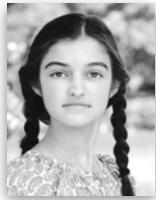


Concert Festival Orchestra

Conductor Vladimir Polezhayev

Grand Prix Winners Of Concerto Competition 2018

Program



Anna-Thérèse Mehra *piano* _____ **W.A. Mozart - Concerto #20 D minor, Mov.I**

Anna-Thérèse Mehra is a native of New Canaan CT, who began piano studies at age 6, and cello studies at age 8. She has performed at Carnegie Hall after winning the Grand Prix award in the Concert Festival International Competition, and after winning the First Place award in the Elite International Music Competition. Anna Thérèse has also performed at Lincoln Center as the first prize winner for her solo cello performance. In addition, she has given both piano and cello performances at Symphony Space & Baruch Performing Arts in New York City, and is a cellist in the Principal Orchestra of the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestra. Anna Thérèse will be entering 11th grade at New Canaan HS, where she has completed the math curriculum 3 levels above her grade level, and is a high scoring member of the Math Team. She is also President of the New Canaan High School Latin Club, and has received five Gold Medals and two perfect scores on the worldwide National Latin Exam. Most recently, Anna Thérèse received the AP Scholar with Distinction award.



William Sun *piano* _____ **L.van Beethoven - Concerto #1, C major, Mov.I**

William Sun is a 13-year old pianist from Bret Harte Middle School in San Jose, California. He followed his sister's footsteps and started playing piano 3 years ago and has since fallen in love with music. He has been studying with his sister's piano teacher Era Lifschitz. William has since participated in and won competitions. Besides playing piano, William enjoys playing basketball, reading, and watching movies.



Vivian Lee *violin* _____ **A. Vivaldi - Summer (Four Seasons, Mov.III)**

Born in NY in 2004, Vivian Lee began violin lessons at the age of five with Violinist Olga Popova. In 2013, she won an Excellence Award in the Fourth Annual Concert Festival. In 2014, she won Third Prize in the International Concert Festival Competition. In 2015, she won the Excellence Award (Solo and Duet) in the American Fine Arts Festival (AFAF). In 2016, she was a First Place Winner of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition, Junior Musicians Category and the Excellence Award (Solo) in the AFAF. In 2017, Vivian was an Excellence Award recipient in the AFAF.



Kellsie Shan *piano* _____ **F. Chopin - Concerto #1 E minor, Op. 11 Mov.I**

Kellsie Shan, 16 years old, is currently an 11th grader at Hackley School, NY. She began her piano studies at age 5 and has been with Dr. Svetlana Gorokhovich for the past 8 years. In 2017 and 2018, Kellsie was awarded 1st Place for Junior Group in the Concerto-Aria Competition at *Music In The Alps* International Festival, Grand Prix in Concert Festival International Competition, Excellence Award in American Fine Art Festival and Outstanding Performance Award at International Concert Festival in Moscow. As a young musician, Kellsie was invited to perform at 2018 Chinese New Year Gala at Merkin Concert Hall, New York. Over the years, Kellsie has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Baruch Performing Arts Center, and Bad Gastein in Austria. Kellsie is an activist of culture globalization for young adults and is a Round Square® Baraza leader.



Daniel Lee *violin* _____ **F. Mendelssohn - Concerto E minor, Op. 64, Mov.III**

Born in NY in 2006, Daniel Lee began violin lessons at the age of four with Violinist Olga Popova. In 2013, he won an Excellence Award and the Youngest Musician Award in the Fourth Annual Concert Festival. In 2015, he won the Excellence Award (Solo and Duet) in the American Fine Arts Festival (AFAF). In 2016, he was a First Place Winner of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition, Junior Musicians Category and the Excellence Award (Solo) in the AFAF. In 2017, Daniel was an Excellence Award (Solo and Duet) recipient in the AFAF.



Kayla Wong *piano* _____ **L.van Beethoven - Concerto #4 G major, Mov.I**

Kayla Wong, 15 years old, is currently an 11th grader at Brooklyn Technical High School in Brooklyn, New York. Kayla began her piano studies at age 5 and has been under the tutelage of Frederick Kuok at Brooklyn Musical Arts for the past 7 years. In recent years, Kayla has won top prizes in many international and national piano competitions, including Honorable Mention in 2013 International Young Artists Piano Competition, Second Prize in 2014 New York State Music Teacher Association NYC Piano Competition, First Prize in 2015 New York Music Competition, First Prize in the 2016 Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competition, Honorable Mention and Chinese Piece Prize in the 2017 International Young Artists Piano Competition.



Michelle Skylar *voice* _____ **W.A. Mozart - Deh vieni non tahdar ("The Marriage of Figaro")**
W.A. Mozart - Vedrai, carino ("Don Giovanni")

Michelle Skylar, born in 2005, is a soprano vocalist who has lived in Russia, United States, and currently resides in England. Michelle achieved Grade 5 certification in piano and voice with distinction at the age of 9, with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, and went on to play lead roles in Shakespeare Festivals in London and to sing with numerous advanced choirs. In 2017 and 2018, Michelle was awarded 1st Prize in AFAF Golden Voices Competition, 2nd Place in American Protégé Music Talent Competition, 1st Prize in Golden Classical Vocal Competition, Grand Prix in Concert Festival International Competition, and 1st Place in Grand Prize Virtuoso Competition. Michelle has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Baruch Performing Arts Center, and Musikverein in Vienna. Michelle has also performed in concerts with orchestras in Moscow and St. Petersburg at the invite of the Spivakov Foundation. Michelle is an ardent activist for children's rights and is a Girl Up® Club leader and annual participant in Social Good Summit®.



Diego Barrera *piano* _____ **E. Greig - Concerto A minor, Mov.I**

Diego Barrera started playing piano at the age of 8. Diego most recently was selected for the 92nd Street YMCA Young Artist Series, where he performed an hour long solo concert. In addition, Diego was Gold Medal recipient at the National Young Maestro Competition, performing in Carnegie Hall. He received Second Prize at the VIVO-Youth International Competition, and Honorable Mention at the Paderewski Piano Competition. In addition, Diego has had the opportunity to perform at the Burgos International Music Festival in Spain, and the International Academy of Music Festival in Italy. Diego is entering 9th Grade at the Collegiate School, and is a student in the pre-college division at Manhattan Music School, studying with Tatiana Goncharova.



Joelle Jeon *piano* _____ **L.van Beethoven - Concerto #3 C Minor, Op. 37, Mov.III**

Joelle Jeon is fourteen years old. She began playing the piano around four and a half years old under the guidance of Dr. Irina Bendetsky. Joelle has received numerous awards from regional and international competitions including the American Protege International Competition, Annual American Fine Art Festival, and AADGT which led to perform multiple times in Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall. She also was the second place winner of US New Star Piano Competition and received award from the Landsum International Music Festival 2016. In additions, she won the First prizes from the Elite international Competition and the Solo Recital Competition of Concert Festival and Grand Prix from Concerto Competition in 2017. Her most recent accomplishments include the First Prize at the MTACSD Chopin Festival 2018 and the HM at the Goodlin Scholarship Competition. Joelle was selected as the San Diego District winner from the CAPMT Honors Competition and became the Sate Final winner from CAPMT Honors Competition in 2018. She will be performing at the State winners' concert in this fall. Joelle is currently the 9th grade in the Bishop's School, San Diego. She also has a talent for singing and joined the choir at school.

Awards Ceremony

Concert Festival Orchestra

Violin I

Anton Polezhayev
Catherine Colquhoun
Yelena Savranskaya
Eder Garcia
Michi Fuji
Katlyn Smith

Violin II

Margaret Silvera
Emily Vold
Dorothy Shorter
Hyunju Ji

Viola

Tonya Bibashka
Sarah Ludwiczak
Ashley Smith

Cello

Jeong Yoon Park
Peter Howard

Double Bass

Kageki Nagao
James Myer

Flute

Dmitriy Goldgisser
Leslie Strait

Oboe

Gerald Reuter
Jennifer Hood

Clarinet

Elizabeth Spataro
Alexander Negruta

Bassoon

Peter Landy
Carrie Smelser

Horn

Jeanine Nagao
Megan Bastos

Trumpet

Anthony Bavota

Timpani

Steve DeBellis

Cembalo

Yelena Polezhayev



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Kellsie Shan
Michelle Skylar
William Sun
Kayla Wong

Lutheran Church Of Our Saviour
132 Jefferson Avenue, Mineola NY
Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2 p.m.

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