

GUILD WINNER: 20 QUESTIONS



David Tape

Instrument: Clarinet

Current Age: 18

Age Won: 16

How did you feel to win the Guild Competition? What was it like to prepare for it?

It was an amazing feeling to win the competition, since that was my first solo competition I played in. I remember I was extremely happy I won it and also proud in myself and I am still very proud that I was able to win. I remember when preparing for the competition, it was less hectic than it could have been because the piece I played I had been working on for some time already, the only hectic part perse was trying to find an accompanist who was willing and comfortable with playing a woodwind instrument during a pandemic. Either than that, I would say that the preparation stage went pretty well considering it was my first competition.

What are you up to now?

Currently I am studying at Wilfrid Laurier University doing a double major in Music Education and Biochemistry.

What is your favourite pop song?

American Idiot by Green Day

Do you ever listen to Country/Western?

No.

What did you do last summer?

Last summer I did a bunch of things. I played with the summer orchestra program, I played videogames, I also went on vacation for a few days to Niagra on the Lake. Basically, it was just a relax as much as possible before I had to pack and leave for Waterloo.

How often do you play your instrument?

On average, I try to aim to play for about 1 hour a day.

What is your favourite dish to order at a restaurant?

A burger or club with a poutine on the side.

What is your favourite fruit?

Watermelon.

Who is your favourite composer lately?

It would have to be Dmitri Shostakovich. I have always had a fascination with his music since I got to play the finale of his fifth symphony with Maestro Wiley back in early 2020. The past week I have re discovered that fascination about him and he's been my favourite composer.

What is your favourite social media account to follow?

I don't really have a favourite social media account; they are all on the same level of likeness to me.

Did the WSYO experience help you as you moved on to other things in your life?

Definitely, with this transition into university level music, I am able to use the skills that I gained because of not only the WSYO but also the WSCO as well. For example, in wind orchestra, the pieces that we are playing are on a whole different level compared to the music that I played with my high school. But I knew it was manageable because I played this level of music back with the WSYO/WSCO wind orchestra that Maestro Wiley conducted back in fall of 2020. With this experience of playing this caliber of music, I also have been able to use the tips that I have been given by the various conductors I've had the pleasure of working with during my time with the WSYO. So, I would say that the youth orchestra has given me a lot of experience.

Do you have a career goal? If yes, would you share it with us?

My dream goal is to teach music at a high school level, however just in case that isn't a smart idea when I graduate, I have a backup plan of becoming a pharmacist.

Chips or Chocolate?

Chips.

Do you have a favourite way to exercise?

I like to walk. Whenever I need to get somewhere, because I don't have a car with me up in Waterloo, I walk and I have to admit, not only is it relaxing but I've never felt more in shape.

Do you have a role model? (Someone you know/don't know/ famous/ otherwise?)

I have a bunch of role models, it's very hard to pick one but I will go with my old clarinet Instructor Tomi Xhelili. He taught me the importance and value of practice and hard work.

Android or iOS?

iOS

Favourite movie?

Grown Ups 1

Best way to spend your spare time?

Gaming.

If you could ask a question of anyone, living or dead, what would it be?

What is the best way to not regret things?