

11-year-old pianist to be featured in 'All That Jazz'

Colton Peltier will perform in the Allegro Con Brio summer concert festival

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At age 9 Colton Peltier became the youngest person to ever have a solo with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

Now, at the ripe old age of 11, the Hastings Middle School student will be a featured performer in the fourth annual Allegro Con Brio summer concert festival, "All That Jazz," 8 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Wayzata Community Church, 125 E. Wayzata Blvd.

Colton, who has been studying piano since he was 3, currently studies with the Central Minnesota Music School and has established himself nationally as one of the top pianists in his age group.

Last summer, Colton was named the first "Minnesota Idol" and this summer, he will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at Sommerfest before being a featured performer at the Goshen College Piano Workshop and Academy in Goshen, Ind.

Also featured in "All That Jazz" will be jazz singer Connie Evingson of Minneapolis. Evingson, who performs

regularly at jazz festivals around the country, will perform "All That Jazz" from the musical "Chicago" and George Gershwin's "They All Laughed."

The mission of the annual Allegro Con Brio summer concert

is to help the audience understand how music impacts their everyday lives. It also strives to make orchestra music more accessible to a wide variety of listeners. The entire concert is a combination of full orchestras and small ensembles all performing jazz influenced music.

"All That Jazz" is sponsored by the Allegro Orchestral Association, which provides innovative and educational orchestral experiences to musicians and audiences of all ages. In addition to Allegro Con Brio, Allegro also sponsors Allegro Orchestral Camp and Allegro Sinfonia, which performs a series of free concerts at Wayzata Community Church.

For tickets or more information on Allegro Con Brio, contact Allegro at 952-258-0394 or www.allegronotes.org.



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