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## **THS Junior to Play With Verbier Festival Junior Orchestra**

Tenafly junior accepted into world-renowned international orchestral training program

### **For Immediate Release**



**Tenafly, NJ** – May 5, 2022 – Tenafly High School Junior and violinist Iris Sung has been accepted into the world-renowned Verbier Festival Junior Orchestra (VFJO) for summer 2022.

The Verbier Festival is an international classical music event that takes place each summer in the mountain town of Verbier, Switzerland. The Festival's mission is to build a community of exchange between great masters and young artists from all over the world and to be a leader in its field by providing meaningful music education programs.

When asked about her decision to audition, Sung shared "I knew that I wanted to apply to the program from a very young age. So when I applied this year, it was truly a dream come true."

Held from July 10<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, students aged 15 to 18 accepted into the program are coached by a roster of established players from around the globe, many of whom are Verbier Festival Orchestra alumni and who now perform in prominent orchestras including London Symphony Orchestra, Luzerner Sinfonieorchester, Orchestre de Paris and Frankfurter Opern-und Museumsorchester. Over three weeks, the musicians learn, rehearse, and perform in Verbier and Le Châble.

Sung has been working with Michael Repper, conductor of the New York Youth Symphony, which she joined at age 12, and currently serves as the Assistant Concertmaster in the Frank Wigglesworth endowed chair. She also works with conductor Adam Glaser in the Juilliard Pre-college Symphony, for which she has served in concertmaster and principal positions. As a pre-college student, she also studies with Professor Masao Kawasaki of the Juilliard School, where she was named as a Student

Artist for the 2021 Starling-DeLay Violin Symposium and she is a contributing writer for the program notes of the Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra.

“Music is something that I truly enjoy,” added Sung. “It is a way to balance my other interests and academic life. I can’t wait to attend the festival this summer.”

For more information on Tenafly High School, visit <https://www.tenaflyschools.org/th.s>.

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