

2017 GMTA AUDITIONS RESULTS

The 2017 GMTA State Auditions were held on April 8 and April 15 at the University of Georgia, Hugh Hodgson School of Music. The GMTA Auditions Staff extends 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 –340 Region Participants; 222 State Participants
- 12th Grade Piano – 30 Participants
- High School Piano Concerto – 10 Participants
- College Piano – 16 Participants
- College Piano Concerto – 3 Participants
- High School and College Voice – 23 Participants
- Strings/Guitar, K-College – 48 Participants
- Brass and Woodwinds –12 Participants
- Instrumental Concerto – 18 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

Austin Wu

Hsin-Lin Chien, NCTM

Cobb County

Award: 1st Alternate

Albert Zhang

Keli Xu

North Fulton

Award: 2nd Alternate

Hanze Zhang

Miao-Fen Lin

North DeKalb

Award: Outstanding Performer

Abigail Marley

Jean Mann, NCTM

Gwinnett County

Kaitlyn Chang

Ping-Yun Hsu

Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Aidan Pabis
Lauren Kim
Cody Ji
Matthew Zhu
Ellie Yin
Ashley Si

Peggy Lee, NCTM
Anne Sun
Elena Cholakova
Ping-Yun Hsu
Ping Xu
Elena Cholakova

Athens
Atlanta
South Metro Atlanta
Cobb County
North DeKalb
Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Bochen Shen
Caroline Chang
Linzi Huang
Sally Liu
Grace Xie
Claire Jing
Kevin Chen

Joseph Hokayem, NCTM
Ping Xu
Hyangbin Choi
Hwee Boon Ng
Anne Sun
Ping Xu
Yien Wang

Athens
Atlanta
Augusta
Atlanta
Greater Marietta
North DeKalb
Columbus

Grade 5 | Dr. Elena Cholakova, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Erin Li

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Eric Xu

Miao-Fen Lin

North DeKalb

Award: 2nd Alternate

Jaia Alli

Shirley Irek

Atlanta

Award: Outstanding Performer

Julia Pearson
Xiaojun Ge
Grant Peng
Iris Liu

Ping Xu
Ping Xu
Elena Cholakova
Shu-ling Chen

North DeKalb
Atlanta
Atlanta
North DeKalb

Award: Award of Excellence

Hanny Wu
Kimmie Bateman
Alex Wa
Alison Wang
Yuna Lim
Jennifer He
Mikayla Wu

Miao-Fen Lin
Jonathan Klein
Ping Xu
Hwee Boon Ng
Jee Eun Wada
Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM
Bo Wang

North DeKalb
Athens
Atlanta
Atlanta
North Fulton
Cobb County
Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Sophie Fang
Sean Yan
Aaron Yang
Xinyu Su
Stephanie Sun
Kara J Yao
Will Yin

Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM
Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM
Joseph Hokayem, NCTM
Hyangbin Choi
Keli Xu
Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM
Nancy Riley

Cobb County
Cobb County
Athens
Augusta
North Fulton
Cobb County
Athens

Grade 6 | Robin Engleman, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Jonathan Xue

Robert Henry

Cobb County

Award: 1st Alternate

Zhu Yun Wei

Hwee Boon Ng

Atlanta

Award: 2nd Alternate

Noah Park

Yien Wang

Columbus

Award: Outstanding Performer

Ethan Liu

Ananya Shetty

Susan Meng

Alexander Wasserman

Anne Sun

Anne Sun

Cobb County

Atlanta

Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Christine Peng

Spencer McKee

Jeffery Li

Yangyang Shen

Emma Hu

Caroline Malcom

Anne Sun

Mary McKee

Hiroko Hogarth

Ping Xu

Hwee Boon Ng

Anne Sun

Atlanta

Savannah

Augusta

North DeKalb

Atlanta

Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Hannah Jiang

Eric Chang

Wenli Zhu

Cody Wang

Alyssa Woo

Abbygale Smith

Lena Zuiff

Ping-Yun Hsu

Keli Xu

Huu Mai

You Ju Lee, NCTM

Min Kim

North Fulton

Cobb County

North Fulton

Cobb County

Northeast GA

Decatur

Grade 7 | Robin Engleman, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Grace Peng

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Katherine Yang

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

Award: 2nd Alternate

Shirley Chen

Hwee Boon Ng

Atlanta

Award: Outstanding Performer

Daniel Pan

Margaret Wei

Kunling Tong

Ping Xu

Ping Xu

Robert Henry

North DeKalb

Atlanta

Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Jaden Nuo Lim

Hyangbin Choi

Augusta

Daniel Kim
Alison Yau
Emily Liu
Veronica Kogan
Alice Huh

Jean Mann, NCTM
Yelena Faber
Anne Sun
Elena Cholakova
Seonhee Cho

Gwinnett County
North Fulton
Atlanta
South Metro Atlanta
North Fulton

Award: Honorable Mention

Amy Huang
Michelle Ho
Susan Jiang
Vaibhav Mishra
Catherine Gemmell
Barnabas Li
Dahyun Hong
Jesse Chen

Anne Sun
Elena Cholakova
Yien Wang
Nancy Claxton
Jean Mann, NCTM
Joseph Hokayem, NCTM
Yoonmi Choi
Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM

Greater Marietta
South Metro Atlanta
Columbus
Macon
Gwinnett County
Athens
Gwinnett County
Cobb County

Grade 8 | Pamela Asberry, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Robert Jeon

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Sarah Lao

Anne Sun

Atlanta

Award: 2nd Alternate

Daniel Shen

Keli Xu

North Fulton

Award: Outstanding Performer

Andy Wang
Charles Li
Skyler Feng
Kyle Tsai

Ping Xu
Clara Park
Ping Xu
Hwee Boon Ng

Atlanta
Augusta
Atlanta
Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Ruth Hong
Xuefei Ren
Michelle Wu
Ellen Daugherty

Ping-Yun Hsu
Ping Xu
Ping Xu
Alexander Wasserman

Cobb County
North DeKalb
North DeKalb
Cobb County

Alice Zhang
Nicholas Ge
Lin jay Zeng

Lois Finlay, NCTM
Elena Cholakova
Anne Sun

North DeKalb
Metro Atlanta
Greater Marietta

Award: Honorable Mention

Jessie Zhu
Eric Wang
Alex Oh
Kaylee Fang
Tina Le
Kevin Zhang
Anna Hu

David Watkins, NCTM
Huu Mai
Joseph Hokayem, NCTM
Keiko Ransom
Catherine Thacker, NCTM
Joseph Hokayem, NCTM
Lois Finlay, NCTM

Cobb County
Cobb County
Athens
Decatur
Gwinnett County
Athens
North DeKalb

Grade 9 | Pamela Asberry, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Julia Li

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Award: Master Class #1

Mako Ishikawa

Momoko Yamamoto

Cobb County

Award: Master Class #2

Kevin Chen

Anne Sun

Atlanta

Award: Outstanding Performer

Jenny Chen

Catherine Shih

Amanda Bateman

Eric Yao

Amy Xu

Miao-Fen Lin

Elena Cholakova

Jonathan Klein

Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM

Keiko Ransom

North DeKalb

South Metro Atlanta

Athens

Cobb County

Decatur

Award: Award of Excellence

Michelle Wang

Caroline Zhang

Ryan Yang

Reanna Rafiq

Annabel Shue

Bryan Zhou

Asena Anderson

Gabriella Kogan

Ping Xu

Inna Satunovsky, NCTM

Joseph Hokayem, NCTM

Rwei Hao

Lois Finlay, NCTM

Anne Sun

Laura Gordy

Elena Cholakova

North DeKalb

Coweta-Fayette

Athens

North Fulton

North DeKalb

Atlanta

Atlanta

South Metro Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Austin Nguyen

Qilin Tong

Alvin Adjei

Noel Smith

Eileen Liu

Alexander Wasserman

Robert Henry

Mary McKee

Susan Thomson

Frances Yao

Cobb County

Cobb County

Savannah

Savannah

North DeKalb

Max Khanmamedov

Celina Zhao

Grace Pan

Lois Finlay, NCTM

Jonathan Klein

Joseph Hokayem, NCTM

North DeKalb

Athens

Athens

Grade 10 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Helen Bryant

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb County

Award: Master Class #1

Yannie Tan

Alexander Kobrin

Columbus

Award: Master Class #2

Nicholas Hong

Ping Xu

North DeKalb

Award: Outstanding Performer

Albert Ting
Renee Lu
Grace Xu
Jackson Wildes

Momoko Yamamoto
Lois Finlay, NCTM
Ping Xu
N Conklin, NCTM

Cobb County
North DeKalb
North DeKalb
Cherokee

Award: Award of Excellence

Moses Wang
Bona Kim
Charmaine Hur
Isabella Pu
Felix Pei

Joseph Hokayem, NCTM
Joanna Kim, NCTM
Elena Cholakova
Nancy Elton
Sue Moncrief

Athens
Northeast GA
South Metro Atlanta
Atlanta
Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Grace Yu
Lennox Xu
Grace Li
Rex DiPietro

Ping Xu
Elena Cholakova
Soohyun Yun, NCTM
Marissa Woodall, NCTM

North DeKalb
South Metro Atlanta
Cobb County
Cherokee

Grade 11 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Joshua Li

Ping Xu

North Fulton

Award: Master Class #1

Kelsey Yao

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Award: Master Class #2

Sarah Jin

Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta

Award: Outstanding Performer

Liam McBane
Melody Wang
Benjamin Chin

Frances Thrailkill, NCTM
Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM
Alexander Wasserman

Decatur
Cobb County
Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Shannon Chen
Daisy Zhou
Christine Yang
Ansley Tiarn
Stephanie Zhang

Elena Cholakova
Ping Xu
Elena Cholakova
Anne Sun
Elena Cholakova

South Metro Atlanta
North DeKalb
Atlanta
Greater Marietta
Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Sammy Mishkin
Loren Tsang
Emily Mitchell
Beverly Sylvester
Meekah Howell
Hsin Ling Chen
Grace Wei

Robert Henry
Lois Finlay, NCTM
Ipek Brooks, NCTM
Junghee Lee
Joseph Hokayem, NCTM
Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM
Ping Xu

Cobb County
North DeKalb
North Fulton
Gwinnett County
Athens
Cobb County
North DeKalb

Grade 12 | Joseph Hokayem, NCTM, Chair

Award: Senior Cash Award Nathan Wu	Robert Henry	Cobb County
Award: 1st Alternate Sarah Cox	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Award: 2nd Alternate Laura Zhang	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Award: Outstanding Performer Ethan Shen Jiaxing Liu Dajung Lee Eric Park	Keli Xu Inna Satunovsky, NCTM Joanna Kim, NCTM Jean Mann, NCTM	North Fulton Coweta-Fayette Northeast GA Gwinnett County
Award: Award of Excellence Ava Wei Anna Levine Teagan Mathur Anthony Zhang Christine Sit Joanna McGalliard Caroline Li	Ping Xu Lois Finlay, NCTM Lois Finlay, NCTM Anne Sun George Mann, NCTM Jeannie Scarboro Lois Finlay, NCTM	Atlanta North DeKalb North DeKalb Atlanta Western GA Macon North DeKalb
Award: Honorable Mention Joseph Mullen	Richard Zimdars	Athens
Kevin Tao Yasheen Gao Erin Woo Timothy Tiegreen Evan Mi	Ping Xu Elena Cholakova Ellen Feibish, NCTM Mary Hinely Anne Sun	North DeKalb Atlanta Decatur Decatur Atlanta

Piano Concerto | Joseph Hokayem, NCTM, Chair

Award: Concerto Winner Benjamin Chin	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Award: 1st Alternate Liam McBane	Frances Thrailkill, NCTM	Decatur
Award: 2nd Alternate Ruby Lee	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Award: Award of Excellence Lauren Claerbout Alex Kim	Lois Finlay, NCTM Gayle Vann	North DeKalb North DeKalb
Award: Honorable Mention		

Grace Lee
Annabel Shue

Gayle Vann
Lois Finlay, NCTM

North DeKalb
North DeKalb

College Piano Dr. Joanna Kim, NCTM, Chair

LOWER COLLEGE PIANO

Alexandre Tchaykov	Dr. Liza Stepanova	OP – Conference Recitalist
Campbell Cona	Dr. Martha Thomas	OP – 1 st Alternate
Valentina Qishan Huang	Dr. Chenny Gan	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Imsun Lee	Dr. Evgeny Rivkin	Outstanding Performer
Ashlyn Dewberry	Dr. Carol Gingerich	Outstanding Performer
Hannah Ramanou	Dr. Chenny Gan	Award of Excellence

MIDDLE COLLEGE PIANO

Forest Kirkland	Dr. Martin Jones	OP – Conference Recitalist
Aaron Olinger	Dr. Carol Gingerich	OP – 1 st Alternate
Justin Tarver	Dr. Carol Gingerich	Outstanding Performer
Joyce Yuxuan Zhou	Dr. Chenny Gan	Award of Excellence

UPPER COLLEGE PIANO

Siyu Li	Dr. Geoffrey Haydon	OP – Conference Recitalist
Yan Kou	Dr. Martha Thomas	OP – 1 st Alternate
Qin Ling	Dr. Martha Thomas	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Yuxin Ni	Dr. Liza Stepanova	Outstanding Performer
Soyeon Lee	Dr. Liza Stepanova	Outstanding Performer

COLLEGE PIANO CONCERTO

Valentina Qishan Huang	Dr. Chenny Gan	OP – Conference Recitalist
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VOICE Dr. Pat Callaway, NCTM, Chair

VOICE – 9th GRADE

Elijah Shaw	Debra Murphy	OP – Conference Recitalist
Alyssa Cornelius	Debra Murphy	OP – 1 st Alternate
Kaylyn Manlove-Simmons	Debra Hughes, NCTM	Award of Excellence

Remahlia Kormalos	Debra Hughes, NCTM	Honorable Mention
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VOICE – 10th GRADE

Scott Johnson	Dr. Pat Callaway, NCTM	OP – Conference Recitalist
Kristen Johansen	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – 1 st Alternate
Erika Johnson	Dr. Carole Roach	Award of Excellence
Anaston Ragsdale	Dr. Carole Roach	Award of Excellence
Madison Ricci	Leigh Anne Bleichner	Honorable Mention

VOICE – 11th GRADE

Haesun Oh	Huu Mai	OP – Conference Recitalist
Claire Strevel	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – 1 st Alternate
Alexandra Backfisch	Jennifer Langley	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Elizabeth Burgess	Wanda Hughes	Award of Excellence
Jenny Tryon	Wanda Hughes	Award of Excellence
Maggie Finkel	Leigh Anne Bleichner	Honorable Mention

VOICE – 12th GRADE

Alissa Benkoski	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Senior Cash Prize
Caroline Dorr	Debra Murphy	Award of Excellence
Rebekah Sims	Debra Murphy	Honorable Mention

VOICE – LOWER COLLEGE

Tarryn Ballard	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Conference Recitalist
Eric Dowler	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – 1 st Alternate

VOICE - UPPER COLLEGE

Kaitlyn Gilmore	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Conference Recitalist
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INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTO Mirna Dinovic, Chair

Rebekah Willard	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
John Kang	Justin Dougherty	OP – 1 st Alternate
Joo Young Kang	Stephen Majeske	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Outstanding Performer

Sophia Ho	Que Yang	Outstanding Performer
Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Zach Tseng	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Claire Hong	Mirna Dinovic	Award of Excellence
Brandon Lee	Mirna Dinovic	Award of Excellence
Brian Ji	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Ariel Najarian	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Jason Zhuang	Que Yang	Honorable Mention
Yiren Hou	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention
Sung-Lin Hsieh	Que Yang	Honorable Mention

STRINGS

Mirna Dinovic, Chair

STRINGS: GRADES K/1

Alison Ho	Que Yang	OP – Conference Recitalist
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STRINGS: GRADES 2/3

Lucas Liu	Que Yang	OP – Conference Recitalist
Ethan Lo	Hsin-Lan Chien	Award of Excellence
Mahalia Mason	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 4/5

Eugenie Lim	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Claire Cho	Nadir Khashimov	OP – 1 st Alternate
Ella Grace Malcom	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Anna Willard	Martha Gerschefski	Award of Excellence
Hyunbin Moon	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention
Alex Ko	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 6/7

Claire Hong	Mirna Dinovic	OP – Conference Recitalist
Sophia Ho	Que Yang	OP – 1 st Alternate

Zach Tseng	Sonja Foster	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Tobias Liu	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Brandon Lee	Mirna Dinovic	Award of Excellence
John Mark Willard	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Danielle Najarian	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Ellie Park	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Elly Kim	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 8/9

Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	OP – Conference Recitalist
Rebekah Willard	Sonja Foster	OP – 1 st Alternate
Jason Zhuang	Que Yang	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Rachel Seong	Justin Dougherty	Award of Excellence
Erin Cho	Nadir Khashimov	Award of Excellence
Sung-Lin Hsieh	Que Yang	Award of Excellence
Emma Surbrook	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Thea Fernandes	Justin Dougherty	Honorable Mention
Jun-ha Jung	Justin Dougherty	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 10/11

Joo Young Kang	Stephen Majeske	OP – Conference Recitalist
John Kang	Justin Dougherty	OP – 1 st Alternate
Hwanwook Seong	Justin Dougherty	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Claire Traylor	Justin Dougherty	Award of Excellence
Joe Billips	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
William Kim	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Ariel Najarian	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

WOODWINDS/BRASS

Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

WOODWINDS/BRASS: GRADES 9-11

Wesley Rains	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	OP – Conference Recitalist
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Shawn Zhu

Debra Hughes, NCTM

Award of Excellence

WOODWINDS/BRASS: LOWER COLLEGE

Nathan Dial

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams

OP – Conference Recitalist

Carine Cerny

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams

OP – 1st Alternate

Sarah Willoughby

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams

OP – 2nd Alternate

Dominic Aquila

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams

Award of Excellence

Anna Zurawski

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams

Award of Excellence

Jordan Lockridge

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams

Award of Excellence

WOODWINDS/BRASS: MIDDLE COLLEGE

Anna Carter

Dr. Jean Martin-Williams

OP – Conference Recitalist