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_____ (student), age ____, of _____ (town), participated in the twenty third annual Richard Davis Foundation for Young Bassists, Inc., bass conference in Madison, Wisconsin on April 14-15, 2017.

Richard Davis, Professor Emeritus of Bass at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is an internationally acclaimed performing and recording artist who was honored with the National Endowment for the Arts' 2014 Jazz Master Lifetime Achievement Award. Davis created the conference with the goal of educating young musicians to better prepare them for college.

Students ages 7 - 18, from 6 different states, participated in master classes and clinics, worked in classical and jazz ensembles, learned famous bass lines from symphonic works, and performed publicly in recitals. The conference ended with a student concert and grand finale featuring the bass orchestra with over 30 basses playing together all on one stage! Special sessions included an alumni clinician feature, master classes of clinicians working with university students, and student & clinician recitals. Everyone took part in a Q&A session with the 13 bass masters from around the country, both professionals in the industry and university professors, who shared their insights as teachers and performers on subjects that included a wide variety of musical styles from classical European music, Jazz, R&B and Brazilian music to Rockabilly and Funk.

"This conference gives bassists the opportunity to play with peers and master performers, and helps them gain confidence in their ability.... It is an experience to grow and see a magnitude of knowledge" Davis said. Please visit RichardDavisFoundation.org for more information about the conference.

_____ (student) studies locally with _____ (teacher).

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