High receiving well earned applause!



Chener Yaun, winner of this year's AlmaTomlinson Award, will begin studies at Juilliard this Fall.



Laura Arthur will continue studying voice at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.