Gavin Warren, Clarinetist

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Based in southern Ontario, Gavin Warren is a clarinet player known for his boundless expressivity and technical prowess. He holds a Bachelor's of Classical Clarinet Performance from the University of Toronto where he studied under the tutelage of professional clarinetist Peter Stoll. Beginning his instrumental studies at fourteen, Gavin quickly picked up the craft and was encouraged by peers, teachers, and adjudicators to pursue music. While in high school, Gavin received a handful of awards for his artistic ability on clarinet and bass clarinet. The most notable of which being the Bernice Adams Award for Artistic Achievement; awarded to the graduate most likely to succeed in music, drama, or visual arts. While in university, Gavin collaborated with up and coming student composers such as Sean Parker, Minjoo Kim, Erik Kreem, and Quishi Jiang to premiere new compositions for clarinet. He has performed in various settings including a few musical productions, the Governor-General Horse Guard's military band, and a wide variety of chamber music gigs within southern Ontario. The most notable group he's been a part of is Kitchener's own Emporté Duo with student cellist Yvon Arseneault. Gavin earned a winning spot in the 2019 Kitchener-Waterloo (KW) Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition. Gavin has played in the KW Youth Orchestra, the KW Youth Concert Band, the KW Chamber Orchestra, the KW Community Orchestra, the Etobicoke Community Orchestra, and the 2016 Ontario Provincial Honour Band. Gavin has earned scholarships and solo opportunities from both the KW Youth Orchestra and KW Youth Concert Band. During university he played in the U of T Wind Symphony, U of T Wind Ensemble, U of T Symphony Orchestra, and the Contemporary Music Ensemble. Gavin received the Walter Homburger Scholarship and the Brooke Memorial Scholarship over the course of his undergraduate degree.