



All-National Honor Ensembles

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552 Students from 50 States and Territories to Perform in National Online Concert during Music In Our Schools Month®

RESTON, VA (12/18/2020) —During the 2019–20 school year, along with other accomplished music students across the United States and overseas in military base schools, **Ella Kim** from **Weston High School** practiced with dedication to gain a spot in her local, district, and state music honor ensembles.

And now **Ella Kim** will join the “best of the best” for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) 2020 All-National Honor Ensembles (ANHE) Virtual Event January 7–8, 2021. The first ever All-National Honor Ensembles virtual event will include several rehearsals with six of the most prominent conductors in the United States: and workshops with renowned clinicians. Each ensemble will create a final, recorded performance that will be premiered online during the National Association for Music Education’s (NAfME) Music In Our Schools Month® in March 2021.

The All-National Honor Ensembles performers represent collaboration and creativity in its highest musical form. The All-National Honor Ensembles consist of a concert band, symphony orchestra, mixed choir, jazz ensemble, guitar ensemble, and modern band (now in its second year). Students were chosen through an extremely competitive audition process. The concert band and symphony orchestra will each have 120 instrumentalists each, the jazz ensemble 13 instrumentalists, the mixed choir 241 vocalists, the guitar ensemble 45 instrumentalists, and the modern band 13 performers. The NAfME All-National Honor Ensembles represent the top performing high school musicians in the United States.



Ella started learning to play the violin at age 5, quickly developing a love for music. As the first prize winner of the Rivers Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition, Ella made her solo debut with the Rivers Philharmonia Orchestra in 2016. She has since been the recipient of both the Judge's Top Prize and First Prize of the American Protégé International Concerto Competition resulting in a solo performance at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall, and will be soloing with the Arlington Philharmonic Orchestra as the first prize winner of their Young Artist Competition. Ella has served as concertmaster of the Weston High School orchestras, Boston Youth Symphony, MMEA Eastern Junior and Senior District Orchestras, and the MMEA All-State Orchestra and was recently selected as one of the top violinists in the nation to perform in NAFME's All-National Honors Orchestra. She enjoys giving back to her community as a musical volunteer for Continuo Boston as well as at the Weston Brook Apartments and Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Ella is currently a sophomore at Weston High School and studies with Peter Zazofsky.