

NJIO

Backstage Pass!

Emily Kane

We're thrilled to share with you about **Emily**, who has returned to NJIO in a new role after getting her start with us as a teenager. Emily first joined NJIO in 2014, playing clarinet with the orchestra for several years before heading off to college. Now, as a staff member, she brings her wealth of experience and passion for music back to the organization.

In her role as Orchestra Operations Manager, Emily wears many hats — from coordinating professional musicians for concerts to managing music logistics and keeping rehearsals running smoothly. Outside of NJIO, Emily works full-time, tutors STEM and Spanish, and teaches clarinet privately. She's also an avid traveler and a dedicated Notre Dame football fan — despite the occasional heart attack it gives her!

A self-proclaimed Swiftie, Emily also loves Bernstein and Borodin's music for orchestras. She recommends the book *Beyond the Baton*, by Diane Wittry, as it really informed how she directs music.

NJIO has provided a lasting positive experience for Emily: **“I have learned SO much about how an orchestra works. There is so much behind the scenes that I never even knew about or considered as a player.”** And she has a new appreciation for the considerable finances that go into making everything happen; she urges anyone considering donating to help NJIO cover the costs! She is hoping that in the future, NJIO will perform more living composers at our free concerts—making new music accessible to new audiences.

We love having Emily with NJIO again— she is an Excel wiz, a walking calculator, and so kind and patient with all our members and staff!