

Alan Gao**Honors, Awards and Achievements in Music/Community Music Organizations**

Activity	Date	Achievement	Description
Foundation for Excellence in Education <i>Arts for Life!</i> Scholarship	2008	Recipient of the Scholarship	State-wide scholarship awarded to 25 High School Seniors
Newspapers and Magazines including Naples Daily News, News-Press, Gulf Shore Life, Naples Illustrated, etc	2002-2008	Featured in various articles in local magazines including the Naples Illustrated's 10 th anniversary issue in January 2008, the Powers of 10, where I was selected as one of the 10 most interesting young adults in Naples.	Been recognized for musical achievements and interviewed as a soloist with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra
Benefit Concert for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society	2006-07, 2007-08	Organizer, Host, Founder, and Performer	Raised over \$2000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
FMEA All-State Orchestra	2003 - 2006	Associate Concertmaster in 2003-04.	Selected by audition to play in the Florida All-State Orchestra.
Naples Philharmonic Concerto Competition	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006	Winner and performed as soloist with Naples Philharmonic Orchestra 8 times performing major concertos by Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Bach, Haydn, etc.	Competition allowing winners to perform as a guest soloist with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra

38 th and 39 th Annual Southwest Florida Young Artist Competition	2003, 2004, 2007	1 st Place in Strings Category	Competition for Young Musicians in Southwest Florida up to the age of 22. Categories include Vocals, Piano, Woodwinds and Brass, and Strings.
39 th Annual Southwest Florida Young Artist Competition	2004	Overall Winner and performed as soloist with Southwest Florida Symphony	Competition for Young Musicians in Southwest Florida up to the age of 22. Categories include Vocals, Piano, Woodwinds and Brass, and Strings. The overall winner is given the opportunity to perform with the SW FL Symphony Orchestra.
Naples Music Club Scholarship Auditions	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006,	1 st Place in Strings Category and performed in the Winners' Recitals and their Fundraising Luncheons.	Allows the opportunity for young musicians to compete for scholarships and chance to perform at the Winners' Recital. Also have been asked to perform for their fundraising luncheons and recitals.
Edison Young Artist Awards	2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007	1 st Place in Instrumental Category	A Competition for Young Artists with Categories such as Dance, Drama, Vocals and Instrumentals

Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Naples Philharmonic Youth String Ensemble	2001-2006	Concertmaster and Soloist	The Youth Orchestra is composed of the most talented in the SW FL areas. Performs annual concerts and also with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra side by side.
The International Children's Culture and Arts Festival	Summer of 2005	Performed in the Sydney Opera House in Australia	Invited to play in an orchestra participating in the Festival
Bach Ensemble Concert	2004	Performed as a guest soloist in the First Methodist Church of Naples and featured on their CD.	Bach Ensemble is a music group that focuses on early Baroque music.
Musical Performances/Recitals	2002-present day	Performed a repertoire of violin music including solo Bach, Ysaye, Prokofiev, Sarasate, Brahms, etc	Performances in Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Barbara B. Mann Hall in Ft. Myers, Young Harris College in Georgia and Churches and Retirement homes in the Naples – Marco Island area.
"How Cool is your School?" National Competition	2001	1 st Runner-Up in the National Competition.	Recorded a music video of the school for a National Competition where each school represents themselves creatively.