



***Eugene Howe, soloist***

Eugene is a sophomore at Portland State University studying violin under Dr. Tomas Cotik. He is currently a member of the Portland State University Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Ken Selden. Previous teachers include Clarisse Atcherson, Wei He, Robin Sharp, and Kendra Law. Eugene owes a special debt of gratitude to Ms. Atcherson for her continued guidance and mentorship.

Eugene has been the recipient of many awards, including the David E. Wedge Scholarship, the Western University Exchange, and the COTA (College of the Arts) School of Music and Theater Award.

Growing up in Hillsboro, Oregon, Eugene then moved to California at age 14. Previous orchestral affiliations include the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, the El Camino Youth Orchestra, and the San Jose Youth String Orchestra, in which he served as Concertmaster.

In addition to his second place win in the Chamber Music Society of Oregon Concerto Competition, Eugene also won second place in the American String Teachers Association of Oregon competition. He has performed in master classes under Jeffrey Kahane, Charlie Castleman, and Stephanie Chase, and has been the recipient of scholarships at Montecito International Music Festival, California Summer Music, and Rocky Ridge Young Artist Seminar.

Eugene is also a talented baseball player. In addition to playing youth baseball in Oregon, he was the closing pitcher and second baseman on his varsity baseball team at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale, California. Other interests include the card game *Magic: The Gathering*, and playing tennis with his two younger brothers.