

# Matthew Lipman, First Prize Viola

## *2009 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players*

**Matthew Lipman, 17**, is a scholarship recipient and member of the Music Institute of Chicago's Academy program for gifted pre-college musicians where he studies privately with MIC artist faculty member Roland Vamos. He started his music studies on the viola at age ten in a public school string program.

Since then, Mr. Lipman's numerous first place awards include: the 2009 Johansen International String Competition; the 2009 American String Teachers Association National Solo Competition; the 2008 Union League Civic and Arts Foundation Competition; the Senior Division of the 2008 Society of American Musicians Solo Competition; the 2007 Walgreen's National Concerto Competition; the 2006 Chicago and 2007 Ohio Viola Society Solo Competitions; the 2006 Birch Creek Music Festival Concerto Competition; and the 2005 Southwest Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. In March 2008, he was named First Alternate of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Youth Auditions.

Among his radio and television credits are solo appearances on National Public Radio's *From the Top* (2007 & 2009), its PBS television counterpart, *From the Top: Live from Carnegie Hall* (2008), and live performances on WFMT 98.7's radio program, *Introductions* and WTTW's *Chicago Tonight*, and the CBS *Channel 2 Morning News*. An enthusiastic chamber musician, Mr. Lipman is a member of Quartet Polaris, which won the Gold Medal of the Junior Division of the 2008 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. His orchestral experience includes being principal violist of the MIC Academy Chamber Orchestra, four years with the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra and its elite Encore Chamber Orchestra, the Southwest Symphony Orchestra, and the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra.



In addition to his studies with Roland Vamos, Mr. Lipman has studied with Matthew Mantell, Peter Slowik, and Li-Kuo Chang. He is a member of the prestigious Perlman Music Program, where he is mentored by Heidi Castleman of the Juilliard School. He has performed in master classes for violist Helen Callus, Stephen Clapp, Paul Coletti, Roberto Diaz, and Lawrence Dutton. Mr. Lipman is a junior at Crete-Monee High School in Illinois, and his other interests include architecture, sports cars, and Facebook. He is a current recipient of a Career Grant from the Rachel Elizabeth Barton Foundation and a 2007 Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award.