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Dear Riverside Symphony,

I was on the A team in the New York University for the Music Memory Competition from P.S. 193. I am in the fourth grade and it was amazing to be in a concert hall for the first time listening to real live music. It's very amazing that they chose me and the other kids on the team out of the 4 classes and about 120 kids in all willing to do anything to make the team. It was a very tense moment. Everyone waiting for results. Those kinds of situations make you feel almost kind of special. And I wouldn't be able to do it without the other kids on the team who helped me to study, study and study and they are Celine, Daniel and Michael. And also with the help of Griffin, the captain and Kenty the alternate. And most of all, I got the most of the help I needed from my music memory teacher, Mrs. Donato who encouraged me and probably everyone on the team to do their best and to remember to always have fun. My favorite piece and the one piece I listen to the most is Cantata number 140 Zion hears the watchmen singing by Bach because it has such a delightful melody and also the four seasons "Spring" by Vivaldi because it is a type of song where you would take a walk in the park. It is very relaxing and calm piece of music. It was an amazing event and I remember it as if it was yesterday.

From Melissa

Daniel Naumov

Dear Riverside Symphony, thank you for playing so well for us. We (well at least I am) infinitely excited for the competition next year. I am happy we won, but even if we did not win I would have been happy because the orchestra was so great! It is not everyday you can listen to 20 pieces of music, played by live orchestra AND win a blue and gold ribbon! Also, the mystery piece was hard, but fun. I am overjoyed to be on the Music Memory team, and wish to continue the existence of Music Memory competitions. I hope Music Memory lasts forever, LONG LIVE MUSIC MEMORY!

Sincerely,

Daniel Naumov,

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Dear Riverside Symphony,

I really loved the Music Memory contest. I was the alternate this year, but last year I was on the team. What I liked the most was that I got a chance to hear beautiful, old music which was treasured with its composers. My favorite four selections were Romeo and Juliet: "Dance of the Knights" by Prokofiev, Il Traviatore: "Anvil Chorus" by Verdi, "O la O che bon eccho" by Lassus, and "In the Hall of the Mountain King" by Grieg. Yet, since I named my favorite selections, that doesn't mean that I didn't love and enjoy all of them because I did. This year and last year I went home with gold, yet, both years I went home with second place because we (me and my team) got one wrong both times. Another thing I enjoyed was that no one ever sees an orchestra with a composer and instruments from the brass, percussion, woodwind, and string families very often. Once again, I tell you I enjoyed the music memory competition. Have a nice day!

Yours truly,
Ahmad Elghayesh

Dear Riverside Symphony,

Thank you for playing at the Music Memory Competition. You were great! I was the captain of my team and we got second place. My favorite song was Four Seasons: "Spring" by Vivaldi. Everyone were very nervous. If I was stuck in a desert, I could listen to Vocalise all day! Music Memory songs were my favorite this year because I heard famous songs composed by all of my favorite composers. We only got one question wrong. Thank you for having Music Memory.

-Andrew

Dear Riverside Symphony,

What I liked most about Music Memory was that we learned music. I am saying the truth, I was never into music. What caught my attention was my favorite piece. My favorite piece is Cantata No. 140: "Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing" by Bach. I liked that piece because it was measured and used violin. Also, Mozart and Beethoven music is beautiful. They are first 16 pieces I heard. First, I want to congratulate the schools who won first place. We were the P.S. 193 Team B. The fourth graders (Team A) won first place. We won second place. I still really enjoyed music memory it was fun.

Sincerely,
Mahmoud Elghayesh

DEAR RIVERSIDE SYMPHONY,

What I like about riverside symphony is that the way your business runs. I was in NYU and I was the ALTERNATE. Our fourth grade team from p.s.193 won first place in the competition. WE got 20/20 answers right.

What I liked what you did this year was that the selections of music sounded really good.[Not to mention all music sounds good including classical music].Also what I liked is that you made the 16 selection that were easy to study and memorize in our head for the day of the competition.

Next year what I hope is that you make the music harder! WITH MORE SELECTIONS!

SINCERELY, KENTY COULANGES [ALT]