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The Network for Diversity in Concert Percussion Announces a Call for Applicants for Inaugural Youth and Emerging Artist Cohorts

Annapolis, MD (June 14, 2021) - The Network for Diversity in Concert Percussion (NDCP) is proud to announce that applications are open for the inaugural cohorts of Youth and Emerging Artists.

Founded in 2020 following calls for greater diversity in classical music, the NDCP aims to serve aspiring professional percussionists from underrepresented and underserved communities in an effort to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion in the concert percussion community. Open to percussionists who are Black, Indigenous, Hispanic, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, Queer, and/or women, participants of each cohort will receive tailored music education and resources to advance their performance skills and professional development from the NDCP Professional Members. The program's dates are November 1, 2021 through May 29, 2022, and it will be free of charge. Applications are due by Friday, September 17, 2021 at 11:59 PM EDT.

For students entering grades 6-12, the **Youth Artist** program offers quality Individual and Group Sessions, percussion equipment, and mentoring that complements their school curriculum.

The **Emerging Artist** program is open to percussionists ages 18-25 and will feature a customized program with opportunities for performance masterclasses, studio classes, mock auditions, percussion equipment maintenance classes, and mentorship.

“The NDCP is a unique and innovative resource and support system for aspiring professional percussionists,” says President Alana Wiesing. “By acknowledging, understanding, and responding to the specific backgrounds, needs, and goals of our Artists, we can effectively address barriers concerning equity, diversity, and inclusion on a more personal level.”

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The Network for Diversity in Concert Percussion is a network of professional concert percussionists aiming to create a more diverse concert percussion community. The NDCP serves aspiring professional percussionists from underrepresented and underserved communities through mentorship, equipment maintenance and procurement, and quality instruction.

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