



One Of FSM's Best Viola Lessons Students Gets Accepted To Frisco Youth Symphony Orchestra

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The Frisco School of Music, in Frisco, TX is proud to announce that their student, 13 year old 8th grader Bram Schalken, has been accepted as a violist into the Frisco Youth Symphony Orchestra. Bram has been a student with the Frisco School of Music (FSM) since 2013, as can be seen on <http://www.fricoschoolofmusic.com/july-2015-music-classes-frisco-texas,-tx.htm>, and he has always shown fantastic talent in his mastering of the viola. FSM wishes him all the best in this exciting new venture.

"Bram has been an exceptional student at our school. His positive attitude and dedication really shows in his great performances and it is not at all surprising that he has been accepted into the Frisco Youth Symphony Orchestra," says Chris Ducan, Director of the Frisco School of Music.

This fall, the symphony will include middle school musicians like Bram in its ranks for the first time ever. Additionally, they will be accepting high school musicians as well. Bram worked tirelessly with his FSM teacher for two months in order to prepare for the audition. He had to complete an etude, a solo piece (Bourree by Handel) and as many scales as he could play in just 3 minutes, as well as a chromatic scale.

"The etude was the hardest part of the audition because of the shifting that was required, and that was the first time I had ever done an etude," Bram said. "Ms. Sabrina is a great teacher. She's helped me get a better quality sound out of my playing."

Bram also participated in the FSM Achievement Graduations this year. The FSM recommends all private students take part in the Achievement Graduation Program. This means that they prepare and perform for a judge a solo performance at their grade level that is teacher approved and includes technique and a number of repertoire selections. During the school year, FSM teachers plan and prepare their students to be ready for the judging date. All selections are performed by memory. Past performances can be viewed on https://youtu.be/Fc_E_g437Vo.

Students perform in front of a judge and are then graded on a standard of musical excellence. They receive a medal and certificate that includes the comments and then 'graduate' to the next level of study. The experience is both exciting and rewarding and motives students to work towards their next level. Family is invited to hear the Graduation, where many musical styles and genres are represented. FSM has open enrollment and is now accepting new students.

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