

**Top Student Musicians from Dwight Schools Around the World —  
Innovators in Global Education — to Perform as One at Carnegie Hall**

*“Music of the Seasons,” featuring the debut of an original student composition, on February 25*

**New York, NY, February 14, 2017** – [Dwight School](#) is bringing together 180 students from around the world to perform in a [global concert](#) on Saturday, February 25, 5 pm, at Carnegie Hall. This event, an annual Dwight tradition, exemplifies the school’s long-standing leadership role in bridging international boundaries — Dwight was the first American independent school to open a campus abroad in London in 1972 — and its commitment to preparing graduates to thrive in today’s globalized world.

“No matter where in the world a Dwight student lives, we personalize the educational journey for each one based on his or her individual passions, which we call ‘igniting the spark of genius in every child.’ This is a hallmark of a Dwight education, along with our dedication to educating innovative global leaders equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to succeed in our rapidly changing world and to solve 21<sup>st</sup> century global challenges,” said **Stephen Spahn, Chancellor of The Dwight Schools**. Chancellor Spahn, who is celebrating 50 years in education, is the longest-serving head of an independent school in the U.S.

With campuses in New York, London, Seoul, Shanghai, and Dubai (opening fall 2018), Dwight Schools are leading International Baccalaureate World Schools providing students with numerous opportunities to participate in cross-campus curricular and cultural collaborations and exchange programs. These learning opportunities are also available to students of the Dwight Global Online School, who will be performing with their peers at Carnegie Hall.

“Our annual concert, which includes students in grades 4-12, brings Dwight’s cross-campus collaborative process to life in every way,” said **Music Director Alistair Hamilton**. “This year’s program, ‘Music of the Seasons,’ featuring a breadth of musical styles, is orchestrated and composed by faculty and students from around the world. Connecting cultural traditions and ideas through the universal language of music is an incredible learning experience for our students. They auditioned virtually and will be meeting in New York to rehearse and perform as one family. This process illustrates the benefits of being part of an active global network of schools that values the arts and provides students with unprecedented opportunities, such as performing together at Carnegie Hall.”

The concert will showcase the talent of many students, including **Calvin Solomon ’17**, a composer and senior at Dwight’s New York campus. His original classical composition for flute, clarinet, French horn, piano, and strings — *Winter Whispers* — will premiere played by professional musicians. Mr. Solomon has composed over a dozen instrumental pieces, some commissioned, which have been performed by professionals at such venues as the Tenri Cultural Institute, Roulette, and Barge Music in Brooklyn.

“It’s an honor, and truly humbling, for me to debut my piece in one of the most famous concert venues in the world,” said Mr. Solomon, who will be attending Yale University in the fall. “This event represents the coming to fruition, or culmination, of my passion for composing and hard work over the last eight years.”

**More about Dwight School**

Founded in 1872, Dwight is a leading international school located on Manhattan's Upper West Side. It is the first school in the Americas to offer all four IB programs for students from preschool through grade 12. A Dwight world-class education rests on three pillars: personalized learning, community, and global vision. Graduates attend such leading colleges and universities worldwide as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, Stanford, NYU, Brown, Columbia, Oxford, and the University of Edinburgh.

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