

On April 11, 2018, Milton High School freshman Sam Higgins was named a Grand Prize Winner in the Fidelity Young Artists Competition at the Boston Pops. His Grand Prize award will include a solo performance of *Bereite dich, Zion* from the Christmas Oratorio of J.S. Bach with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra in Symphony Hall on June 6th, 2018.

Sam Higgins has been a member of Boston City Singers for 10 years. He started in the Kodaly Training Choir at the age of 5 and has moved through the various choruses in the organization and is now a member of the Tour Choir.

Singing has been a major part of Sam's life since he could talk. The applause following his first performance in the Children's Recital at the New Hampshire Music Festival at age 4 ensured his lifelong love of vocal performance.

Between the ages of 12 and 14 Sam performed the boy soprano solo in Bernstein's Chichester Psalms 9 times with 7 different organizations. In December of 2015 at the age of 13 Sam was the boy soprano soloist with the New England Philharmonic under the direction of Richard Pittman in a performance of Robert Kapilow's *Elijah's Angel* with baritones David Kravitz and Dana Whiteside. Sam performed the boy soprano solo in Howard Franzin's *The Voice of Isaac* in March of 2016 with Baritone David Kravitz and Coro Allegro under the direction of David Hodgkins. Also in 2016 Sam performed Peter Childs *Peace Poem after a Ugartic Inscription* for the dedication of the Trygve Lie Plaza at the United Nations compound in N.Y.C. In April of 2017 Sam performed the boy soprano solos in Bernstein's *Mass* with the Boston Conservatory at Berklee under the direction of world renowned conductor and musical director Eric Stern. On January 18 - 20th, 2018 Sam performed as a member of the children's chorus in performances of Mahler's 3rd Symphony with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Soprano Susan Graham and the women of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus under the direction of Maestro Andris Nelsons.

Also an accomplished violinist, Sam has performed with members of the New Hampshire Music Festival Orchestra for the annual children's recital. He started violin at age 4 with Jan Riggs of Newton, MA. His other teachers have included Charles Dimmock, Concertmaster of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and the Portland Symphony Orchestra and Anna Korsunky of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra.

Sam studies voice with Eiji Miura with the goal of pursuing a career as an opera singer.

Date	Piece	Group	Age
12/10/2014	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Boston Conservatory of Music	12
12/21/2014	<i>In Paradisum</i> , Gabriel Faure from <i>Requiem</i>	Celestial Christmas Concert. Wakefield Unitarian Church MA	12
3/4/2015	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Lexington High School, MA	12
12/4/2015	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Manchester Choral Society, Nashua North HS, NH	13
12/5/2015	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Manchester Choral Society, Brookside Congregational Church, Manchester NH	13
12/6/2015	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Manchester Choral Society, Hannaway Theater, Plymouth NH	13
12/13/2015	<i>Elijah's Angell</i> , Robert Kapilow	NE Philharmonic, Richard Pittman, Dana Whiteside, David Kravitz	13
3/13/16	<i>Voice Of Isaac</i> , Howard Franzin	Coro Allegro, David Hodgkins, David Kravitz	13
5/6/16	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	MIT Chous, Dr. William Cutter	13
9/18/16	<i>Peace Poem After A Ugartic Inscription</i> , Peter Childs	Trygve Lie Plaza Dedication, United Nations Complex, NYC	13
3/19/2017	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Falmouth Chorale, Zamir Chorale, Joshua Jacobson	14
4/6/2017	<i>Mass</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Eric Stern Conductor	14
4/7/2017	<i>Mass</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Eric Stern Conductor	14
4/8/2017	<i>Mass</i> , Leonard Bernstein (1:30)	Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Eric Stern Conductor	14
4/8/2017	<i>Mass</i> , Leonard Bernstein (7:30)	Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Eric Stern Conductor	14
4/9/2017	<i>Mass</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Eric Stern Conductor	14
4/9/2017	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Northeastern College Choir, Joshua Jacobson	14
6/14/2017	<i>Chichester Psalms</i> , Leonard Bernstein	Zamir Chorale, Temple Emanuel, Newton, Joshua Jacobson	14

