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Washington Island Prodigy Attends Birch Creek's Symphony Session

Egg Harbor, Wis. – July 3, 2014 – Jonathan Bass, a 13-year-old pianist from Washington Island, Wis., is attending the Birch Creek Music Performance Center's Symphony session.

Jonathan started playing piano at age three and performed in his teacher's semi-annual recitals. He says, "I was an assisting Young Artist at the Washington Island Music Festival, performing J.S. Bach's 'Two Part Invention in C,' Scott Joplin's 'Strenuous Life Rag,' and 'Thunderstorm,' a piece I composed a year earlier."

His preferred type of music is Christian rock, and he lists Switchfoot and The City Harmonic among his favorite bands. Besides piano, Jonathan also plays clarinet, guitar and bass guitar.

The application and auditioning process for students applying to Birch Creek is challenging. Jonathan initially applied in January and was eventually accepted in early March. As required to demonstrate his musical talents, he submitted an audition recording, which was reviewed by Birch Creek faculty. All Symphony students perform concerts alongside their instructors and must possess the skills to keep up with a demanding repertoire.

Birch Creek's student-to-instructor ratio is 2:1, providing Jonathan an excellent opportunity to work with piano teacher Jodie DeSalvo during the two-week session.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center is a summer music school in Door County, WI, for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Five sessions focus on percussion and steel band, symphony, big band jazz, and vocal jazz. Applications are welcome.

2014 Season Concert Schedule

Percussion & Steel Band – Concluded

Symphony – July 3 – 12

Big Band Jazz – July 16 – August 9

Vocal Jazz – August 12 – August 16

Photo:

Jonathan Bass

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