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*The Adventures of Mr. Katz*

Kevin Lou (California, Southwest)  
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*The Little Dolphin's Quest*

Lillian Tan (Arizona, Southwest)  
Karalyn Schubring, teacher

### MTNA SENIOR COMPOSITION COMPETITION

*Suite of Emotions*

Grant Qu (Texas, South Central)  
Liang Liang, teacher

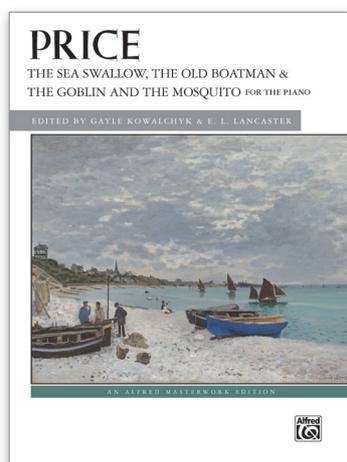
### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST COMPOSITION COMPETITION

*Ode No. 1*

Andreas Landstedt (Missouri, West Central)  
Sean Chen, teacher

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## MTNA JUNIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Competition results will be announced at 5:00 P.M. in Chicago Ballroom AB

### MTNA–KAWAI AMERICA JUNIOR PIANO COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom D • Chicago, Illinois • Saturday, March 21, 2026

#### BIYUN JIAO (PIANO) (8:30 A.M.)

Sonata in C Major, Op. 2, No. 3

I. Allegro con brio

Nocturne in C-sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 1

Étincelles, Op. 36, No. 6

Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 14

I. Allegro ma non troppo

Ludwig van Beethoven

Frédéric Chopin

Moritz Moszkowski

Sergei Prokofiev

#### ZACHARY CHENG (PIANO) (8:55 A.M.)

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, WTC I, BWV 860

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 8 in F-sharp Minor

Étude-tableau in E-flat Minor, Op. 33, No. 6

Variations, Op. 41

Johann Sebastian Bach

Franz Liszt

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Nikolai Kapustin

#### SARAH GRACE FERNANDES (PIANO) (9:20 A.M.)

Chromatic Fantasy in D Minor, BWV 903

Papillons, Op. 2

Johann Sebastian Bach

Robert Schumann

BREAK 9:45–10:00 A.M.

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**ETHAN MIHAESCU (PIANO) (10:00 A.M.)**

La Villageoise  
Sonata in D Major, Op. 10, No. 3  
    III. Menuetto: Allegro  
Preludes, Op. 28  
    XXII. in G Minor  
    XXIII. in F Major  
    XXIV. in D Minor  
L'isle joyeuse  
Piano Sonata, Sz. 80  
    I. Allegro moderato

Jean-Philippe Rameau  
Ludwig van Beethoven  
  
Frédéric Chopin

Claude Debussy  
Béla Bartók

**YUZHENG CHEN (PIANO) (10:25 A.M.)**

Sonata in G Major, Hob. XVI:6  
    I. Allegro  
Spanish Rhapsody  
Prelude No. 5 in F-sharp Minor

Joseph Haydn

Franz Liszt  
Bohdan Reshetilov

**BOWEN LIANG (PIANO) (10:50 A.M.)**

Sonata in C Major, Op. 2, No. 3  
    IV. Allegro assai  
Dumka, Op. 59  
Étude-tableau in E-flat Minor, Op. 33, No. 6  
Danzas Argentinas, Op. 2  
    I. Danza del viejo boyero  
    II. Danza de la moza donosa  
    III. Danza del gaucho matrero

Ludwig van Beethoven

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
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**ISABEL FENG (PIANO) (11:15 A.M.)**

Sonata in E Major, Hob. XVI:31

I. Moderato

II. Allegretto

III. Finale. Presto

Prelude in G Major, Op. 32, No. 5

Scherzo No. 2 in B-flat Minor, Op. 31

Joseph Haydn

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Frédéric Chopin

**MTNA JUNIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS**

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**MTNA JUNIOR STRING COMPETITION**

*Great America I/II • Chicago, Illinois • Saturday, March 21, 2026*

**JOSIE SNAZA (VIOLIN) (8:45 A.M.)**

Concerto No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 22

I. Allegro moderato

Sonata No. 5 in G Major, Op. 27

I. L'aurore: Lento assai

Memories

Henryk Wieniawski

Eugène Ysaÿe

Michiru Oshima

**DANIEL LIU (VIOLIN) (9:10 A.M.)**

Rondo in C Major, K. 373

Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 6

I. Allegro maestoso

Scherzo Tarantelle in G Minor, Op. 16

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Niccolò Paganini

Henryk Wieniawski

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**GEORGE NA (VIOLIN) (9:35 A.M.)**

Scottish Fantasy, Op. 46

Max Bruch

IV. Finale: Allegro guerriero

Sonata No. 2 in D Major, Op. 94a

Sergei Prokofiev

IV. Allegro con brio

Hexapoda: Five Studies in Jitteroptera

Robert Russell Bennett

I. Gut-bucket Gus

IV. Jim Jives

V. ...Till Dawn Sunday

BREAK 10:00–10:15 A.M.

**ANTHONY KIM (CELLO) (10:15 A.M.)**

Concerto No. 1 in A Minor, Op. 33

Camille Saint-Saëns

III. Molto allegro

Suite

Gaspar Cassadó

III. Intermezzo e danza finale

**KATHERINE LU (CELLO) (10:40 A.M.)**

Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104

Antonín Dvořák

I. Allegro

Sonata in D Minor, Op. 40

Dmitri Shostakovich

II. Allegro

**YOSEF HARRY KOGAN (VIOLIN) (11:05 A.M.)**

Adagio in E Major, K. 261

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Danse Russe, from Swan Lake, Op. 20a

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

**JUSTIN LEE (CELLO) (11:30 A.M.)**

Zigeunerweisen, Op. 20

Pablo de Sarasate

Suite

arr. Orfeo Mandozzi

Gaspar Cassadó

I. Preludio-Fantasia

Sinfonia Concertante in E Minor, Op. 125

Sergei Prokofiev

I. Andante

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### MTNA JUNIOR WOODWIND COMPETITION

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#### CLAIRE JIAN CHOI (FLUTE) (9:00 A.M.)

Concerto in G Major, Op. 29

Carl Philipp Stamitz

I. Allegro

Concertino in D Major, Op. 107

Cécile Chaminade

Sonata

Francis Poulenc

II. Cantilena

#### AIDAN ZHAO (SAXOPHONE) (9:25 A.M.)

Sonata No. 6 in E Major, HWV 373

George Frideric Handel

I. Adagio

II. Allegro

III. Largo

IV. Allegro non troppo

Tableaux de Provence

Paule Maurice

I. Farandoulo di chatouno

#### ANNIE LIU (FLUTE) (9:50 A.M.)

Suite in A Minor, BWV 1013

Johann Sebastian Bach

III. Sarabande

IV. Bouree Anglaise

Hungarian Fantasy, Op. 26

Franz Doppler

BREAK 10:15–10:30 A.M.

#### ELIZABETH ANNE HWANG (FLUTE) (10:30 A.M.)

Rondo in D Major, K. Anh. 184

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Concertino in D Major, Op. 107

Cécile Chaminade

Sonata in C Major

Otar Taktakishvili

III. Allegro scherzando

#### MASON YUCHAN JEONG (FLUTE) (10:55 A.M.)

Concerto No. 7 in E Minor

François Devienne

I. Allegro

Poem

Charles Griffes

#### NARYN KIM (FLUTE) (11:20 A.M.)

Concerto in G Major, QV 5:174

Johann Joachim Quantz

I. Allegro

Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise, Op. 26

Franz Doppler

#### LUCY MARIE KESSLER (FLUTE) (11:45 A.M.)

Concerto in G Major, QV 5:174

Johann Joachim Quantz

III. Allegro vivace

The Swiss Shepherd

Pietro Morlacchi

Morceau de Concours

Gabriel Fauré

## MTNA SENIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

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### MTNA SENIOR BRASS COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom F • Chicago, Illinois • Sunday, March 22, 2026

#### KEENAN REYNOLDS (HORN) (9:00 A.M.)

Concerto No. 3 in E flat Major, K. 447

II. Romance. Larghetto

Morceau de concert, Op. 94

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Camille Saint-Saëns

#### EVAN ZHANG (TROMBONE) (9:35 A.M.)

Sonata No. 2 in C Major, Op. 13, RV 56, "Il pastor fido"

Cavatine, Op. 144

Méditation from *Thaïs*

Antonio Vivaldi

Camille Saint-Saëns

Jules Massenet

## MTNA SENIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

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### MTNA–YAMAHA SENIOR PIANO COMPETITION

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#### EVELINA KLECZEK (8:45 A.M.)

Sonata in E-flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3

I. Allegro

Transcendental Etude No. 12: Chasse-neige

Sonata No. 2 in G-sharp Minor, Op. 19

I. Andante

II. Presto

Sonata No. 1

II. Leggiero e legato

Ludwig van Beethoven

Franz Liszt

Alexander Scriabin

Carl Vine

#### EVAN DAN (9:20 A.M.)

Sonata in F Major, K. 533

I. Allegro

Etude in B Minor, Op. 25, No. 10

Ricercare and Toccata on a theme from *The Old Maid and the Thief*

Etude No. 6

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Frédéric Chopin

Gian Carlo Menotti

Philip Glass

BREAK 9:55–10:10 A.M.

#### ENZO ZHAO (10:10 A.M.)

Sonata in B-flat Major, Op. 22

I. Allegro con brio

Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 17, No. 4

Trois mouvements de Petrouchka

I. Danse Russe

II. Chez Pétrouchka

III. La semaine grasse

Ludwig van Beethoven

Frédéric Chopin

Igor Stravinsky

#### CHRIS HAO (10:45 A.M.)

Toccata in C Minor, BWV 911

Ballade in F Minor, Op. 52

Sonata in E-flat Minor, Op. 26

IV. Fuga: Allegro con spirito

Johann Sebastian Bach

Frédéric Chopin

Samuel Barber

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**BENJAMIN LUO (11:20 A.M.)**

Sonata in D Major, Op. 10, No. 3

I. Presto

Etude in E Minor, Op. 25, No. 5

Sonata No. 2 in G-sharp Minor, Op. 19

Fanfare Toccata

Ludwig van Beethoven

Frédéric Chopin

Alexander Scriabin

Stephen Hough

LUNCH 11:55 A.M.–12:55 P.M.

**DAVID GATIEN (12:55 P.M.)**

Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI:48

I. Andante con espressione

II. Rondo: Presto

Drei Klavierstücke, D. 946

I. Allegro assai

Three Movements from The Firebird

I. Danse infernale

II. Berceuse

III. Finale

Franz Joseph Haydn

Franz Schubert

Igor Stravinsky  
arr. Guido Agosti

**NOAH GREENSTEIN-SHEPPARD (1:30 P.M.)**

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, WTC II, BWV 870

Sonata in C Major, Op. 2, No. 3

IV. Allegro assai

Mephisto Waltz No. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ludwig van Beethoven

Franz Liszt



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### MTNA–WEEKLEY & ARGANBRIGHT SENIOR PIANO DUET COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom C • Chicago, Illinois • Sunday, March 22, 2026

**LANIE LIU DENG AND XIAOWEI WANG (9:15 A.M.)**

Salut d'amour  
Sabre Dance

Edward Elgar  
Aram Khachaturian  
arr. Greg Anderson  
Samuel Barber

Souvenirs, Op. 28

- I. Waltz
- III. Pas de deux
- IV. Two-Step
- VI. Galop

Sinfonietta, Op. 49

- I. Overture. Allegro

Nikolai Kapustin

**OLIVIA JIANG AND ZIBO WANG (9:50 A.M.)**

Andante and Allegro brillant, Op. 92  
Rhapsody in Blue  
Sinfonietta, Op. 49  
IV. Rondo. Presto

Felix Mendelssohn  
George Gershwin  
Nikolai Kapustin

BREAK 10:25–10:40 A.M.

**KAITLYN OUYANG AND LUCAS PEI (10:40 A.M.)**

Danse Macabre, Op. 40

La valse

Sonata for Piano Four Hands

- IV. Meditation

Camille Saint-Saëns  
arr. Liszt/Horowitz/McDonald  
Maurice Ravel  
arr. Lucien Garban  
Carl Vine

**ALBERT HSU AND ALEXANDER RAO (11:15 A.M.)**

Ballet from *Orpheus et Eurydice*

Sonata in D Major, K. 381

- I. Allegro

Sonata for 4 Hands, FP8

- I. Prelude
- II. Rustique
- III. Final

Yiddish Dances

- I. Khosidl
- IV. Hora
- V. Freylachs

Christoph Willibald Gluck  
arr. Greg Anderson  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Francis Poulenc

Adam Gorb

LUNCH 11:50 A.M.–12:50 P.M.

**MEGAN LAI AND BRANDON SANG-ZHENG (12:50 P.M.)**

8 Variations on a Theme by Count Waldstein, WoO 67

Piano Trio in E Minor, Op. 90, "Dumky"

- I. Lento maestoso — Allegro quasi doppio movimento
- II. Poco adagio — Vivace non troppo

Souvenirs, Op. 28

- IV. Two-Step
- V. Hesitation Tango

Praying Mantis Rag

Ludwig van Beethoven  
Antonín Dvořák

Samuel Barber

Terry Riley

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**ROSABELLE SHI AND ALINA LIU (1:25 P.M.)**

Sonata in C Major, K. 521

III. Allegretto

Six Morceaux, Op. 11

I. Barcarolle

II. Scherzo

Gazebo Dances

I. Overture

II. Waltz

III. Adagio

IV. Tarantella

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sergei Rachmaninoff

John Corigliano

**CONAN YANG AND SAMUEL WU CRONK (2:00 P.M.)**

Sonata in C Major, K. 521

I. Allegro

La valse

Variations on a Theme by Paganini

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Maurice Ravel

arr. Lucien Garban

Witold Lutosławski

Arr. Alexander Timofeev



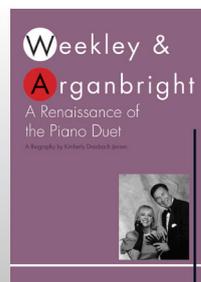
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### MTNA SENIOR STRING COMPETITION

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#### **TARYN GEIGER (VIOLIN) (8:30 A.M.)**

Sonata No. 1 in G Minor, BWV 1001

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Adagio

Sonata in A Minor, Op. 27, No. 2

Eugène Ysaÿe

I. Prelude: Obsession

II. Malinconia: Poco lento

III. Danse des ombres: Sarabande

IV. Les Furies: Allegro furioso

Caprice No. 16 in G Minor

Niccolò Paganini

Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 63

Sergei Prokofiev

I. Allegro moderato

#### **EMILY CHEN (VIOLIN) (9:05 A.M.)**

Sonata No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 1003

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Grave

Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47

Jean Sibelius

I. Allegro moderato

Prelude in B Minor, Op. 46, No. 6

Lera Auerbach

BREAK 9:40–9:55 A.M.

#### **JESSE KRENTZ (CELLO) (9:55 A.M.)**

Polonaise Brillante, Op. 3

Frédéric Chopin

Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 107

Dmitri Shostakovich

III. Cadenza

IV. Allegro con moto

#### **KYLE PARK (CELLO) (10:30 A.M.)**

Suite No. 6 in D Major, BWV 1012

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Prelude

Adagio and Allegro in A-flat Major, Op. 70

Robert Schumann

Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104

Antonín Dvořák

I. Allegro

Sonata, Op. 41, "Four Cities"

Fazıl Say

II. Hopa

#### **JOSHUA LEE (VIOLIN) (11:05 A.M.)**

Sonata No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 1003

Johann Sebastian Bach

IV. Allegro

Caprice No. 11 in C Major

Niccolò Paganini

Slavonic Fantasia in B Minor

Antonín Dvořák

Tzigane

arr. Fritz Kreisler

Maurice Ravel

LUNCH 11:40 A.M.–12:40 P.M.

#### **LEILA WARREN (VIOLIN) (12:40 P.M.)**

Sonata No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1005

Johann Sebastian Bach

III. Largo

IV. Allegro assai

Concerto in D Major, Op. 35

Erich Wolfgang Korngold

I. Moderato nobile

The Red Violin Caprices

John Corigliano

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### YIXUAN CHRISTOPHER LI (VIOLIN) (1:15 P.M.)

Sonata No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 1003

II. Fuga

Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 19

III. Andantino

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sergei Prokofiev

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### MTNA SENIOR VOICE COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom H • Chicago, Illinois • Sunday, March 22, 2026

#### HEIDI HAGER (SOPRANO) (9:30 A.M.)

Deh vieni, non tardar (*Le Nozze di Figaro*, K. 492)

Du bist die Ruh, Op. 59, No. 3

Gia il sole dal Gange

Come again! sweet love doth now invite

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Franz Schubert

Alessandro Scarlatti

John Dowland

#### CHLOE BREMER (SOPRANO) (9:50 A.M.)

Deh vieni, non tardar (*Le Nozze di Figaro*, K. 492)

Mandoline

Sure on this shining night, Op. 13, No. 3

Waldeinsamkeit (*Schlichte Weisen*), Op. 76, No. 3

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Gabriel Fauré

Samuel Barber

Max Reger

#### CHIMDI NNAMANI (BASS-BARITONE) (10:10 A.M.)

Si mes vers avaient des ailes!

Allerseelen, Op. 10, No. 8

Zion's Walls (Old American Songs)

La calunnia è un venticello (*Il Barbiere di Siviglia*)

Reynaldo Hahn

Richard Strauss

Aaron Copland

Gioachino Rossini

BREAK 10:30–10:45 A.M.

#### OLIVIA XIA (MEZZO-SOPRANO) (10:45 A.M.)

Ständchen (*Schwanengesang*), D. 957, No. 4

Must the winter come so soon?

When I have sung my songs

Nuit d'étoiles, L. 94

Franz Schubert

Samuel Barber

Ernest Charles

Claude Debussy

#### ISABELLE KIM (SOPRANO) (11:05 A.M.)

Ridente la calma, K. 152

Sur la terrasse de Saint Germain

Gretchen am Spinnrade, D. 118

The Time For Making Songs has Come

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Félix Fourdrain

Franz Schubert

James Roger

#### JOHANNA SCHLECHT (SOPRANO) (11:25 A.M.)

Charmant papillon (*Les Fêtes Vénitienes*)

Du bist die Ruh, Op. 59, No. 3

Deh vieni, non tardar (*Le Nozze di Figaro*, K. 492)

Love's Philosophy, Op. 3, No. 1

André Campra

Franz Schubert

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Roger Quilter

#### MARA BRYAN (SOPRANO) (11:45 A.M.)

Dolente imagine di figlia mia

Die Nacht, Op. 10, No. 3

Animal Crackers

Hold the Wind

Vincenzo Bellini

Richard Strauss

Richard Hageman

Margaret Bonds

LUNCH 12:30–1:30 P.M.

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### MTNA SENIOR WOODWIND COMPETITION

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#### ERIC SIGALOV (SAXOPHONE) (8:15 A.M.)

Sonata in C-sharp Minor

Fernande Decruck

I. Très modéré, expressif

Rhapsody for Saxophone

André Waignein

I. 104 bpm

II. 46 bpm

Caprice No. 3

David Salleras

#### SILAS GOLLNICK (SAXOPHONE) (8:50 A.M.)

Russian Dance, from Swan Lake

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

arr. Valentin Kovalev

Concerto in E-flat Major, Op. 109

Alexander Glazunov

Solace: A Lyric Concerto

Joel Love

III. Gratitude

BREAK 9:25–9:40 A.M.

#### SOOMIN OH (FLUTE) (9:40 A.M.)

Fantasie on themes from *Der Freischütz*

Paul Taffanel

Zigeunerweisen, Op. 20

Pablo de Sarasate

Chant de Linos

Arr. Jasmine Choi

André Jolivet

#### ANNAMARIA RICCARDI (FLUTE) (10:15 A.M.)

Sonata No. 6 in E Major, BWV 1035

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Adagio ma non tanto

II. Allegro

III. Siciliano

IV. Allegro assai

Aria con variazioni sul tema "La ci darem la mano"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Arr. Saverio Mercadante

Cantabile et Presto

Georges Enescu

Concerto

Jacques Ibert

I. Allegro

#### XUEHENG WANG (SAXOPHONE) (10:50 A.M.)

Fantasia

Claude Smith

Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Wind Ensemble

David Maslanka

I. Song: Fire in the Earth

Fantaisie sur un thème original

Jules Demersseman

LUNCH 11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

#### LEAH KIM KEYES (FLUTE) (12:30 P.M.)

Sonata No. 6 in E Major, BWV 1035

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Adagio ma non tanto

II. Allegro

II. Siciliano

Fantaisie, Op. 79

Gabriel Fauré

Poem

Charles Griffes

#### OWEN BURCH (CLARINET) (1:05 P.M.)

Introduction, Theme and Variations

Gioachino Rossini

Three Smiles for Tracey

Adolphus Hailstork

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### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST BRASS COMPETITION

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#### **JONAH HAMMETT (HORN) (8:45 A.M.)**

Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major, K. 417

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

- I. Allegro maestoso
- II. Andante
- III. Rondo: Più allegro

Nocturno, Op. 7

Franz Strauss

Concerto for Horn and Strings

Gordon Jacob

- I. Allegro moderato

#### **SAMUEL COOPER (EUPHONIUM) (9:30 A.M.)**

Concerto per Flicorno Basso, Op. 155

Amilcare Ponchielli

Concerto

Vladimir Cosma

- I. Allegro assai

Stutter Step

Benjamin Horne

BREAK 10:15–10:30 A.M.

#### **DIEGO JAQUEZ (TUBA) (10:30 A.M.)**

Three Romances, Op. 94

Robert Schumann

- I. Moderato
- II. Semplice affettuoso
- III. Moderato

Concerto

John Williams

- I. Allegro moderato
- II. Andante
- III. Allegro molto

#### **CARTER MITCHELL (EUPHONIUM) (11:15 A.M.)**

Cello Sonata No. 3 in A Minor, RV. 43

Antonio Vivaldi

- I. Largo
- II. Allegro
- III. Largo
- IV. Allegro

Andante and Hungarian Rondo, Op. 35

Carl Maria von Weber

Vintage

arr. David Werden

In Modo Humano

David R. Gillingham

Thomas Rüedi

LUNCH 12:00–1:00 P.M.

#### **JON-MICHAEL TAYLOR (TRUMPET) (1:00 P.M.)**

Concerto in D Major

Johann Friedrich Fasch

- I. Allegro

Étude No. 2, "Du Style"

Théo Charlier

Intrada

Arthur Honegger

#### **LUKE WEATHERLY (TROMBONE) (1:45 P.M.)**

Concerto in F Minor

George Frideric Handel

- I. Grave
- II. Allegro

trans. Keith Brown

Variations on the Japanese Lullaby "Komori Uta"

Samuel Adler

Concerto, Op. 114

Derek Bourgeois

- I. Allegro
- II. Adagio
- III. Presto

## 2025–2026 MTNA National Competitions

### JIHONG SON (TROMBONE) (2:30 P.M.)

Sinfonia in F Major

- I. Andante comodo
- II. Allegro con brio
- III. Adagio
- IV. Presto

Blue Bells of Scotland

Deux Danses

- I. Danse sacrée
- II. Danse profane

Improvisation No. 1

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
arr. Ralph Sauer

Arthur Pryor  
Jean-Michel Defaye

Enrique Crespo

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### MTNA–STEINWAY YOUNG ARTIST PIANO COMPETITION

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#### JUN YUN (8:00 A.M.)

Capriccio in B-flat Major, BWV 992

Sonata in C Major, Op. 53

- I. Allegro con brio

Ballade, Op. 6

Sonata, Op. 1

- III. Choral et variations

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Ludwig van Beethoven

Amy Beach  
Henri Dutilleux

#### TANG-HSING LIEN (8:45 A.M.)

Sonata in A Major, Op. 2, No. 2

- I. Allegro vivace

Sonata No. 2 in B-flat Minor, Op. 36 (1931 version)

- I. Allegro agitato
- II. Non allegro (Lento)
- III. Allegro molto

Ludwig van Beethoven

Sergei Rachmaninoff

BREAK 9:30–9:45 A.M.

#### QIAOTONG LIU (9:45 A.M.)

Sonata in A-flat Major, Op. 110

- I. Moderato cantabile, molto espressivo
- II. Allegro molto
- III. Adagio ma non troppo - Fuga: Allegro ma non troppo

Variations on a Theme from "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen" by J. S. Bach

Ludwig van Beethoven

Franz Liszt

#### VITALII KHAIRUTDINOV (10:30 A.M.)

Toccata No. 5 in E Minor, BWV 914

Sonata No. 1 in F-sharp Minor, Op. 11

- I. Introduzione: Un poco adagio - Allegro vivace

Sarcasms, Op. 17

- I. Tempestoso
- II. Allegro rubato
- III. Allegro precipitato
- IV. Smanioso
- V. Precipitosissimo

La valse

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Robert Schumann

Sergei Prokofiev

Maurice Ravel

LUNCH 11:15 A.M.–12:15 P.M.

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### WENZHAO WANG (12:15 P.M.)

Allegro in B Minor, Op. 8

Sarcasms, Op. 17

- I. Tempestoso
- II. Allegro rubato
- III. Allegro precipitato
- IV. Smanioso
- V. Precipitosissimo

Sonata No. 2 in B-flat Minor, Op. 36 (1931 version)

- I. Allegro agitato

Robert Schumann

Sergei Prokofiev

Sergei Rachmaninoff

### QUANG VO (1:00 P.M.)

Sonata in D Major, K. 311

- III. Rondeau – Allegro

Der Müller und der Bach

Réminiscences de Norma

Gaspard de la nuit

- I. Ondine

Seven Virtuoso Etudes after Gershwin

- III. The Man I Love
- VI. I Got Rhythm

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Franz Schubert

trans. Franz Liszt

Franz Liszt

Maurice Ravel

Earl Wild

### DAAE KIM (1:45 P.M.)

Sonata in D-flat Major, R. 88

Sonata Tragica in C Minor, Op. 39, No. 5

Chaconne

Antonio Soler

Nikolai Karlovich Medtner

Sofia Gubaidulina



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### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST STRING COMPETITION

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#### BETHANY BOBBS (CELLO) (8:15 A.M.)

Sonata in A Major, FWV 8	César Franck
I. Allegretto ben moderato	
II. Allegro	
Sonata in D Minor, L. 135	Claude Debussy
I. Prologue: Lent, sostenuto e molto risoluto	
II. Sérénade: Modérément animé	
III. Finale: Animé, léger et nerveux	
Sinfonia Concertante in E Minor, Op. 125	Sergei Prokofiev
I. Andante	

#### ALINA BARON (VIOLIN) (9:00 A.M.)

Sonata No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 1003	Johann Sebastian Bach
II. Fugue	
La ronde des Lutins, Op. 25	Antonio Bazzini
Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47	Jean Sibelius
I. Allegro moderato	
II. Adagio di molto	
III. Allegro ma non tanto	

BREAK 9:45–10:00 A.M.

#### VLADIMIR TSIPER (VIOLIN) (10:00 A.M.)

Sonata No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1005	Johann Sebastian Bach
III. Largo	
IV. Allegro assai	
Sonata No. 7 in C Minor, Op. 30, No. 2	Ludwig van Beethoven
I. Allegro con brio	
Concerto in A Minor, Op. 82	Alexander Glazunov
Caprice in A Minor	Myroslav Skoryk

#### PAVLO KYRYLIUK (VIOLIN) (10:45 A.M.)

Sonata No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1005	Johann Sebastian Bach
II. Fugue	
Liebesleid	Fritz Kreisler
Concerto	William Walton
I. Andante tranquillo	
II. Presto capriccioso alla napolitana	
III. Vivace	

LUNCH 11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

#### DARIA OLEINIK (VIOLIN) (12:30 P.M.)

Partita No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1004	Johann Sebastian Bach
III. Sarabande	
Sonata No. 7 in C Minor, Op. 30, No. 2	Ludwig van Beethoven
I. Allegro con brio	
Romance, Op. 78, No. 2	Jean Sibelius
5 Pieces, Op. 81	Jean Sibelius
I. Mazurka	
II. Rondino	
Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 27, "Ballade"	Eugène Ysaÿe
Divertimento	Igor Stravinsky
I. Sinfonia	
II. Danses Suisses	

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### IRIS SHEPHERD (VIOLIN) (1:15 P.M.)

Sonata No. 6 in A Major, Op. 30, No. 1

I. Allegro

Sonata in B Minor, Op. 6

I. Allegro

Morgen, Op. 27, No. 4

Carmen Fantasy, Op. 25

Introduction: Allegro moderato

I. Moderato

II. Lento assai

Concerto No. 2, Sz. 112

I. Allegro non troppo

Ludwig van Beethoven

Amanda Maier

Richard Strauss  
trans. Jenö Hubay  
Pablo de Sarasate

Béla Bartók

### FLORA CUMMINGS (VIOLA) (2:00 P.M.)

Appassionato, Op. 34

Concerto in C Minor, Op. 25

I. Allegro assai

II. Andante cantabile

III. Allegro scherzando

Boreal

Henri Büsser

York Bowen

Amanda Feery

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### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST VOICE COMPETITION

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#### VICTORIA HYMAN (MEZZO-SOPRANO) (10:00 A.M.)

Smanie implacabili (*Così fan tutte*, K. 588)

Voi lo sapete, o mamma (*Cavalleria Rusticana*)

On the stroke of midnight! (*The Aspern Papers*)

Ô mort, poussière d'étoiles (*La Chanson d'Ève*, Op. 95, No. 10)

Молитва (*Six Songs*, Op. 8, No. 6)

Big sister says, 1967: (a honky-tonk), (*Love After 1950*), No. 3

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Pietro Mascagni

Dominick Argento

Gabriel Fauré

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Libby Larsen

#### CADENCE LOWERY-HART (SOPRANO) (10:30 A.M.)

Caro nome (*Rigoletto*)

Ah! Je ris de me voir (*Faust*)

Ach, ichühl's (*Die Zauberflöte*, K. 620)

Touch Me (*Late Summer*, No. 3)

Regret, L. 55

Nachtgebet

Giuseppe Verdi

Charles Gounod

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Tom Cipullo

Claude Debussy

Joseph Marx

#### EMILIA JURZYK (MEZZO-SOPRANO) (11:00 A.M.)

Parto, parto (*La Clemenza di Tito*, K. 621)

Elle était descendue au bas de la prairie

This Journey (*Dead Man Walking*)

Pamiętam ciche, jasne złote dnie

Fugitive (*Of a Certain Age*), No. 3

Non più mesta (*La Cenerentola*)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Lili Boulanger

Jake Heggie

Mieczysław Karłowicz

Tom Cipullo

Gioachino Rossini

#### GABRIEL MCKEE (TENOR) (11:30 P.M.)

Kuda, kuda vi udalilas (*Eugene Onegin*)

Il mio tesoro intanto (*Don Giovanni*, K. 527)

Die Nacht, Op. 10, No. 3

Chanson triste, Op. 2, No. 4

Strange Fits of Passion

La fleur que tu m'avais jetée (*Carmen*)

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Richard Strauss

Henri Duparc

Eric William Barnum

George Bizet

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LUNCH 12:00 NOON–1:00 P.M.

### LEAH MENDELIN (SOPRANO) (1:00 P.M.)

Quel guardo il cavaliere...So anch'io la virtù magica (*Don Pasquale*)  
Nuit d'étoiles (*Tableaux Éternels*)  
Selige Nacht  
Heart, We Will Forget Him (*Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson*)  
Valeria's Aria (*Mayo Buckner: A Life Interrupted*)  
Glitter and Be Gay (*Candide*)

Gaetano Donizetti  
Jeff Smallman  
Joseph Marx  
Aaron Copland  
Tom Cipullo  
Leonard Bernstein

### OLIVIA TICE (MEZZO-SOPRANO) (1:30 P.M.)

Minskwoman's Aria (*Flight*)  
I Don't Have To Do A Thing (Ice Cube Aria) (*If I Were You*)  
J'ai pleuré en rêve, Op. 26, No. 1  
Von ewiger Liebe, Op. 43, No. 1  
Cruda Sorte!...Gia so per pratica (*L'italiana in Algeri*)  
Iris, hence away (*Semele, HWV 58*)

Jonathan Dove  
Jake Heggie  
Georges Hui  
Johannes Brahms  
Gioachino Rossini  
George Frideric Handel

### CADIE LOGSTON (SOPRANO) (2:00 P.M.)

Quando m'en vo (*La Bohème*)  
Klänge der Heimat (Csárdás) (*Die Fledermaus*)  
Temerari!... Come scoglio (*Così fan tutte*, K. 588)  
Lucky  
Allerseelen, Op. 10, No. 8  
Oni otvechali, Op. 21, No. 1

Giacomo Puccini  
Johann Strauss II  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Stephen Schwartz  
Richard Strauss  
Sergei Rachmaninoff

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### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST WOODWIND COMPETITION

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#### EVAN NEY (SAXOPHONE) (8:30 A.M.)

Six Lieder, Op. 13  
I. Ich stand in dunklen Träumen  
VI. Die stille Lotosblume

Clara Schumann

Concerto

I. Allegro molto moderato  
II. Adagio  
III. Allegro scherzando

Lars-Erik Larsson

Rhapsodie

A Sonata for When Time Stands Still

I. Largo  
II. Vivace  
III. Pesante

Lucie Robert  
Saad Haddad

Salleras Variation

Steven Banks

#### HONG CHENG (CLARINET) (9:15 A.M.)

Fantasia da concerto "Rigoletto"

Fantaisie

Concerto

I. Allegro

Hall of Ghosts

Luigi Bassi  
Philippe Gaubert  
Jean Françaix

Amanda Harberg

BREAK 10:00–10:15 A.M.

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**PRESTON HERNANDEZ (SAXOPHONE) (10:15 A.M.)**

Clarinet Sonata in F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1	Johannes Brahms
II. Andante un poco Adagio	
Divertimento	Roger Boutry
I. Allegro ma non troppo	
II. Andante	
III. Presto	
Walking on the Ceiling	David Biedenbender
I. Heavy	
Impetus	Nina Šenk
I.	
II.	
Samba	Christian Lauba
Renewing the Myth	Marilyn Shrude

**CHRIS HUNLEY (SAXOPHONE) (11:00 A.M.)**

Befreit Op. 39, No. 4	Richard Strauss
Prelude, Cadence et Finale	Alfred Desenclos
Sonata	Jindřich Feld
IV. Allegro con fuoco	
Variations Pathétiques	Ida Gotkovsky
VI. Prestissimo con fuoco	
L'éveil de la toupie	Vincent David
Paquito	Andy Scott

LUNCH 11:45 A.M.–12:45 P.M.

**LILLIE GARDNER (FLUTE) (12:45 P.M.)**

Suite in A Minor, TWV 55:a2	Georg Philipp Telemann
IV. Rejouissance	
Concerto in D Major, Op. 283	Carl Reinecke
II. Finale: Moderato	
Fantasia Brillante on Bizet's <i>Carmen</i>	François Borne
Le merle noir	Olivier Messiaen
"Blue" Fantasia	Herman Beoftink

**CAILIN MCGARRY (BASSOON) (1:30 P.M.)**

Sonata in C Major, FaWV N:C1	Johann Friedrich Fasch
I. Largo	
II. Allegro	
IV. Allegro assai	
Sonata in G Major, Op. 168	Camille Saint-Saëns
I. Allegro moderato	
II. Allegro scherzando	
III. Molto adagio - Allegro moderato	
Sonatine-Tango	Pierre-Max Dubois
I. Violent et animé	
II. Scherzando	
III. Tempo de Sarabande	
IV. Vivace	
Sonata	André Previn
I. With Energy	
II. Slowly	

**MATTHEW HRINDA (SAXOPHONE) (2:15P.M.)**

Sonata in C-sharp Minor	Fernande Decruck
I. Très modéré, expressif	
IV. Nocturne et Rondel	
Prelude, Cadence et Finale	Alfred Desenclos
Shams	Jean-Denis Michat
I. Mordant	
Variations Pathétiques	Ida Gotkovsky
VI. Prestissimo con fuoco	
Sillage	Vincent David
Rise	Karalyn Schubring

## MTNA CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

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### MTNA–ALLEN I. MCHOSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHAMBER MUSIC STRING COMPETITION

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#### OROS TRIO (8:00 A.M.)

Piano Trio in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 3

Ludwig van Beethoven

I. Allegro con brio

IV. Prestissimo

Four Folk Songs for Piano Trio

Gabriela Lena Frank

II. Children's Dance

III. Serenata

Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8

Johannes Brahms

I. Allegro con moto

IV. Finale: Allegro

#### SKYLINE PIANO QUINTET (8:45 A.M.)

Piano Quintet No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 1

Ernő Dohnányi

I. Allegro

Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44

Robert Schumann

I. Allegro brillante

BREAK 9:30–9:45 A.M.

#### VALKYRIA QUARTET (9:45 A.M.)

String Quartet No. 6 in F Minor, Op. 80

Felix Mendelssohn

I. Allegro vivace assai

II. Allegro assai

Testimony (2019)

Charlton Singleton

La muerte del ángel

Astor Piazzolla

#### CANTILÈNE TRIO (10:30 A.M.)

Cantilène et Danse

Marc Eychenne

I. Cantilène

II. Danse

DASH–

Suite en Trio, Op. 59

Jennifer Higdon

I. Sérénade

II. Pastorale

III. Scherzo

Come Down Heavy!

Evan Chambers

IV. Drill Ye Tarriers

#### CANELÉ STRING QUARTET (11:15 A.M.)

String Quartet No. 12 in F Major, Op. 96

Antonín Dvořák

I. Allegro ma non troppo

II. Lento

String Quartet No. 5 in A Major, Op. 18, No. 5

Ludwig van Beethoven

I. Allegro

IV. Allegro assai

LUNCH 12:00 NOON–1:00 P.M.

**MT. OLYMPUS WATERS HONORS PIANO TRIO (1:00 P.M.)**

Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 32

Anton Arensky

- I. Allegro moderato
- II. Scherzo (Allegro molto)
- III. Elegia (Adagio)
- IV. Finale (Allegro non troppo)

**TOBA TRIO (1:45 P.M.)**

Piano Trio No. 2 in C Major, Op. 87

Johannes Brahms

- I. Allegro moderato
- II. Andante con moto

Piano Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 1, No. 1

Ludwig van Beethoven

- I. Allegro

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### MTNA–ALLEN I. MCHOSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHAMBER MUSIC WIND COMPETITION

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#### BAR BEFORE QUINTET (8:15 A.M.)

Quintet No. 3

David Maslanka

- I. Slow-Moderate
- II. Moderate
- III. Very Fast

Le Tombeau de Couperin

Maurice Ravel  
arr. Mason Jones

- I. Prélude
- II. Fugue
- III. Menuet
- IV. Rigaudon

#### SYNCHRONY QUARTET (9:00 A.M.)

Praeludium in C moll, BWV 847

Johann Sebastian Bach

Entr'acte

Caroline Shaw

Nuages

Eugène Bozza

Petit quatuor pour Saxophones

Jean Françaix

- I. Gaguénardise
- II. Cantilène
- III. Sérénade comique

Michelangelo '70

Astor Piazzolla

Les Lunes galantes

Fabien Waksman

Ruslan and Lyudmila

Mikhail Glinka

BREAK 9:45–10:00 A.M.

#### CITRINE QUARTET (10:00 A.M.)

Elegy

Carlos Simon

Quatuor

Alfred Desenclos

- III. Poco largo, ma risoluto

Converging Spectrums

Kevin Day

Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen

Edvard Grieg

Prodigal Child

John Fitz Rogers

#### NOVUS (10:45 A.M.)

Sunburnt

Takuma Itoh

Introduction et variations sur une ronde populaire

Gabriel Pierné

Flight of Icarus

Stacy Garrop

- I. Icarus Ascending
- II. Daedalus Mourns

Ambivert

Karalyn Schubring

- I. Extrovert

In Memoriam

Joel Love

- I. Threnody
- II. Adieu

LUNCH 11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

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**KAPWA (12:30 P.M.)**

Quartet in B-flat Major

I. Allegro

III. Finale

Kapwa

Sólo el misterio

Quartet in F Major, M. 35

I. Allegro moderato - très doux

Backburner

Alexander Glazunov

Tyree Nesbitt

Joan Pérez-Villegas

Maurice Ravel

arr. Brian Kachur

Franck Ticheli

**KAIROS (1:15 P.M.)**

Desdemona's Last Words

Premier Quatuor, Op. 53

IV. Allegretto

Alaric I or II

Quatuor de Saxophones

I. Perdre

II. Chercher

Jeff Scott

Jean-Baptiste Singelée

Gavin Bryars

Jun Nagao

**NEW HORIZON BRASS (2:00 P.M.)**

Quintet No. 1

I. Moderato

Mini Overture

Raindrops Are the Tears We Don't Shed

Victor Ewald

Witold Lutosławski

Carlos Lalonde

## MTNA–STECHER AND HOROWITZ TWO PIANO COMPETITION

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### MTNA–STECHER AND HOROWITZ TWO PIANO COMPETITION

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#### VIVIAN LI AND ANDREW KIM (8:00 A.M.)

##### DUO HIRONO

Larghetto und Allegro

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Symphonic Dances, Op. 45

Sergei Rachmaninoff

II. Andante con moto (Tempo di valse)

III. Lento assai–Allegro vivace–Lento assai. Come prima–Allegro vivace

Allegro Giocoso

Cedric Adderley

#### WILLIAM CHIANG AND VALERIE NARUMI (8:45 A.M.)

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 34b

Johannes Brahms

I. Allegro non troppo

The Planets, Op. 32

Gustav Holst

IV. Jupiter

Concerto in D Minor, FP 61

Francis Poulenc

I. Allegro ma non troppo

II. Larghetto

III. Allegro molto

#### TUAN VU AND LE PHUONG PHAM (9:30 A.M.)

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 34b

Johannes Brahms

I. Allegro non troppo

Symphonic Dances, Op. 45

Sergei Rachmaninoff

II. Andante con moto (Tempo di valse)

Russian Round Dance, Op. 58, No. 1

Nikolai Medtner

Prélude à l'après midi d'un faune

Claude Debussy

BREAK 10:15–10:30 A.M.

#### FEI CHEN AND BENJAMIN TRAN (10:30 A.M.)

Suite No. 2, Op. 17

Sergei Rachmaninoff

III. Romance

IV. Tarantella

Introduction and Allegro

Maurice Ravel

Concerto for Two Solo Pianos

Igor Stravinsky

I. Con moto

#### CHELSEA AHN AND GLORIANA WOLF (11:15 A.M.)

##### DUO CALLISTO

Sonata in D Major, K. 448

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. Allegro con spirito

II. Andante

Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Op. 56

Johannes Brahms

## MTNA–STECHER AND HOROWITZ TWO PIANO COMPETITION

Jacqueline Herbein, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA–STECHER AND HOROWITZ TWO PIANO COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom E • Chicago, Illinois • Tuesday, March 24, 2026



**Vivian Li and  
Andrew Kim**  
Duo Hirono



**William Chiang and  
Valerie Narumi**



**Tuan Vu and  
Le Phuong Pham**



**Fei Chen and  
Benjamin Tran**



**Chelsea Ahn and  
Gloriana Wolf**  
Duo Callisto

# CONGRATULATIONS

to all the duo pianists performing at the  
MTNA–Stecher and Horowitz  
Two Piano Competition



**MTNA**  
STECHER AND HOROWITZ  
TWO PIANO COMPETITION

## MTNA COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Christopher Goldston, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA–ALFRED MUSIC ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION COMPETITION



**Kevin Lou**  
*The Adventures of Mr. Katz*  
Su-Shing Chiu, teacher  
California  
Southwest Division



**Claire Yang**  
*King Midas and Marigold*  
David Ibbett, teacher  
Massachusetts  
Eastern Division



**Faith Eugenia Scott**  
*Fables from the Countryside*  
Rosa Scott, teacher  
Iowa  
West Central Division

#### Other Finalists



**Matilda Lightsey**  
Kathy Thompson, teacher  
Oklahoma  
South Central Division



**Tilden Mai**  
Evan Meier, teacher  
Virginia  
Southern Division



**Emma Packer**  
Christina Tio, teacher  
Illinois  
East Central Division



**Luke Peters**  
Yuxin Ouyang, teacher  
Idaho  
Northwest Division

## MTNA COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Christopher Goldston, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA–ALFRED MUSIC JUNIOR COMPOSITION COMPETITION



**Lillian Tan**

*The Little Dolphin's Quest*  
Karalyn Schubring, teacher  
Arizona  
Southwest Division



**Alex Landry**  
*Adrift*

Jessica Eubanks, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**William Zelevinsky**  
*Piano Concerto No. 1*

Tanya Schwartzman, teacher  
Massachusetts  
Eastern Division

#### Other Finalists



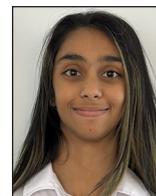
**Junhao Fang**

Rick Asher, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



**Emma Lu**

Sarah Miller, teacher  
Minnesota  
West Central Division



**Reena Shah**

Susan Slater, teacher  
Illinois  
East Central Division



**Ava Tsang**

Tom Lohr, teacher  
North Carolina  
Southern Division

## MTNA COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS

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### MTNA SENIOR COMPOSITION COMPETITION



**Grant Qu**  
*Suite of Emotions*  
Liang Liang, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Coby Kassner**  
*Spaghettification*  
Aaron Stampfl, teacher  
Colorado  
West Central Division



**Iris Li**  
*Birds in Paradise*  
Karalyn Schubring, teacher  
Arizona  
Southwest Division

#### Other Finalists



**Henry Golden**  
Dmitri Nazarenko, teacher  
Maryland  
Eastern Division



**Anchi Hall**  
Tatiana Kats, teacher  
Ohio  
East Central Division



**Zach Lew**  
Mark Salman, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



**Jesse Sawaya**  
Jared Miller, teacher  
North Carolina  
Southern Division

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### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST COMPOSITION COMPETITION



**Andreas Landstedt**  
*Ode No. 1*

Sean Chen, teacher  
Missouri  
West Central Division



**GianCarlo Lay**  
*Transcendence*

Christopher Creviston, teacher  
Arizona  
Southwest Division



**Sylvia Wood**  
*PRECIPICE*

Christopher Hahn, teacher  
Montana  
Northwest Division

#### Other Finalists



**Landon Chang**

Chien-Kwan Lin, teacher  
New York  
Eastern Division



**Aidan Mousavi**

Eric Himy, teacher  
Virginia  
Southern Division



**Elias Nguyen**

Minhae Lee, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Richard Shao**

Amy Cheng, teacher  
Michigan  
East Central Division

## MTNA JUNIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Michael Dean, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA–KAWAI AMERICA JUNIOR PIANO COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom D • Chicago, Illinois • Saturday, March 21, 2026



**Ethan Mihaescu**

Catherine Rollin, teacher  
Michigan  
East Central Division



**Bowen Liang**

Stella Xu, teacher  
New Jersey  
Eastern Division



**Zachary Cheng**

Renato Fabbro/Hong Zhu, teachers  
Oregon  
Northwest Division



**Biyun Jiao**

John Weems, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Yuzhe Chen**

Dmitri Nazarenko, teacher  
Virginia  
Southern Division



**Isabel Feng**

Yoshikazu Nagai, teacher  
California  
Southwest Division



**Sarah Fernandes**

Washington Garcia, teacher  
Nebraska  
West Central Division

## MTNA JUNIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Michael Dean, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA JUNIOR STRING COMPETITION

Great America I/II • Chicago, Illinois • Saturday, March 21, 2026



**Daniel Liu**

Eun-song Koh/Malcolm Lowe, teachers  
Michigan  
East Central Division



**Yosef Kogan**

Viktor Basis, teacher  
New York  
Eastern Division



**Anthony Kim**

Kevin Krentz, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



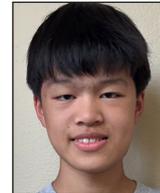
**Katherine Lu**

Oliver Schlaffer, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Justin Lee**

Clara Kim, teacher  
Virginia  
Southern Division



**George Na**

Yuki Mori, teacher  
California  
Southwest Division



**Josie Snaza**

Aaron Janse, teacher  
Minnesota  
West Central Division

## MTNA JUNIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

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### MTNA JUNIOR WOODWIND COMPETITION

Lincolnshire I/II • Chicago, Illinois • Saturday, March 21, 2026



**Claire Choi**  
Hideko Amano, teacher  
Illinois  
East Central Division



**Naryn Kim**  
Bart Feller, teacher  
New York  
Eastern Division



**Annie Liu**  
Bonnie Blanchard, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



**Elizabeth Hwang**  
Monica Song, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Lucy Kessler**  
Kathleen Jacobi, teacher  
Virginia  
Southern Division



**Mason Jeong**  
Youngji Song, teacher  
California  
Southwest Division



**Aidan Zhao**  
Sergei Govorov, teacher  
Colorado  
West Central Division

## MTNA SENIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Adam Booher, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA SENIOR BRASS COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom F • Chicago, Illinois • Sunday, March 22, 2026



**Keenan Reynolds**

Jared Theismann, teacher  
South Carolina



**Evan Zhang**

Ken Wolff, teacher  
Maryland

## MTNA SENIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Adam Booher, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA–YAMAHA SENIOR PIANO COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom D • Chicago, Illinois • Sunday, March 22, 2026



**Evan Dan**  
Sean Schulze, teacher  
Ohio  
East Central Division



**Evelina Kleczek**  
Martin Labazevitch, teacher  
Washington, D.C.  
Eastern Division



**Enzo Zhao**  
Oksana Ezhokina, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



**Chris Hao**  
John Weems, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Benjamin Luo**  
Florence Ko, teacher  
North Carolina  
Southern Division



**David Gatien**  
Yoshikazu Nagai, teacher  
California  
Southwest Division



**Noah Greenstein-Sheppard**  
Paul Wirth, teacher  
Minnesota  
West Central Division

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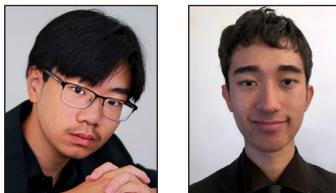
### MTNA–WEEKLEY & ARGANBRIGHT SENIOR PIANO DUET COMPETITION

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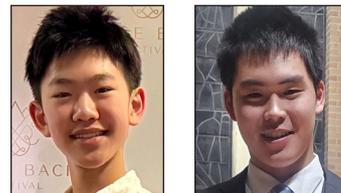
**Rosabelle Shi/Alina Liu**

Sylvia Wang, teacher  
Illinois  
East Central Division



**Conan Yang/Samuel Cronk**

Veda Zuponicic, teacher  
New Jersey  
Eastern Division



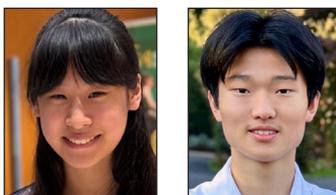
**Albert Hsu/Alexander Rao**

Suzanne Winegar Clive, teacher  
Idaho  
Northwest Division



**Kaitlyn Ouyang/Lucas Pei**

Alex and Marcy McDonald, teachers  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Megan Lai/Brandon Sang-Zheng**

Nancy O'Neill Breth, teacher  
Virginia  
Southern Division



**Olivia Jiang/Zibo Wang**

Ning Lu, teacher  
Utah  
Southwest Division



**Lanie Deng/Xiaowei Wang**

Hye-Jung Hong, teacher  
Missouri  
West Central Division

## MTNA SENIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Adam Booher, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA SENIOR STRING COMPETITION

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**Emily Chen**  
Almita Vamos, teacher  
Illinois  
East Central Division



**Yixuan Li**  
Lya Stern, teacher  
Maryland  
Eastern Division



**Jesse Krentz**  
Kevin Krentz, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



**Kyle Park**  
Andres Diaz, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Leila Warren**  
Shannon Thomas, teacher  
Florida  
Southern Division



**Joshua Lee**  
Jooyeon Han, teacher  
Arizona  
Southwest Division



**Taryn Geiger**  
Ruth Meints, teacher  
Nebraska  
West Central Division

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### MTNA SENIOR VOICE COMPETITION

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**Olivia Xia**  
Hiroko Yoshinaga, teacher  
California



**Johanna Schlecht**  
Mary Ellen Schaubert, teacher  
Delaware



**Mara Bryan**  
Jeanie Darnell, teacher  
Florida



**Chimdi Nnamani**  
Ted Federle, teacher  
North Carolina



**Chloe Bremer**  
Yurim Mi Choi, teacher  
Georgia



**Isabelle Kim**  
Mary Ellen Schaubert, teacher  
Delaware  
Eastern Division



**Heidi Hager**  
Tim C. Chang, teacher  
Virginia

## MTNA SENIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

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### MTNA SENIOR WOODWIND COMPETITION

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**Annamaria Riccardi**  
Kelly Mcdermott, teacher  
Michigan  
East Central Division



**Eric Sigalov**  
Valentin Kovalev, teacher  
New Jersey  
Eastern Division



**Xueheng Wang**  
Fred Winkler, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



**Soomin Oh**  
Monica Song, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Owen Burch**  
Oskar Espina Ruiz, teacher  
North Carolina  
Southern Division



**Leah Keyes**  
Catherine Boyack, teacher  
Utah  
Southwest Division



**Silas Gollnick**  
Jae-Hyun Ryoo, teacher  
Iowa  
West Central Division

## MTNA YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Christina Wei-Yuh Xie, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST BRASS COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom F • Chicago, Illinois • Monday, March 23, 2026



**Diego Jaquez**  
Dave Kirk, teacher  
Texas



**Jihong Son**  
David Jackson, teacher  
Michigan



**Jon-Michael Taylor**  
Kevin Cobb, teacher  
Connecticut



**Samuel Cooper**  
Mark Thiele, teacher  
Idaho



**Luke Weatherly**  
Paul Compton, teacher  
Oklahoma



**Carter Mitchell**  
Chris Dickey, teacher  
Washington



**Jonah Hammett**  
Jean Martin-Williams, teacher  
Georgia

## MTNA YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Christina Wei-Yuh Xie, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA–STEINWAY YOUNG ARTIST PIANO COMPETITION

Grand Ballroom Salons I/II • Chicago, Illinois • Monday, March 23, 2026



**Daae Kim**

Norman Krieger, teacher  
Indiana  
East Central Division



**Vitalii Khairutdinov**

Veda Zuponic, teacher  
New Jersey  
Eastern Division



**Jun Yun**

Alexandre Dossin, teacher  
Oregon  
Northwest Division



**Qiaotong Liu**

Tamas Ungar, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Quang Vo**

Michael Baron, teacher  
Florida  
Southern Division



**Wenzhao Wang**

Ning Lu, teacher  
Utah  
Southwest Division



**Tang-Hsing Lien**

Stephanie Cheng, teacher  
Colorado  
West Central Division

## MTNA YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Christina Wei-Yuh Xie, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST STRING COMPETITION

Great America I/II • Chicago, Illinois • Monday, March 23, 2026



**Pavlo Kyrlyuk**  
Almita Vamos, teacher  
Illinois  
East Central Division



**Bethany Bobbs**  
Catherine Bobbs, teacher  
New Jersey  
Eastern Division



**Flora Cummings**  
Melia Watras, teacher  
Washington  
Northwest Division



**Daria Oleinik**  
Alexander Sitkovetsky, teacher  
Texas  
South Central Division



**Iris Shepherd**  
Cornelia Heard, teacher  
Tennessee  
Southern Division



**Alina Baron**  
Leonard Braus, teacher  
Utah  
Southwest Division



**Vladimir Tsiper**  
Sergiu Schwartz, teacher  
Minnesota  
West Central Division

## MTNA YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

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### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST VOICE COMPETITION

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**Emilia Jurzyk**

Leanne Freeman-Miller, teacher  
Iowa



**Victoria Hyman**

Jeanie Darnell, teacher  
Florida



**Cadence Lowery-Hart**

Leanne Freeman-Miller, teacher  
Iowa



**Olivia Tice**

Leanne Freeman-Miller, teacher  
Iowa



**Cadie Logston**

Tracelyn Gesteland, teacher  
South Dakota



**Gabriel McKee**

Alyssa Becker, teacher  
Iowa



**Leah Mendelin**

Leanne Freeman-Miller, teacher  
Iowa

## MTNA YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Christina Wei-Yuh Xie, NCTM, Coordinator

### MTNA YOUNG ARTIST WOODWIND COMPETITION

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**Matthew Hrinda**  
Otis Murphy, teacher  
Indiana  
East Central Division



**Hong Cheng**  
Maureen Hurd Hause, teacher  
New Jersey  
Eastern Division



**Evan Ney**  
Idit Shner, teacher  
Oregon  
Northwest Division



**Preston Hernandez**  
Kendra Wheeler, teacher  
Louisiana  
South Central Division



**Cailin McGarry**  
Jeff Keesecker, teacher  
Florida  
Southern Division



**Lillie Gardner**  
Christina Castellanos, teacher  
Utah  
Southwest Division



**Chris Hunley**  
Kenneth Tse, teacher  
Iowa  
West Central Division

## MTNA CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Natalie Landowski, Coordinator

### MTNA–ALLEN I. MCHOSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHAMBER MUSIC STRING COMPETITION

Chicago Ballroom F • Chicago, Illinois • Saturday, March 21, 2026



#### **OROS TRIO**

Emilie Tupper, violin  
Julian Bennett, cello  
Ethan Stahl, piano  
Andrew Cooperstock, coach  
University of Colorado Boulder



#### **Skyline Piano Quintet**

Ruiqi Wang, violin  
Yu-Tong Li, violin  
Aurimar Hernandez, viola  
Brian Cortes-Bofill, cello  
Jerry Zhang, piano  
Samuel Vargas, coach  
Columbus State University



#### **Valkyria Quartet**

Rebecca Hall, violin  
Elizabeth Bergmann, violin  
Eva Ruiz, viola  
Kevin Zapata, cello  
Samuel Vargas, coach  
Columbus State University



#### **Cantilène Trio**

Alexis Boylan, violin  
Yun Qu Tan, saxophone  
Aly Soriano, piano  
Brandon Quarles, coach  
University of Georgia



**Canelé String Quartet**  
Zichuan (Kevin) Wang, violin  
Summer Bradshaw, violin  
Yusong Zhao, viola  
Yilin (Selina) Xu, cello  
William Fedkenheuer, coach  
University of Texas at Austin



**Mt. Olympus Waters Honors Piano Trio**  
Alina Baron, violin  
Stella Wadsworth, cello  
Emerald Clayton, piano  
Steven Vanhauwaert, coach  
University of Utah



**Toba Trio**  
Benjamin Frueh, violin  
David Smith, cello  
Qiaochuhan Li, piano  
Catherine Kautsky, coach  
Lawrence University

## MTNA CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

Terri Hlubek, NCTM, Director • Natalie Landowski, Coordinator

### MTNA–ALLEN I. MCHOSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHAMBER MUSIC WIND COMPETITION

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#### Bar Before Quintet

Corva Graham, flute  
Luka Vezmar, oboe  
Nikhila Narayana, clarinet  
Nathan Bonin, horn  
David Guy, bassoon  
Christina Jennings, coach  
University of Colorado Boulder



#### Synchrony Quartet

Philip Kleutgens, soprano saxophone  
Hudson O'Reilly, alto saxophone  
Matthew Johnson, tenor saxophone  
Haven Kahn, baritone saxophone  
Taimur Sullivan, coach  
Northwestern University



#### Citrine Quartet

Alex Procajlo, soprano saxophone  
Jonah Kulick, alto saxophone  
Zachary Solomon, tenor saxophone  
Rimas Stapusaitis, baritone saxophone  
Timothy McAllister, coach  
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor



#### Novus

Jacob Bissonnette, soprano saxophone  
Coleman Kading, alto saxophone  
Kevin Barton, tenor saxophone  
Matthew Dietrich, baritone saxophone  
Myles Boothroyd, coach  
University of Oklahoma

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2025–2026 MTNA National Competitions



**Kapwa**

David Bayard, soprano saxophone  
Joshua Flores, alto Saxophone  
Matthew Hrinda, tenor saxophone  
Tyree Nesbitt, baritone saxophone  
Otis Murphy, coach  
Indiana University



**Kairos**

Matthew James, soprano saxophone  
Johann Koh, alto saxophone  
Alexander Nguyen, tenor saxophone  
Zachary Mathews, baritone saxophone  
Geoffrey Deibel, coach  
Florida State University



**New Horizon Brass**

Jacob Rose, trumpet  
Jon-Michael Taylor, trumpet  
Aidan Lewis, horn  
William Roberts, trombone  
Mikal Martin, tuba  
Kevin Cobb, coach  
Yale University

**BRASS**

**David Bilger** (Senior, Young Artist) is professor of trumpet at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. From 1995 to 2022, he held the position of principal trumpet of The Philadelphia Orchestra, having previously held the same position with the Dallas Symphony. He spent 27 years on the faculty of the Curtis Institute of Music.

**Jena Gardner** (Senior, Young Artist) is associate professor of horn and director of the Community Music School at Western Illinois University. An active soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral performer, she appears with the Camerata Woodwind Quintet, La Moine Brass Quintet, and award-winning Cobalt Horn Quartet.

**Scott Tegge** (Senior, Young Artist) is the tubist with Gaudete Brass, a group dedicated to performing original works for brass quintet. He's on the faculty at the University of Illinois and serves as the director of chamber music at the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras. He frequently guest-lectures on creative career development and entrepreneurship.

**PIANO**

**Chris Guzman** (Junior) is a top prize-winner in international competitions such as the Naumburg, Seoul, and Concours international de piano d'Orléans. Guzman has performed in major venues such as Suntory Hall, the Gewandhaus, Carnegie Hall, and Wigmore Hall. He is professor of piano at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University.

**Peter Mack** (Young Artist), Irish pianist, is a performer, clinician, convention artist, adjudicator, and teacher. He is celebrated for his moving playing, insightful presentations, successful teaching, and easy rapport with audiences. He numbers among his students 24 MTNA national finalists and five MTNA national first-place winners.

**Melody Quah** (Junior, Senior, Young Artist) is described as a "poet with titanium fingers" by the *Vancouver Sun*. Quah has performed across Malaysia, Asia, Europe, Australia, and North America. She holds graduate degrees from Peabody Institute, Yale, and The Juilliard School; Quah is a Yamaha Artist and serves as assistant professor of piano at Penn State University.

**Sylvia Wang** (Senior) serves on the faculty at Northwestern University. She has performed, taught, lectured, and adjudicated in the U.S., U.K., Germany, Asia, and Australia. Wang also authored *Memorization and the Pianist* as well as the interactive website, [fugaleze.com](http://fugaleze.com), on the study of works by J.S. Bach.

**Hyunsoon Whang** (Junior, Senior, Young Artist) is an award-winning teacher, performer, and recording artist. She holds degrees from The Juilliard School and Indiana University. She serves as McMahan Endowed Chair in Music at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, and teaches at Interlochen Arts Camp during summers.

**SENIOR PIANO DUET**

**Peter Takács** is hailed by the *New York Times* as "a marvelous pianist" and has been recognized as a distinguished performer, teacher, and lecturer. His recording of the complete Beethoven piano sonatas received worldwide acclaim. He taught with distinction at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music from 1976 to 2024.

**Steven Herbert Smith**, professor emeritus of piano at Penn State, has appeared worldwide in concerts and broadcast recitals. His comprehensive recording of the *Piano Masterworks of Beethoven*, featuring all the sonatas and many other beloved works, was critically acclaimed by the *American Record Guide*; many other performances are available via YouTube.

**Jeffrey Savage** performs internationally as both soloist and chamber musician. His piano duo, 88SQUARED, has recorded the complete two-piano works of Daniel Ott and Lowell Liebermann. He holds master's and doctorate degrees from The Juilliard School and is keyboard area coordinator at the University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory.

**STECHER & HOROWITZ—TWO PIANO COMPETITION**

**Jennifer Hayghe** is currently chair of the Roser Keyboard and Piano Program at the University of Colorado Boulder. Hayghe has taught and performed as a soloist and chamber musician internationally and throughout the United States. She was the last student of the legendary artist-teacher Adele Marcus at The Juilliard School, where she received her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees.

**Steven Herbert Smith** (See Piano Duet)

**Spencer Myer** is the first-prize winner of the 2004 UNISA (South Africa) and 2008 New Orleans International Piano Competitions, as well as the 2006 American Piano Award. Currently associate professor of piano at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, he was MTNA's 2014 National Conference Artist.

**STRING**

**Jamie Clark** (Senior), a cellist from Boulder, Colorado, has been praised for her sensitive, imaginative, and colorful sense of artistry. She has concertized throughout North America, South America, Europe, and Asia as a recitalist and a chamber musician. She has performed solo and chamber music recitals in venues such as Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Boston's Jordan Hall, Eastman's Kodak Hall, New York City's American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

**Scott Conklin** (Senior) is professor of violin at the University of Iowa School of Music and a teacher at the Preucil School of Music who is commended by *The Strad* for "brilliance of tone and charismatic delivery." He has recordings on Albany, Centaur, Chandos, MSR Classics as well as Alfred Music.

**Samantha George** (Junior, Young Artist), a violist, serves as associate professor of music at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. She attended high school at the Interlochen Arts Academy and received her bachelor's, master's, and performer's certificate degrees from the Eastman School of Music. She holds a doctorate in violin performance and music theory from the University of Connecticut.

**Jaime Gorgojo** (Junior, Senior, Young Artist) frequently appears as a soloist and chamber musician both nationally and internationally. Recent appearances include recitals at the Rendezvous Arts Series, Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series, Grand Teton Music Festival, Strathmore Hall in Washington, D.C., and Chicago Symphony Presents Chamber Music, both solo and in collaboration with artists such as Yo-Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax.

**Kenny Lee** (Junior, Young Artist) enjoys a diverse career both as a conductor and cellist. An active chamber musician, Lee has collaborated with members of the Berlin Philharmonic and the Juilliard, Cleveland, and Borromeo quartets. As co-founder and artistic director of the Flatirons Chamber Music Festival in Boulder, Colorado, he continues to champion innovative programming. He is currently assistant professor and director of orchestral studies at the University of Iowa.

### VOICE

**Robert Heitzinger** (Senior, Young Artist), baritone, is professor emeritus of voice at Northeastern Illinois University. He has performed in venues around the world, including the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Sinfonietta, the Grant Park Symphony, and Chicago Opera Theatre. He has given master classes in Europe and Asia and is an active clinician.

**Karen Brunssen** (Senior, Young Artist) is professor of voice and co-chair of the Music Performance Department at Bienen School of Music, Northwestern University. She is past president of NATS. Brunssen has presented about her book, *The Evolving Singing Voice: Changes Across the Lifespan*, around the world. She received the 2024 NATS IMPACT Award, the Luther College 2013 Weston Noble Award in 2013, and the Excellence in Teaching Award from Northwestern University.

**Paul Houghtaling** (Senior, Young Artist), bass-baritone, has performed extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad, including appearances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center. He is a past president of the National Opera Association, and he serves as professor of music and director of opera at the University of Alabama.

### WOODWIND

**Susan Levitin** (Junior, Senior, Young Artist) is a noted flute pedagogue and performer. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Levitin was a founding member and flutist with the Chicago Ensemble. A Powell Recording Artist, Levitin has recorded two solo CDs and has been featured in *Flute Talk* magazine.

**John Nichol** (Junior, Senior, Young Artist) is professor of saxophone at Central Michigan University and has performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland (1997), the North Sea Jazz Festival (1997), and the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival (2000, 2001, 2002). Nichol has also performed by invitation at nine World Saxophone Congresses, and with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, the Harry James Orchestra, and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra. Nichol is a Yamaha Performing Artist, a Vandoren Artist, and a former president of the North American Saxophone Alliance, which recently awarded him an Honorary Lifetime Membership (2024).

**Mariana Gariazzo** (Junior) holds academic positions at The University of Illinois Chicago, Elmhurst University, and VanderCook College of Music. Past president for the Chicago Flute Club and program chair for the 2025 National Flute Association Convention in Atlanta, Gariazzo is an advocate for contemporary music and an active private instructor in the Chicago area. Beyond the flute, she specializes in the scholarship of teaching, distance education, and instructional design.

**Leslie Grimm** (Senior, Young Artist), clarinetist, serves as coordinator of wind chamber music and chamber music coach at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. An active performer and dedicated educator, she fosters collaborative excellence among student ensembles while continuing to engage audiences through her versatile and expressive musicianship.

### CHAMBER MUSIC STRING

**Peter Takács** (See Senior Piano Duet)

**Scott Conklin** (See String)

**Jamie Clark** (See String)

### CHAMBER MUSIC WIND

**Jena Gardner** (See Brass)

**Leslie Grimm** (See Woodwind)

**Jeff Heisler** is an award-winning saxophonist, pedagogue, and soprano chair of the acclaimed Assembly Quartet. He serves on the faculty of Oakland University as professor of saxophone. Among Heisler's significant accomplishments are a Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition Gold Medal, prizewinner in the Music Teachers National Association Chamber Music and Young Artist Competitions, and honors as "Outstanding Classical Soloist" in *DownBeat* magazine.

### COMPOSITION

**Sarah Siegler** is a composer, conductor, and educator. She holds degrees from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago and St. Olaf College. She began her career as a string orchestra director in both central Connecticut and southeastern Wisconsin. She is the owner of the educational music publisher, Grand Mesa Strings.

**Timothy Brown's** music has been greatly influenced by the Italian film composer, Ennio Morricone. His music is noted for its roots in the neo-romantic style of writing and includes works for ballet, choral, and chamber music, as well as a significant amount of literature for the piano, written for pedagogical purposes.

**Lynda Lybeck-Robinson**, NCTM, is a private piano instructor in Alaska's Aleutian Islands. A Hal Leonard composer, her works include *Williwaw*, *Alaska Sketches*, and more. She serves as president of the Kenai Central Peninsula Music Teachers and Alaska Federation of Music Clubs. She currently serves as Alaska certification chair for MTNA.

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