

Duo Esplanade

Duo Esplanade was formed to explore the complex sound colors of flute and clarinet as both solo instruments and as parts of different instrumental combinations in the standard classical repertoire, new music, and original arrangements.

Comprised of two rising solo performers - Ayça Çetin and Katsuya Yuasa - Duo Esplanade was founded while both musicians were studying at the Boston Conservatory. Sharing the same passions of enriching the lives of large audiences, students, families, and all members of the community with chamber music concerts and educational programs has been the main motive of the duo. Each member has extensive performance experience and has won competitions such as the 2014 Yamaha Young Performing Artist Competition and the 2015 Boston Woodwind Society Competition. They have also performed in national and international conventions and festivals, and individually have performed throughout England, Italy, Kosovo, Turkey, the United States, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, and Japan. Striving to deepen musical appreciation and share their dynamic creativity, Duo Esplanade performed in variety of venues around Boston, including the Newton Free Library, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Public Library, Emmanuel Church, and Boston Conservatory. The duo was announced as the winner of the Boston Conservatory Honors Chamber Competition in 2015. That same year, they toured in Michigan and Ohio, performing recitals in five different venues and teaching a masterclass at University of Akron. They performed the works of Eastman professor David Liptak and Polish composer Antoni Szalowsky at the 2016 Florida Flute Association Convention in Orlando.

In addition to these performances, they commissioned new pieces by Yunus Gencer, Matthew Weaver, and Kevin Wilson. Duo Esplanade continues to make efforts in expanding and exposing the flute/clarinet duo repertoire in the United States. Their Japanese and Turkish backgrounds extend the performances to become more unique, flavorful, and engaging experiences. They are currently touring in the United States while continuing their graduate studies in Boston and Florida.

