

Iouri Vodolazski (oboe) was born in Moscow, Russia. At age nine he entered the prestigious Gnessin Music School. At age nineteen, he won the All-Russia Woodwind Solo Competition. Before coming to the United States he held several orchestral positions in Moscow. After graduating with highest honors from the Gnessin College of Music, he was invited by Joseph Robinson, Principal Oboist with the New York Philharmonic, to attend the Manhattan School of Music on full scholarship. After completing his Master's degree there, he moved to Pittsburgh, PA, where he studied with Pittsburgh Symphony's oboist Scott Bell. He attended Brevard in 2003, Domaine Forget in Quebec in 1998, American Wind Symphony in 2002, was invited to participate in the American-Russian Youth Orchestra in 1999, and was Principal Oboe with Opera in the Ozarks for the summers of 1999 and 2001. He has also won the Concerto-Aria Competition in UMKC in 2003. He was invited to participate in the Missouri Symphony Orchestra in the summer of 2006. Besides the UMKC ensembles, he frequently appears with the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra. Currently, Iouri is in the last year of his Doctoral Studies at the UMKC Conservatory, where his teacher is Barbara Bishop.