

From Elizabeth Hainen: Founder & Artistic Director

What a wonderful day it was to be back in the schools with our harpists! Seeing everyone at the 2022 All-City Orchestra Festival Concert in March, cheering Glissando student Maya Lindsey on, was an unforgettable moment.

We hope you join our teaching artists and mentors in transforming middle and high school musicians into community stewards as they use their harp skills to succeed in life!



LyraNYC: A partnership with Midori & Friends to Bring *Glissando!* to the Big Apple



In February 2022, Lyra and Midori & Friends (M&F) partnered to bring our *Glissando!* harp education program to New York City! M&F provides transformative tuition-free music education, access to live performances, and leadership development for underserved youth.

Realizing that our missions align, longtime friends Elizabeth Hainen and Midori collaborated with Executive Directors Larisa Gelman (M&F) and Helen Gerhold (Lyra) for Lyra to expand and for M&F to deepen impact. Grammy-nominated harpist, composer, and educator Brandee Younger is the NYC program's "Harp Mama" and her previous student, Skyla Budd is our new NYC Teaching Artist.

Currently, there are three NYC harp students - one girl and two boys - at the Theatre Arts Production Company School (TAPCo) in the Bronx. Excited by the new opportunity for her students, TAPCo's music teacher, Catherine Plichta, rented a harp for herself to learn with them!

The students performed the White Stripes' "Seven Nation Army," and other selections with ensembles at their Spring Concert to roaring applause.



Save the Date!

Golf 'n' Gliss 2023



THE LYRA SOCIETY'S 9-HOLE GOLF, DINNER, AND CONCERT BENEFIT
Concert features Elizabeth Hainen and Lyra Students

Wednesday | May 31, 2023

The Union League Golf Club at Torresdale

3801 Grant Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19114

Not a golfer? Join us for dinner and concert!

Visit LyraSociety.org/Golf2023 for sponsorship opportunities & more info.

Thank You for Your Support: '21-'22 Highlights



Students and Staff at ACOSA 2023

- Students met from across different schools, performed for each other, and gave feedback to their peers in our first annual student workshop
- LyraNYC launched in partnership with Midori & Friends
- Lyra continued our annual partnership with The Mann Center for All City Orchestra Summer Academy (ACOSA) - free orchestra programming for Lyra students
- Lyra hosted its first Golf 'n' Gliss benefit, with glowing success!

"I've watched Lyra students come through the program; the progress in playing, and more importantly the development of poise and confidence from these students is nothing short of amazing."

- Ken Hutchins, Patron



Maya soloing with the All-City Orchestra @ Kimmel

Congratulations to Lyra's 2022 Graduates!: Lyra's College List

Through your support and the work of Director of Education, Maryanne Meyer, and our Teaching Artists, all of our seniors are continuing their education. Our students were accepted at the following colleges:

Community College of Philadelphia*
Drexel University
Duquesne University
LaSalle University
Penn State University, Abington*

Penn State University
Princeton University*
Smith College*
Susquehanna University
Temple University

University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg
Ursinus University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

* = attending

Zora Comes Full Circle: Lyra Alumna Appointed Director of Community Initiatives

Zora began her harp career at nine in a Lyra-sponsored program. Now a student at New York University studying harp performance with Brandee Younger, she has performed in ensembles throughout the East Coast.

Zora is interested in storytelling as a way to help non-profit organizations engage with their communities, an interest she developed in her previous work as Communication Director for March for Our Lives Pennsylvania.

We are honored to have Zora join Lyra! Her experiences in challenging inequities in the world of classical music will be a key resource for us as we continue to promote cultural equity through access to harp education.

Thank you to Elizabeth Huston (Zora's first harp teacher) for her five years of service to Lyra as Director of Community Initiatives. She is pursuing new endeavors in California but will help support a smooth transition for Zora at Lyra.



Join us in transforming Philly and NYC youth into community stewards through the harp!

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