

# Past Young Artist Competition Winners

## 2020 Young Artist Competition Winners



First Place: Miruna Eynon, cello, junior, homeschooled, Decatur. Miruna studies with Amy Catron. Her selection was Edouard Lalo's *Concerto in D minor, 3rd mov.*



Second Place: Benjamin Yang, piano, sophomore, Springfield-Glenwood High School. Benjamin studies with Julia Tsien and Angela Simonen. His selection was Beethoven's *Concerto for Piano No.3 in C Minor, 3rd mov.*



Third Place: Alexander Weber, marimba, senior, Morton High School. Alexander studies with Brian Spickelmire. His selection was Ney Rosauro's *Concerto for Marimba, 4th mov.*

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Felix Yang, cello, a senior at Dunlap High School. Mr. Yang studies with David Commanday, and his selection was *Hungarian Rhapsody, Op. 68*, by David Popper.



Casey Hoffmire, violin, a junior at Morton High School, who studies with Dr. Marcia Henry Liebenow. Ms. Hoffmire's selection was *Violin Concerto No. 3 in B Minor, 3rd Movement*, by Camille Saint-Saëns.



Richard Engel, piano, a senior at Macomb High School, who studies with Dr. Hyung-ja Kim. Mr. Engel's selection was the *Piano Concerto in A Minor, 3rd Movement*, by Edvard Grieg.

## *2018 Young Artist Competition Winners*



The first place winner, Olivia Bolles, violin, performed Mendelssohn's *Concerto in E Minor, Allegro Molto, Movement 1*. Ms. Bolles is from Bloomington, IL. She is a freshman at University High School in Normal, IL, and studies violin with Dr. Sarah Gentry.



Matthew Suh, violin, won second place, and performed Wieniawski's *Violin Concerto No. 2 in D Minor, Allegro Movement 1*. Mr. Suh lives in Normal, IL, and is a junior at University High School. He studies violin with Paul Zafer at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music.



Amy Zhou, clarinet, placed third, and performed Debussy's *Premiere Rhapsodie*. Ms. Zhou is a junior at Dunlap High School and lives in Peoria. She studies clarinet with Jill Potts at Dunlap High School.

## *2017 Young Artist Competition Winners*



Annie Bao, Mahomet-Seymour High School, Mahomet, Illinois  
First Place Winner, piano and violin

The first place winner will be the featured soloist for the Peoria Symphony Orchestra Student Concert.

Click [here](#) to see pictures from the Student Concert

- Peoria Symphony Guild Luncheon
- Community Educational Outreach Opportunities

- Program entertainment for a PSO Guild Musical Monday
- All musical selections must be approved by Maestro George Stelluto



Elizabeth Mattern, Home Schooled, Brimfield, Illinois  
Second Place Winner, viola



Kaytlin Withers, Illinois Valley Central High School, Chillicothe, Illinois  
Third Place Winner, soprano

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