



Princess Bio

Name: Rena Marthaler [REE-nuh mar-THALL-urr]
School: Cleveland High School
Birthplace: San Francisco, CA
Parents/Guardians: Kerstin Marthaler and Tyler Marthaler
Siblings: None
Year in school: Junior

Future education plans:

Earn a Masters degree in a STEM field, such as environmental engineering, with a double major in either music or social justice.

Career plans:

I want to work in a field that exercises STEM skills and allows me flexibility. A job that benefits the world, like organizing or finance for a non-profit in environmental justice or educational equity.

High School Activities & Honors:

Wind symphony, jazz ensemble, color guard, and marching band, earning awards for competition & performance. I've earned soloist awards in the same activities. I'm working towards the full IB diploma.

Hobbies and special interests:

My biggest interests are community work and music. I play flute, piccolo, tenor sax, guitar & piano. I also love to sing and produce music on my own. In addition, I am learning the cello in my spare time. I volunteer at various organizations. Climate justice is a priority; I work on a team designing a climate justice course curriculum for schools, and I'm part of PPS's youth climate advisory.

What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why?

I like to explore parts of Portland. It isn't one place, but it's any place that I discover, like the first time I went swing dancing at Norse Hall, the time I walked to Pittock Mansion, and the days I found little bookstores and coffee shops where I could meet new people.

What are you most proud of during your high school career?

I organized an Open Mic Fundraiser with my friend for the Q Center. After months planning and reaching out, getting sponsors and publicity, and putting it all together - It was a huge success. People of all ages & identities performing music, poetry, short stories, & more. We raised about \$200 dollars for the Q Center, but I am most proud of the community that was created that evening.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?

My favorite Rose Festival event is the Starlight Parade. Watching the parade in awe with friends and family is one of the things that makes me feel lucky to live in this city. One of my best band memories is performing in the parade!

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