

Downers South trumpeter returning to Carnegie Hall

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DOWNERS GROVE – For many Community High School District 99 band students, last year’s trip to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

That is not the case for Downers Grove South High School junior Brianna Imgruet, who will perform again at the famed concert hall as part of the High School Honors Performance Series.

The trumpeter will be in New York City from Feb. 4 to 8, seeing local attractions and preparing for the Feb. 7 concert.

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International band

The five honors ensembles in the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall include nearly 750 high school students from 49 U.S. states; Guam; four provinces of Canada; and the countries of Armenia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Oman, the Philippines, Qatar, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates.

cians selected from more than 18,000 high school students who auditioned from around the world. The musicians will be divided into five honors ensembles.

Imgruet said she auditioned for the Honors Performance Series after auditioning for the Honor Band of America, which she will be performing with in

March in Indianapolis.

Having played in Carnegie Hall before, she said the experience is breathtaking.

“The hall is really big,” she said. “There’s lots of gold. It’s really ornate. There’s lots of lights everywhere.”

Imgruet said she also is excited about sightseeing in New York City. She plans to go to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum and a Broadway production of “Phantom of the Opera.”

“I’m looking forward to the private yacht that I’m going to go on,” she said.

At Downers Grove South, Imgruet is the first chair trumpet player in the Wind Ensemble and also plays in the jazz band and orchestra.

She said she wants to continue playing in college, majoring in music performance or music education.