

2016 GMTA AUDITIONS RESULTS

The 2016 GMTA State Auditions were held on April 9 and April 16 at the University of Georgia, Hugh Hodgson School of Music. GMTA Auditions Staff would like to extend our gratitude to the Hugh Hodgson School of Music for allowing us the use of their facilities for the GMTA Auditions.

The following categories were represented:

- Pre-College Piano, Grades 4-11 – 384 Region Participants; 177 State Participants
- 12th Grade Piano – 35 Participants
- High School Piano Concerto – 13 Participants
- College Piano – 17 Participants
- High School and College Voice – 14 Participants
- Strings/Guitar, K-College – 55 Participants
- Brass and Woodwinds –13 Participants
- Instrumental Concerto – 21 Participants

Congratulations to all students and teachers who participated in this year's Auditions!

~Cathy Thacker, NCTM | Vice President of GMTA Auditions

PIANO DIVISION

Grade 4 | Dr. Elena Cholakova, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Erin Li

Ping-Yun Hsu

Cobb

Award: 1st Alternate

Eric Xu

Miao-Fen Lin

North DeKalb

Award: 2nd Alternate

Julia Pearson

Ping Xu

North DeKalb

Award: Award of Excellence		
Rayna Chang	Shu-Chuan Hsiang	North Fulton
Xinyu Su	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
Mikayla Wu	Bo Wang	Augusta
Grant Peng	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett County
Award: Honorable Mention		
Stephanie Sun	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Sophie Fang	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb
Andrew Wang	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Amity Chen	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb

Grade 5 | Dr. Elena Cholakova, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist		
Ethan Liu	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb
Award: 1st Alternate		
Jonathan Xue	Robert Henry	Cobb
Award: 2 nd Alternate		
Susan Meng	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Award: Award of Excellence		
Emma Hu	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
Eric Chang	Ping-Yun Hsu	Atlanta
Brian Kuang	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb
Rohan Gonsalves	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Award: Honorable Mention		
Alexa Lee	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Jeffrey Li	Hiroko Hogarth	Augusta
Kelley Lu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Claire Wu	Ping Xu	Atlanta

Grade 6 | Rwei Hao, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Carey Byron

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Grace Peng

Elena Cholakova

Gwinnett County

Award: 2nd Alternate

Daniel Pan

Ping Xu

North DeKalb

Award: Outstanding Performer

Shirley Chen

Hwee Boon Ng

Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Michelle Ho

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Daniel Kim

Jean Mann

Gwinnett County

Kimberly Shen

Ping Xu

Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Katherine Yang

Elena Cholakova

Gwinnett County

Veronica Kogan

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Amy Huang

Anne Sun

Atlanta

Margaret Wei

Ping Xu

Atlanta

Grade 7 | Rwei Hao, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Sarah Lao

Anne Sun

Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Rebecca Ho

Wai Yee Agnes Law

Gwinnett County

Award: 2nd Alternate

Michelle Wu

Ping Xu

Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Kyle Tsai

Hwee Boon Ng

Atlanta

Nicholas Ge

Ping-Yun Hsu

Cobb

Daniel Shen

Keli Xu

North Fulton

Charles Li

Clara Park

Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Jessie Zhu

David Watkins

Cobb

Hannah Huang

Elena Cholakova

Gwinnett County

Rebecca Wu

Ping-Yun Hsu

Cobb

Robert Jeon

Soohyun Yun

Cobb

Grade 8 | Susan Andrews, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Mako Ishikawa

Momoko Yamamoto

Cobb

Award: 1st Alternate

Catherine Shih

Elena Cholakova

Gwinnett County

Award: 2nd Alternate

Chloe Chen

Elena Cholakova

Gwinnett County

Award: Outstanding Performer

Julia Li

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Patrick Chin

Beatrice Ko

Cobb

Michelle Wang

Ping Xu

North DeKalb

Eric Hayashi

Hsin-Lan Chien

Cobb

Julia Chang

Anne Sun

Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Gabriella Kogan

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Ivy Xue

Shu-Chuan Hsiang

North Fulton

Annabel Shue

Lois Finlay

North DeKalb

Grade 9 | Susan Andrews, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Felix Pei

Sue Moncrief

Augusta

Award: Master Class #1 Yuy Hsiang	Shu-Chuan Hsiang	North Fulton
Award: Master Class #2 Moses Wang	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
Award: Outstanding Performer Yannie Tan	Alexander Kobrin	Columbus
Helen Bryant	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb
Award: Award of Excellence Renee Lu	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
Grace Xu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Bona Kim	Mijung Kim	Gwinnett County
Award: Honorable Mention Allen Cai	Jewelina Jacobs	Augusta
Charmaine Hur	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Sylvia Tang	Shirley Irek	Atlanta
Nicholas Hong	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Grace Li	Soohyun Yun	Cobb
Albert Ting	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb

Grade 10 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist Benjamin Chin	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb
Award: Master Class #1 Melody Wang	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb
Award: Master Class #2 Suekyung Jin	Min Yeong Kim	Decatur
Award: Award of Excellence Kelsey Yao	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Daisy Zhou	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Jenny Kang	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA

Liam McBane	Frances Thraillkill	Decatur
Award: Honorable Mention Stephanie Zhang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Evan Hoyt	Susan McDuffie	Macon
Joshua Anderson	Davide Palmer	Cherokee
Grace Wei	Ping Xu	North DeKalb

Grade 11 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist Anthony Zhang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Award: Master Class #1 Judy Li	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Award: Master Class #2 Jane Zen	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
Award: Outstanding Performer Ethan Shen	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Award: Award of Excellence Lindsey Chen	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Nathan Wu	Robert Henry	Cobb
Kevin Lee Tao	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Jiaxing Liu	Inna Satunovsky	Coweta-Fayette
Award: Honorable Mention Lauren Chen	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Timothy Wang	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb
Julia Xiang	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Dajung Lee	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA

Grade 12 | Lisa Gaal, NCTM, Chair

Award: Senior Cash Award Mia Patillo	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 1 st Alternate	David Zhao	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Award: 2 nd Alternate	John Mori	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
Award: Outstanding Performer	Laura Street	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
	Chelsea Chen	Soohyun Yun	Cobb
	Rosie Probst	Jody Smith Parrish	Decatur
Award: Award of Excellence	Elaine Liu	Huu Mai	Cobb
	Campbell Cona	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
	William Zheng	Benjamin Warsaw	Savannah
	David Wang	Marissa Woodall	Cherokee
	Stephanie Zhang	Jonathan Klein	Athens
	Irena Kuan	Shu-Chuan Hsiang	North Fulton
Award: Honorable Mention	Tom Connerley	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
	Sherry Luo	Aza Boguslavskiy	Gwinnett
	David King	Kristi Helfen	Decatur
	Kathryn Jian	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
	Tyler Magnin	Benjamin Warsaw	Savannah
	Katherine Tiemeyer	Rebekah Healan	Athens

Piano Concerto | Lisa Gaal, NCTM, Chair

Award: Concerto Winner	Yannie Tan	Alexander Kobrin	Columbus
Award: 1 st Alternate	Ethan Shen	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Award: 2 nd Alternate	Liam McBane	Frances Thrailkill	Decatur

Award: Award of Excellence
Helen Bryant

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb

Benjamin Chin

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb

Award: Honorable Mention
Kelsey Yao

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

Renee Lu

Lois Finlay

North DeKalb

College Piano | Dr. Joanna Kim, NCTM, Chair

LOWER COLLEGE PIANO

Alexandre Tchaykov

Dr. Liza Stepanova

OP – Conference Recitalist

Imsun Lee

Dr. Evgeny Rivkin

OP – 1st Alternate

Forest Kirkland

Dr. Martin David Jones

Honorable Mention

MIDDLE COLLEGE PIANO

Soyoun Sheehan

Dr. Soohyun Yun, NCTM

OP – Conference Recitalist

Michael Dubuc

Susan Naylor, NCTM

OP – 1st Alternate

Steven Fitzwilliam

Dr. Martin David Jones

OP – 2nd Alternate

Michelle Stephenson

Dr. You Ju Lee, NCTM

Honorable Mention

Meitan Lu

Dr. Geoffrey Haydon

Honorable Mention

UPPER COLLEGE PIANO

Yoonsook Song

Dr. Martha Thomas, NCTM

OP – Conference Recitalist

Siyu Li

Dr. Geoffrey Haydon

OP – 1st Alternate

Yan Kou

Dr. Martha Thomas, NCTM

Award of Excellence

Jolene Long

Dr. Clara Park

Honorable Mention

VOICE | Dr. Pat Callaway, NCTM, Chair

VOICE – 9th GRADE

Kristen Johansen

Dr. Stephanie Tingler

OP – Conference Recitalist

Madison Ricci

Leigh Anne Bleichner

Honorable Mention

VOICE – 10th GRADE

Melodie Faith Spencer	Heather Spencer	OP – Conference Recitalist
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VOICE – 11th GRADE

Rebekah Sims	Debra P. Murphy	OP – Conference Recitalist
Caroline Dorr	Debra P. Murphy	OP – 1 st Alternate
Alissa Benkowski	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Brittany Bosley	Leigh Anne Bleichner	Award of Excellence
Kyra Newell	Huu Mai	Award of Excellence

VOICE – 12th GRADE

Colton Carter	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Senior Cash Prize
Ruth Willet	Arietha Lockhart	Award of Excellence
Nicole Axelrod	Lara Morris	Award of Excellence

VOICE – LOWER COLLEGE

Deborah Stephens	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Conference Recitalist
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VOICE – MIDDLE COLLEGE

Maia Brookes	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Conference Recitalist
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INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTO | Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

Phoebe Liu	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Richard Cho	Sergiu Schwartz	OP – 1 st Alternate
Maximilian Lou	Martin Gueorguiev	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Amy Park	Martin Gueorguiev	Outstanding Performer
Joo Young (Maya) Kang	Boris Abramov	Outstanding Performer
Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Serena Gao	William Pu	Award of Excellence
Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence

Jennifer Deng	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	Honorable Mention
Dohyuk Yang	Valerie Gardner	Honorable Mention
Kyle Qian	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Zach Tseng	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Anna Hu	Que Yang	Honorable Mention

STRINGS | Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

STRINGS: GRADES K/1

Evan Xue	Mimi Tam	OP – Conference Recitalist
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STRINGS: GRADES 2/3

Eugenie Lim	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Lucas Liu	Que Yang	Award of Excellence
Mahalia Mason	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Jayden Lee	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 4/5

Anna Willard	Martha Gerschefski	OP – Conference Recitalist
Sophia Ho	Que Yang	OP – 1 st Alternate
Sola Ishibashi	Kristin Jutras	Award of Excellence
Brandon Lee	Mirna Dinovic	Award of Excellence
Katie Chong	William Pu	Award of Excellence
Ella Grace Malcom	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
David McClellan	Kristin Jutras	Honorable Mention
Elly Kim	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Alice Choi	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 6/7

Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	OP – Conference Recitalist
Tobias Liu	Sonja Foster	OP – 1 st Alternate

Zach Tseng	William Pu	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Zachary Surbrook	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Patrick Kim	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Lydia Meadows	Kristin Jutras	Honorable Mention
Emma Surbrook	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Daniel Huang	Kristin Jutras	Honorable Mention
Sean Kim	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention
Brian Ji	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Anna Hu	Que Yang	Honorable Mention
Eunice Chon	Nadir Khashimov	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 8/9

Jennifer Deng	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Maximilian Lou	Martin Gueorguiev	OP – 1 st Alternate
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Yuji Yamada	Nadir Khashimov	Award of Excellence
Rachel McClellan	Kristin Jutras	Award of Excellence
Serena Gao	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 10/11

Phoebe Liu	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Joo Young (Maya) Kang	Boris Abramov	OP – 1 st Alternate
Dohyuk Yang	Valerie Gardner	Award of Excellence
Kyle Qian	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Sarah Chen	William Pu	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADE 12

Alex Yang	Mimi Tam	OP – Senior Cash Award
Jasmine Liu	Mimi Tam	Award of Excellence

STRINGS: UPPER COLLEGE

Esther Holliday

Wendy Warner

Award of Excellence

WOODWINDS/BRASS | Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair**WOODWINDS/BRASS: GRADES 9-11**

Alex Choi

Justin Stanley

OP – Conference Recitalist

Joseph Clarke

Jean Martin-Williams

OP – 1st Alternate

Shawn Zhu

Debra Hughes, NCTM

OP – 2nd Alternate**WOODWINDS/BRASS: LOWER COLLEGE**

Addison Whitney

Jean Martin-Williams

OP – Conference Recitalist

Nicole Perez

Jean Martin-Williams

OP – 1st Alternate

Sarah Mendes

Jean Martin-Williams

OP – 2nd Alternate

Lizzie Digiovanni

Jean Martin-Williams

Award of Excellence

Jaron Lehman

Jean Martin-Williams

Award of Excellence

Edgar W. Carter

Jean Martin-Williams

Award of Excellence

Aakash Patel

Jean Martin-Williams

Honorable Mention

Murphy Pulliam

Jean Martin-Williams

Honorable Mention

Rebecca M. Dorrill

Jean Martin-Williams

Honorable Mention

WOODWINDS/BRASS: UPPER COLLEGE

Christopher Miertschin

Jean Martin-Williams

OP – Conference Recitalist