

# GMTA

Georgia Music Teachers Association

## 2019 GMTA State Auditions Results

The 2019 GMTA State Auditions were held on March 30 and April 6 at the University of Georgia, Hugh Hodgson School of Music, and the Kennesaw State University. The GMTA Auditions Staff extends our gratitude to both universities for allowing us the use of their facilities for the GMTA Auditions.

A total of 402 Students participated in 2019 GMTA State Auditions. The following categories were represented:

- Pre-College Piano, Grades 4-11 – 217 State Participants
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Piano – 29 Participants
- Pre-College Piano Concerto – 12 Participants
- College/Adult Piano – 17 Participants
- College Piano Concerto – 1 Participant
- Voice – 9 Participants
- Strings/Guitar – 47 Participants
- Woodwinds/Brass – 1 Participant
- Instrumental Concerto – 21 Participants

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

~*Yien Wang* | *Vice President of GMTA Auditions*  
~*Joy Poole* | *Pre-College State Coordinator*

### PIANO DIVISION

#### **GRADE 4**

**Ping-Yun Hsu, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Nelson Solon Liu

Hwee Boon Ng

Atlanta

Award: 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate		
Sophia Yin	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
Award: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate		
Gavin Joseph Poon	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
Award: Outstanding Performer		
Eva Chu	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
Jack Landrum	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County
Zizhan Wang	Rwei Hao	North Fulton
Evan Xue	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Award: Award of Excellence		
Alex Han	Junghee Lee	Gwinnett County
Jiabo Hu	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Jason Qian	Frances Yao	North Dekalb
Abigail Shang	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Eric Shu	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Melvin Xu	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Jack Xu	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Award: Honorable Mention		
Aislin Burke	Kathryn Dawal	
Mason Cao	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Eason Fang	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County
Lewie Han	Eunkyung Hwang	Coweta-Fayette
Marcy Ip	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Kylie Reeve	Deanne Ohman	Cobb County
Hanyu Su	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta

**GRADE 5**

**Ping-Yun Hsu, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Ethan Palmer	Robert Henry	Cobb County
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Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Jae Ren Yee	Seonhee Cho	North Fulton
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Mai Sugino	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb County
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Hailey Culp	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Michelle Feng	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Dori Guo	Min-Jung Jin	Gwinnett County
Haejoon Oh	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Yining Tang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Jae Ren Yee	Seonhee Cho	North Fulton

Award: Award of Excellence

Yilan Cheng	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Scarlett Liu	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County
McKinley Moore	Lily Bowman	Cherokee
Ethan Nie	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Anna Shang	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Peyton Siphavong	Young Choi	North Dekalb
Alicia Wang	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Brady Zhang	Miao-Fen Lin	North Dekalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Eva Ballerstedt	Wendy Vann	North Dekalb
Chase Choi	Min Kim	Decatur
Rania Haque	Yien Wang	Columbus
Ethan Lo	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County
Alice Maple	Zhong Lin	Columbus
Allison Nguyen	Lois Simon	Gwinnett County
Edwin Tang	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Harry Zhou	Bo Wang	Augusta

**GRADE 6**

**Robin Engleman, NCTM Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Nathan Liu	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA
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Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Lauren Kim	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Hanze Zhang	Miao-Fen Lin	North Dekalb
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Caroline Chang	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Kaitlyn Chang	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Aidan Pabis	Grace Huang	Athens
Joanna Catherine Wang	Tracy Xian	Columbus
Austin Wu	Huu Mai	Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Nathan Hsu	Grace Li	Greater Marietta
Claire Jiang	Grace Li	Greater Marietta
Bochen Shen	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
Ashley Si	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Fredrick Wu	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Andrew Zhang	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
Albert Zhang	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Matthew Zhu	Huu Mai	Cobb County

Award: Honorable Mention

Kevin Chen	Yien Wang	Columbus
Claire Jing	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Eunice Kim	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA
Woojin Lee	Inyoung Choi	Coweta-Fayette
Ian Lee	Yoonmi Choi	Gwinnett County
Abigail Marley	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County
Sean Powell	Tracy Xian	Columbus
Ellie Yin	Ping Xu	Atlanta

**GRADE 7**

**Robin Engleman, NCTM, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Erin Li	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Eric Xu	Miao-Fen Lin	North Dekalb
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Ethan Liu	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Jerry Lu	Clara Park	Augusta
Alex Wa	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Luke Xu	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Kimmie Bateman	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Rayna Chang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Julia Pearson	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Daniel Qiu	Frances Yao	North Dekalb
Alison Wang	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Aaron Yang	Joseph Hokayem	Athens

Award: Honorable Mention

Jaia Alli	Shirley Irek	Atlanta
Yuchen Guo	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
Faye Lu	Yelena Faber	North Fulton
Anna Nguyen	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Xinyu Su	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
William Yin	Jonathan Klein	Athens

**GRADE 8**

**Anne Sun, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Zhu Yun Wei	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
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Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Jonathan Xue	Robert Henry	Cobb County
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Caroline Malcom	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Susan Meng	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Joline Tran	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
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Maxwell Zhang	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
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Award: Award of Excellence

Nico Brett	Joe Seidel	Cherokee
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Ilya Bryantsev	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Jeffrey Li	Clara Park	Augusta
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Ethan Liu	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Spencer McKee	Mary McKee	Savannah
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Christie Peng	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: Honorable Mention

Joey Dagostino	Laura Lozier	Cherokee
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Faith Huang	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County
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Benjamin Hubbs	Frances Yao	North Dekalb
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Jane Lee	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
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Michael Salamat	Gloria Park	Gwinnett County
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Samuel Vaillancourt	Yien Wang	Columbus
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Tianyue Jack Xu	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County
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## **GRADE 9**

## **Anne Sun, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Grace Peng	Raffi Besalyan	Atlanta
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Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Daniel Pan	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Katherine Yang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: Award of Excellence

Andrew Bae	Grace Kim	North Fulton
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Ethan Bernhard	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Gavin Carr	Lois Finlay	North Dekalb
Isaac Cheon	Aesook Moon	Columbus
Anna Kim	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Leanora Parish	ClaraPark	Augusta
Hao-Tzu Wang	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Shirley Chen	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Jayden Chong	Lois Finlay	North Dekalb
Fiona Guo	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Michelle Ho	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA
Susan Jiang	Yien Wang	Columbus
Jaden Lim	Clara Park	Augusta
Daniel Noelle	Marcia Rygh	Gwinnett County
Caeley Woo	Ellen Feibish	Decatur

**GRADE 10**

**Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Charlie Li	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Skyler Feng	Ping Xu	Atlanta
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Alice Zhang	Lois Finlay	North Dekalb
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Robert Jeon	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Rajath Prabhakar	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Daniel Shen	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Eric Zhang	Keli Xu	North Fulton

Award: Award of Excellence

Ellen Daugherty	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Nicholas Ge	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Samantha Gregory	Francisco Silva	Cobb County
David Qu	Francisco Silva	Cobb County

Jessica Tang	Ping Xu	Cobb County
Carolyn Tran	Elinor Boyer	Cobb County

Award: Honorable Mention

Jason Huang	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Michelle Pi	Clara Park	Augusta
Xuefei Ren	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Abigail Ryan	Marissa Woodall	Cherokee
Aaron Wei	Miao-Fen Lin	North Dekalb
Michelle Wu	Ping Xu	North Dekalb

**GRADE 11**

**Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Jason Guo	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Gabriella Kogan	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Michelle Wang	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Junui Lee	Yoonmi Choi	Gwinnett County
Vivia Lung	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Annabel Shue	Lois Finlay	North Dekalb
Jesse Tu	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

ChloeChen	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
JennyChen	Miao-Fen Lin	North Dekalb
Alexander Gravitt	Dawn Dalangin Hawk	North Fulton
Eric Hayashi	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County
Grace Lee	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Catherine Mi	Lois Finlay	North Dekalb
Celina Zhao	Jonathan Klein	Athens

Award: Honorable Mention

Asena Anderson	Mary Williams	Atlanta
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Aakash Joshi  
Tommy Lloyd  
Grace Pan J  
Shanzeh Sheikh

Lois Finlay  
Donald Macey  
Joseph Hokayem  
Mireille Silva

North Dekalb  
Augusta  
Athens  
Cobb County

## **GRADE 12**

## **Yien Wang, Chair**

Award: Senior Cash Award

Yannie Tan

Tatiana Muzanova

Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Helen Bryant

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb County

Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Jihoon Choi

Keiko Ransom

Decatur

Award: Outstanding Performer

Matthew Reingold

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Marie Blackmar

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb County

Lillian Glushka

Jonathan Klein

Athens

Nicholas Hong

Ping Xu

Atlanta

Ethan Tang

Jody Parrish

Decatur

Moses Wang

Joseph Hokayem

Athens

Jackson Wildes

Mason N. Conklin

Cherokee

Award: Honorable Mention

Grace Li

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb County

David Timmerman

Donald Macey

Augusta

Matthew Tzou

Kathryn Dawal

Lennox Xu

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

## **Pre-College Concerto**

## **Yien Wang, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Alice Zhang

Lois Finlay

North Dekalb

Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Rajath Prabhakar	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Amy Xu	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Gavin Carr	Lois Finlay	North Dekalb
Colin Shin	Dawn Dalangin Hawk	North Fulton
Skyler Feng	Ping Xu	Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Grace Lee	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Sohan Shankar	Martha Aguirre	Columbus

Award: Honorable Mention

Susanna Huang	Huu Mai	Cobb County
Lawrence Zhou	Debra Hughes	Gwinnett County

## **Piano Duet Upper and Lower Division**

**Yien Wang, Chair**

Award: Conference Recitalist

Upper Division

Michelle Wu	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Daniel Pan	Ping Xu	North Dekalb

Lower Division

Julia Pearson	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Anna Nyugen	Ping Xu	North Dekalb

Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Upper Division

Annabel Shue	Lois Finlay	North Dekalb
Shirley Chen	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton

Lower Division

Christina Zhang	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA
An-Khoi Hoang	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA

Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Upper Division

Daniel Kim	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA
Michelle Ho	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA

Lower Division

Nathan Liu	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA
Ethan Liu	Joanna Kim	Northeast GA

Award: Outstanding Performer

Sean Zhong	GayleVann	North Dekalb
Jane Lee	GayleVann	North Dekalb
JennyHu	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Yu Zhou	Jonathan Klein	Athens

Award: Award of Excellence

Kyra Andrews	GayleVann	North Dekalb
Emma Dong	GayleVann	North Dekalb
Emilie Vu	GayleVann	North Dekalb
Lisa VanNess	GayleVann	North Dekalb
Ellie Yin	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Claire Jing	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Evan Dong	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Eva Lesciauskas	GayleVann	North Dekalb
Selina Huang	Huu Mai	Cobb County
Matthew Zhu	Huu Mai	Cobb County
Susanna Huang	Huu Mai	Cobb County
Amy Huang	Huu Mai	Cobb County
Andrew Lin	Mary McKee	Savannah
Spencer McKee	Mary McKee	Savannah
Xuefei Ren	Ping Xu	North Dekalb
Michelle Wang	Ping Xu	North Dekalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Mitali Bidkar	Rwei Hao	North Fulton
Reanna Rafiq	Rwei Hao	North Fulton
Rebecca Menoni	Lydia Walker	Decatur
Lindsey Dernavich	Lydia Walker	Decatur
Kelly Huang	GayleVann	North Dekalb

Grace Lee  
Eric VanNess  
Kaitlyn Kotake

Gayle Vann  
GayleVann  
GayleVann

North Dekalb  
North Dekalb  
North Dekab

## **College/Adult Piano**

## **Elena Cholakova, Chair**

### **Lower College**

Caleb Esmond  
Sydney Chung  
Christian Lee  
Sammy Mishkin  
Meekah Howell  
Jesse Cook  
Caleb Sutton  
Clay Davis

Ian Altman  
Kristi Helfen  
Ian Altman  
Robert Henry  
Liza Stepanova  
Robert Henry  
Carol Gingerich  
Carol Gingerich

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
OP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention

### **Middle College**

Rachel Chon  
Valentina Qishan Huang

William Ransom  
Chenny Gan

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

### **Upper College**

Tsai-Wei Li  
Ngan Nei Chan  
Seung Hyun Yoo

Liza Stepanova  
David Fung  
Liza Stepanova

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
OP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

## **College Piano Concerto**

## **Elena Cholakova, Chair**

Dora Yuru Jin

Chenny Gan

OP – Cash Prize

## **VOICE DIVISION**

### **Voice**

### **Patricia Callaway, Chair**

#### **Grade 9**

Andrew Boyacigiller

Huu Mai

OP – Conference Recitalist

## Grade 10

Rebecca Menoni  
Lindsey Dernavich

Lydia Walker  
Lydia Walker

OP – Conference Recitalist  
Award of Excellence

## Grade 11

Grace Rivord  
Kaylyn Manlove-Simmons  
Remahlia Kormalos  
Gilliane Conklin

Elizabeth Castillo  
Debra Hughes  
Debra Hughes  
Leigh Anne Bleichner

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence

## Grade 12

Scott Johnson

Patricia Callway

OP – Cash Prize

Lower College

Samantha Chambers

Patricia Callaway

Award of Excellence

# INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

## Strings/Guitar

## Yien Wang, Chair

### GRADE 2/3

Charlotte Jeong  
Ellie Kim  
Risden Harmon  
Yukki Wu

Amy Chang  
Virginia Sloan  
Mirna Dinovic  
Que Yang

OP – Conference Recitalist  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention

### GRADE 4/5

Angelina Lu  
Lucas Liu  
Mahalia Mason  
William Wei  
Caroline Huang  
Ethan Lo  
Evelyn Smith

William Pu  
Que Yang  
Martin Gueorguiev  
William Pu  
Que Yang  
Hsin-Lang Chien  
Kathryn Dawal

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention

## **GRADE 6/7**

Claire Cho  
Alex Ko  
Eugenie Lim  
Kristen Song  
Sunny Kim  
Abigail Stone  
Jayden Lee

Nadir Khashimov  
Martin Gueorguiev  
Sonja Foster  
Martin Gueorguiev  
Sonja Foster  
William Pu  
Martin Gueorguiev

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
OP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention

## **GRADE 8/9**

Jason Seo  
Kelly Jeong  
Nathaniel Stone  
Danielle Najarian  
Matthew Kim  
Brandon Lee  
Nicholas Chang  
Pranav Aluru  
Kai Lee

Amy Chang  
William Pu  
Martin Gueorguiev  
Sonja Foster  
Justin Dougherty  
Mirna Dinovic  
Amy Chang  
Lyster Bass  
Martin Gueorguiev

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
OP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention

## **GRADE 10/11**

Jennifer Deng  
Erin Cho  
Evan Nicholson  
Zoe Gotlin  
Sunglin Hsieh  
Bradley Hu  
Yuji Yamada  
John Cho  
Kevin Chen  
Hilary Chen  
Anna Hu  
Kaci Xie

Sonja Foster  
Nadir Khashimov  
Martin Gueorguiev  
Sonja Foster  
Sonja Foster  
Nadir Khashimov  
Nadir Khashimov  
Amy Chang  
William Pu  
Que Yang  
Que Yang  
Amy Chang

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
OP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
Outstanding Performer  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention

## **GRADE 12**

John Kang  
Zoe Lo  
William Kim

Justin Dougherty  
Sonja Foster  
Martin Gueorguiev

OP – Cash Prize  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention

### **Instrumental Concerto**

Evan Nicholson  
Erin Cho  
Eugenie Lim  
Sunglin Hsieh  
Bradley Hu  
Yuji Yamada  
John Cho  
Kevin Chen  
Josephine Han  
Kaci Xie  
Jayden Lee  
Kristen Song  
Jason Seo  
Jason Zhuang  
Hilary Chen  
Joshua Yu  
Alex Ko  
Nathaniel Stone  
Kelly Jeong

### **Yien Wang, Chair**

Martin Gueorguiev  
Nadir Khashimov  
Sonja Foster  
Sonja Foster  
Nadir Khashimov  
Nadir Khashimov  
Amy Chang  
William Pu  
Nadir Khashimov  
Amy Chang  
Martin Gueorguiev  
Martin Gueorguiev  
Amy Chang  
Sonja Foster  
Que Yang  
Justin Dougherty  
Martin Gueorguiev  
Martin Gueorguiev  
William Pu

OP – Conference Recitalist  
OP – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
OP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
Outstanding Performer  
Outstanding Performer  
Outstanding Performer  
Outstanding Performer  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention

### **Woodwinds/Brass**

#### **Grade 12**

Shawn Zhu

### **Yien Wang, Chair**

Debra Hughes

OP – Cash Prize

