



## **Yurii Padkovskyi, Clarinet**

Yurii Padkovskyi is a 20-year-old Ukrainian clarinetist from Lviv, Ukraine. Born into a musical family, he is a graduate of the Lviv S. Krushelnystska State Music Lyceum (2010–2021). Since 2021, Yurii has studied the clarinet at the University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic, under Dr. Igor Františák, Ph.D. His ensemble experiences

include the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine (2021–present) and the Májovák Karviná Orchestra (2022–present). Upon coming to Florida, he was introduced to Maestro Kenneth Bowermeister, Conductor and Monica Sirocchi, Executive Director of Strings Con Brio. He is looking forward to performing as a soloist with the orchestra in August 2024. Yurii's orchestral appointments abroad have included First Clarinet of the School Symphony Orchestra in Lviv (2018–2021), First Solo Clarinet in the Winter Orchestra Workshop under the direction of Andrea Lossa (2018–2020), and Second Clarinet for "Orchestral Practice" of the Janáček Philharmonic Orchestra. As a competition winner, Yurii has received: First Prize in "Finalis" in Bialystok (2023), Platinum and Technical Mastery Musical Genius Special Prizes in the online Global Genius Competition (2023), Second Prize in the online competition "Stars way" in New York City (2022), Second Prize in the online competition "Stars way" in Prague (2021), and Grand Prix in "Pro Bohemia" in Ostrava (2019). In May 2024, Yurii participated in the masterclasses of American clarinetist and Juilliard School faculty member Charles Neidich, held in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Yurii will be studying in Portugal from October to December 2024 with Professor Nuno Pinto, clarinetist, and looks forward to more collaborations when he returns to the United States this winter. He would like to thank Michael Bodnyk for the opportunity to perform for the St. Armands Key Lutheran Church.