

# 2015-2016 MTNA NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

## GEORGIA REPRESENTATIVES

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### MTNA COMPETITIONS: NATIONAL LEVEL

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*The 2015-2016 MTNA Performance Competitions were held April 2-4, 2016 in San Antonio, TX.*

#### PIANO PERFORMANCE JUNIOR CATEGORY

First Place	Yannie Tan	Alexander Kobrin
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#### STRING PERFORMANCE SENIOR CATEGORY

Second Place	Goeun Sim	Sergiu Schwartz
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#### YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY

Second Place	Zhihao Wu	Hans Jensen
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### MTNA COMPETITIONS: SOUTHERN DIVISION LEVEL

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*The 2015-2016 MTNA Southern Division Performance Competitions were held January 15-18, 2016 in Tampa, FL.*

#### CHAMBER MUSIC STRINGS

Alternate	Schwob String Quartet Eric Tsai, Violin Leah Bonas, Violin Mario Rivera, Viola Max Frank, Cello	Boris Abramov
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#### CHAMBER MUSIC WINDS

Winner	Nach Caroline Halleck, Alto Saxophone Hassan High, Tenor Saxophone Rick Firestone, Soprano Saxophone Charlie Young, Baritone Saxophone	Connie Frigo
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#### BRASS PERFORMANCE

##### YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY

Honorable Mention	Andrew Sehmman	Jean Martin-Williams
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#### PIANO PERFORMANCE JUNIOR CATEGORY

Winner	Yannie Tan	Alexander Kobrin
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#### YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY

Winner	Zhirui Zhou	Alexander Kobrin
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**STRING PERFORMANCE****JUNIOR CATEGORY**

Honorable Mention

Rebekah Willard

Sonja Foster

**SENIOR CATEGORY**

Winner

Goeun Sim

Sergiu Schwartz

**YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Winner

Zhihao Wu

Hans Jensen

**VOCAL PERFORMANCE****SENIOR CATEGORY**

Alternate

LarKarra Betha

Michelle DeBruyn

**WOODWIND PERFORMANCE****SENIOR CATEGORY**

Winner

Traian Sturza

Ronald Wirt

**YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Alternate

Victor Hernandez

Andree Martin

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**MTNA COMPETITIONS: STATE LEVEL**

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*The 2015-2016 MTNA State Performance Competitions were held on October 30-November 1 at Clayton State University under the supervision of Carol Payne, VP for MTNA Competitions. There were 94 total entrants participating. There were 91 solo entrants and 3 chamber ensembles in the Performance Competitions. There were 4 entrants in the composition category. State Coordinators were Julie Smith, Junior Coordinator, David George, Senior Coordinator, Debra Hughes, Young Artist and Chamber Music Coordinator. Soohyun Yun was the State Composition Coordinator. The results of the Competitions are as follows:*

**CHAMBER MUSIC STRINGS**

Winner

Schwob String Quartet

Boris Abramov

Eric Tsai, Violin

Leah Bonas, Violin

Mario Rivera, Viola

Max Frank, Cello

Alternate

Magnolia Quartet

Larisa Elisha

William Brotman, Violin

Benjamin Cork, Violin

Dominik Fields, Viola

Nayeon Kim, Cello

**CHAMBER MUSIC WINDS**

Representative

Nach

Connie Frigo

Caroline Halleck, Alto Saxophone

Hassan High, Tenor Saxophone  
Rick Firestone, Soprano Saxophone  
Charlie Young, Baritone Saxophone

## **COMPOSITION**

### **SENIOR CATEGORY**

Representative                      Andrew Dixon                      David Peoples

### **YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Winner                                  Orion Palmer                                  Martin Jones  
Honorable Mention                  Frazier Smith                                  Phillip Hayner  
Honorable Mention                  Robert Thomlinson                              Phillip Hayner

## **BRASS PERFORMANCE**

### **YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Representative                      Andrew Sehmam                      Jean Martin-Williams

## **PIANO PERFORMANCE**

### **JUNIOR CATEGORY**

Winner                                  Yannie Tan                                  Alexander Kobrin  
Alternate                                  Carey Byron                                  Elena Cholakova  
Honorable Mention                  Helen Bryant                                  Alexander Wasserman  
Honorable Mention                  Charles Li                                  Clara Park  
Honorable Mention                  Charlie Liu                                  Lena Zuiff

### **SENIOR CATEGORY**

Winner                                  Laura Street                                  Nancy Elton  
Alternate                                  Benjamin Chin                                  Alexander Wasserman  
Honorable Mention                  Yuy Hsiang                                  Shu-Chuan Hsiang  
Honorable Mention                  Nathan Wu                                  Robert Henry  
Honorable Mention                  Hideto Mori                                  Edith Schiff

### **YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Winner                                  Zhirui Zhou                                  Alexander Kobrin  
Alternate                                  Derek Vann                                  Sergio Gallo  
Honorable Mention                  Mengyao Sun                                  Alexander Kobrin  
Honorable Mention                  Manuel Vizurraga                              Read Gainsford  
Honorable Mention                  Mariana Bengoa Roldán                      Sergio Gallo  
Honorable Mention                  Shanshan Xie                                  Alexander Kobrin

## **STRING PERFORMANCE**

### **JUNIOR CATEGORY**

Winner                                  Rebekah Willard                              Sonja Foster  
Alternate                                  Richard Cho                                  Sergiu Schwartz  
Honorable Mention                  Evan Nicholson                                  Martin Gueorguiev  
Honorable Mention                  Maximillian Lou                                  Martin Gueorguiev  
Honorable Mention                  Zoe Lo                                  Sonja Foster  
Honorable Mention                  Richard Lee                                  Levon Ambartsumian

**SENIOR CATEGORY**

Winner	Goeun Sim	Sergiu Schwartz
Alternate	Charissa Leung	Amy Schwartz Moretti
Honorable Mention	JooYoung Kang	Sonja Foster
Honorable Mention	Phoebe Liu	Sonja Foster

**YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Winner	Zhihao Wu	Hans Jensen
Alternate	Sophie Wang	Sergiu Schwartz
Honorable Mention	Moises Cunha	Levon Ambartsumian
Honorable Mention	Weiru Sheng	Sergiu Schwartz

**VOCAL PERFORMANCE****SENIOR CATEGORY**

Winner	LarKarra Betha	Michelle DeBruyn
Alternate	Sarah Clements	Dian Lawler-Johnson
Honorable Mention	Katherine Tiemeyer	Rebekah Healan

**YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Winner	Jeanette Luna	Dian Lawler-Johnson
Alternate	Berrell Slaughter	Benjamin Schoening
Honorable Mention	Nathaniel Thomas	Michelle DeBruyn

**WOODWIND PERFORMANCE****SENIOR CATEGORY**

Winner	Traian Sturza	Ronald Wirt
Alternate	Alexander Smith	Sara Emery

**YOUNG ARTIST CATEGORY**

Winner	Victor Hernandez	Andree Martin
Alternate	Kristen Urbanski	Susan Tomkiewicz
Honorable Mention	Eder Rivera Acosta	Susan Tomkiewicz
Honorable Mention	Hassan High	Connie Frigo
Honorable Mention	Jared Cummings	Joseph Girard
Honorable Mention	Caroline Halleck	Connie Frigo