

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Gabriel Kulick is a senior at Brighton High School who has been playing percussion since fourth grade. For the past nine years he has studied with Kyle Peters at the Eastman Community Music School (ECMS), where he also has been working to earn his Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Percussion with Honors. Gabriel has been Principal Percussionist with the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) for the past five years while also participating in several other ensembles including the ECMS Percussion Ensemble, Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, and Brighton High School Wind Ensemble and Symphony Bands. Gabriel has been selected to participate in New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-County, Area All-State, Conference All-State bands, and All-Eastern Conference band in 2025.

Gabriel participated in the World Youth Wind Symphony at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Summer 2023 and the World Youth Orchestra at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute in Summer 2024. Additionally, he was one of the winners of the 2024 David Hochstein Recital Competition and the 2024 Hochstein Concerto Competition. In 2025, Gabriel was awarded Grand Prize for the Rochester Philharmonic League's Young Artist Competition, allowing him to play alongside the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Lastly, he was awarded the Walter and Ethel Cope Prize for Most Outstanding Rising High School Senior at ECMS.

Gabriel's musical studies and performances have also taken him abroad, via tours with HYSO in Germany and the Czech Republic in 2022, Italy in 2024, and France in 2026. Music plays such a major role in Gabriel's life that he intends to study percussion performance as an undergraduate at the Eastman School of Music in the fall. Outside of the practice room, he is also passionate about his academics and enjoys skiing, working out, playing pool, and spending time with his family and friends.

PROGRAM

Attraction (1984)

Emmanuel Sejourne
(b. 1961)

To Varese (1994)

Joe Tompkins
(b.1970)

Rumba (1937)

Maurice C. Whitney
(1909-1984)

Jonah Kulick, *Alto Saxophone*

Chain (1997)

Kazunori Miyake
(b. 1963)

Intermission

Crossroads (2015)

Ivan Trevino
(b.1983)

Kyle Peters, *percussion*

Girlfriends Medley (2001)

Bob Becker
(b.1947)

Dale Kulick, *piano*

ECMS Honors Student Recital

Gabriel Kulick, *percussion*

from the studio of Kyle Peters

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Saturday, May 23, 2026
3:30 pm
Hatch Recital Hall

Audience Guidelines

Out of respect for all the performers, we ask audience members to stay until the end of the recital. If an exception must be made (for example, small children may be unable to sit through a long program quietly), please enter and leave the hall only between performers.

Please ensure that children are quiet and remain seated.

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