



Lev Mamuya is sixteen years old and is a junior at The Roxbury Latin School in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. He is a cello student at the New England Conservatory and has been playing the cello since he was 3 years old. He already has an impressive resume for someone so young. Lev gave his first solo recital at age five and appeared as a soloist with the Cape Cod Symphony at age eight. He won the Newton Symphony concerto competition in 2007 and in 2008, he appeared as a soloist on the PBS radio show “From the Top” as well as on the TV program “From the Top at Carnegie Hall.” Lev is passionate about classical music, which is immediately apparent from his blog called cellobello.com.

Lev won the junior division Sphinx Competition in 2013 which is a prestigious national competition for Black and Latino string players. “Ten semi-finalists are invited to Detroit. Everyone stays for about a week and it’s a very

comprehensive experience,” Lev says. “They choose three finalists who then play their concerto with the Sphinx Orchestra, which is comprised of top Black and Latino professional players from around the country.” Since winning the competition, he has performed with many major orchestras in this country including the Boston Pops Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra. He will be performing a movement from Lalo’s *Cello Concerto* with the Buffalo Philharmonic on March 12th.

In his free time, Lev enjoys reading, cross country running, hiking, playing video games and playing basketball. Although he does plan to continue his musical education in college, he says he is most interested in schools that offer both academic and music conservatory options. “I’m looking at joint programs between colleges and conservatories, so we’ll see,” he says. Lev is also a fervent Boston sports fan.



To hear Lev perform and learn more about him, you can visit these links:

Lev’s blog - www.cellobello.com

Lev’s Sphinx performance - <http://sphinxmusic.org/video-lev-mamuya.html>