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2012 Competition Winners Concert

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Music Institute of Chicago
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The **Society of American Musicians**, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1914 with the intent of promoting the best interests of music in America, and maintaining the highest standards of musicianship. Through the competition, its awards, and performance opportunities, the Society offers assistance and encouragement to young musicians and promising artists.

The Society of American Musicians is an organization comprised of professional musicians, both performers and teachers. Although it is based in Chicago, our members reside in the Midwestern region, and have students that travel to Chicago annually to participate in the Society's prestigious competition.

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2012

Winners

- Cello** Primary
1st Place - Liam Tracy, Student of Gilda Barston
2nd Place (Tie) - Alex Horvat, Student of Blake Brasch
2nd Place (Tie) - Alexander Li, Student of Gilda Barston
Junior
1st Place (Tie) - Haddon Kay, Student of Russell Rolan
1st Place (Tie) - Jessie Hudson, Student of Gilda Barston
2nd Place - Angela Lee, Student of Gilda Barston
Honorary Mention - Anastasia Dalianis, Student of Gilda Barston
Intermediate
1st Place - Richard Li, Student of Gilda Barston
2nd Place - Josiah Yoo, Student of Gilda Barston and Hans Jensen
Honorary Mention - Krystian Chiu, Student of Hans Jensen
Senior
1st Place - Nathan Walhout, Student of Gilda Barston
2nd Place - Martin Nyberg, Student of Hans Jensen
- Flute** Junior
1st Place - Jennifer Yu Wang, Student of Susan Levitin
2nd Place - Zoe Kim, Student of Meret Bitticks
Honorary Mention - Michelle So, Student of Ryunghy Lee
Intermediate
1st Place - Elizabeth Chang, Student of Hideko Amano
2nd Place - Allison Milligan, Student of Hideko Amano
Senior
1st Place - Sarah Otmanski, Student of Donna Milanovich
2nd Place - Gina Jung, Student of Cate Hummel
Honorary Mention - Kathryn Chiodo, Student of Hideko Amano
Honorary Mention - Rachael Cohen, Student of Sesan Levitin
- Guitar** Senior
1st Place - Ben Zelditch, Student of Mark Maxwell
2nd Place - Tobias James, Student of Steve Vazquez
Honorary Mention - Shon Stelman, Student of Mikhael Sytchev
Collegiate
1st Place - Daniel Nelson, Student of Anne Waller
2nd Place - Matthew Walsh, Student of Anne Waller

- Piano** Primary
1st Place - George Dalianis, Student of Katherine Lee
2nd Place (Tie) - Kimberly Han, Student of Brenda Huang
2nd Place (Tie) - Lily Meng, Student of Sueanne Metz
Junior
1st Place - Amy Lian, Student of Janice Razaq
2nd Place (Tie) - Whitney Jin, Student of Brenda Huang
2nd Place (Tie) - Alice Zhang, Student of Brenda Huang
Honorary Mention - Derek Chung, Student of Sueanne Metz
Honorary Mention - Joshua White, Student of Brenda Huang
Intermediate
1st Place - Walker Shadle, Student of Arlene Stokman
2nd Place - Isa Kaminsky, Student of Mary Drews
Senior
1st Place - Louisa Setup, Student of Luke Norell
2nd Place - Katie Li, Student of Soyoung Kee
Honorary Mention - Hannah Wang, Student of Yurin Wang
- Viola** Senior
1st Place (Tie) - Caitlin Adamson, Student of Desiree Ruhstrat
1st Place (Tie) - Stephanie Block, Student of Desiree Ruhstrat
2nd Place - Ursula Steele, Student of Stacia Spencer
- Violin** Primary
1st Place - Audrey Shadle, Student of Reagan Brasch
2nd Place - Adele Lee, Student of Desiree Ruhstrat
Honorary Mention - Isabel Chen, Student of Sharon Chung
Junior
1st Place - Julian Rhee, Student of Hye-Sun Lee
2nd Place - Hannah White, Student of Hye-Sun Lee
Intermediate
1st Place - Karisa Chiu, Student of Cornelius Chiu
2nd Place - Duncan Steele, Student of Stacia Spencer
Honorary Mention - Tabby Rhee, Student of Hye-Sun Lee
Senior
1st Place - Gallia Kastner, Student of Almita Vamos
2nd Place - Erika Gray, Student of Desiree Ruhsrat
- Jules M. Laser Chamber Music Competition**
1st Place - Quartet Ventoso, Students of Desiree Ruhstrat
Jennifer E. Cha, Violin
Erika Gray, Violin
Caitlin Adamson, Viola
Johannes Gray, Cello

Program

Karisa Chiu, Violin

Tarantella, Op. 13, No. 6 Johann Kaspar Mertz (1806 -1856)
Daniel Nelson, Guitar

Sonata in e minor, No.5, 2nd movement,
Allegro, RV40 Antonio Vivaldi (1678 -1741)
Liam Tracy, Cello
Matthew Hagle, Piano

Courante in F Major Ancangelo Corelli (1653 - 1713)
Audrey Shadle, Violin
Walker Shadle, Piano

Etude in F major, Op.72, No.6 Moritz Moszkowski (1854 – 1925)
George Dalianis, Piano

Blindman's Buff, from "Scenes from Childhood"
Op. 15 no.3. b minor ... Robert Schumann (1810 – 1856)
Album Leaf, C# minor César Franck (1822 – 1890)
Amy Lian, piano

Morceaux Caracteristiques Op. 48, No. 4
Alla Pollaca George Goltermann (1825 – 1898)
Haddon Kay, Cello
Hannah Kay, Piano

Concerto in D major, No. 2, 1st movement
Allegro Moderato Jean Baptiste Breval (1753 – 1823)
Jessie Hudson, Cello
Matthew Hagle, Piano

Carmen Fantasy Pablo de Sarasate (1844 – 1908)
Julian Rhee, Violin
Akiko Konishi, Piano

Gigue Arcangelo Corelli (1653 – 1713)
Jennifer Wang, Flute
Chika Kubota, Piano

Scherzo Op. 12 in D major Daniel van Goens (19xx -)
Richard Li, Cello
Matthew Hagle, Piano

Sonata for Solo Violin, No. 1
Adagio Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Intermission

El Decameron Negro, 1st movement
"The Warrior's Harp" C major Leo Brouwer (1939 -)
Bennie Zelditch, Guitar

Prelude No. 2 in C# minor George Gershwin (1898 – 1937)
Walker Shadle, Piano

Fantasia Georges Adolphe Hùe (1858 – 1948)
Elizabeth Chang, Flute
Yoko Yamada, Piano

Praeludium and Allegro Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962)
Stephanie Block, Viola
Tim Brubacher, Piano

Polonaise De Concert, Op. 4 Henryk Wieniawski (1835 – 1880)
Gallia Kastner, Violin
Milana Pavchinskaya, Piano

Viola Concerto, 1st Movement,
Andante ComodoWilliam Walton (1902-1983)
Caitlin Adamson, Viola
Milana Pavchinskaya, Piano

Song of the Black Swan Villa Lobos (1887 – 1959)
Nathan Walhout, Cello
Matt Hagle, Piano

Nocturne Lili Boulanger (1893 – 1918)
Sarah Otmanski, Flute
Charles Worth, Piano

Performers

Caitlin Adamson, seventeen, is a scholarship recipient in the Music Institute of Chicago's Academy Program for gifted pre-college musicians. She currently studies viola with Desiree Ruhstrat at the Music Institute. Caitlin performs with the

Music Institute's Academy Chamber Strings, Quartet Ventoso and Quartet al Dente. Caitlin was a semi-finalist in the 2011 and 2012 Sphinx Competitions and received an Honorable Mention in the 2011 Chicago Symphony Orchestra Youth Auditions and the 2010 Midwest Young Artists Walgreen's Concerto Competition. She placed first in the 2009 and 2012 Society of American Musicians Competition and was a winner in the 2009 and 2012 DePaul Festival for Young Performers. Caitlin just finished her junior year at High School.

Stephanie Block is a Senior at High School and is a scholarship recipient and a member of the Music Institute of Chicago's Academy program. She currently studies with Desiree Ruhstrat. Stephanie is a 2012 YoungArts Merit Winner in Music and was recently selected as a semi-finalist in the Johansen International Competition for Young String Players. She has soloed with the Northwest Symphony Orchestra as the winner of the Paul Vermet Young Artist Award and with the Oistrach Symphony Orchestra as a winner of the DePaul Concerto Festival for Young Performers. She was a finalist in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Youth auditions and received an honorable mention in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra concerto competition. Stephanie performed and was featured on WFMT's *Introductions* with David Polk as well as National Public Radio's *From the Top*. She has performed in Quartet Straciatella, which won the Gold Medal in the Junior Division of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. Stephanie performs as principal viola with the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra and the CYSO Encore Chamber Orchestra as well as the Barrington High School Chamber Orchestra. She also enjoys competing in triathlons, running, swimming and playing the piano.

Elizabeth Chang is a freshman at High School. She has been playing flute for four years, and is currently studying with Ms. Hideko Amano. For the past two years, she has played with the Youth Symphony of DuPage. In addition to flute, Elizabeth has also been playing piano for the last nine years and was a state finalist at the Illinois Music Teacher's Association State Competition, as well as a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Program. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, dancing, and traveling.

Karisa Chiu, is a seventh grader at Jr. High School. She is the first place winner of both Intermediate division (2012) and Junior division (2011) at the SAM Competition. She also won the String Category of Junior Open Division at the 2011 Walgreens Concerto Competition. She won the first place at the Confucius Music Competition in 2010 and in 2007 as well as winning the third place at the Sejong Music Competition in 2010 and in 2011. Karisa studies the violin with her father Cornelius Chiu.

George Dalianis studies the piano with Katherine Lee at the Music Institute of Chicago (MIC). In January 2012, George received an Honorable Mention at the DePaul Concerto Competition. This April, George won first place in the Primary Division of the SAM Competition. George participates in a piano trio at MIC. George began studying piano at age four with Marina Lerner, and received "Outstanding" ratings in three consecutive Betty Haag Academy annual piano competitions. George is a fourth grader at Elementary, and participates in Boys'

Chorus and Drum Club. George also plays soccer and golf.

Jessie Hudson is currently a 6th grader at Middle School. She began playing the cello in fourth grade. Although she had a late start to playing the cello, she was very fortunate to have Gilda Barston accept Jessie as her student. Since joining the Music Institute of Chicago under Gilda Barston's instruction, Jessie has made great improvements. She even placed 2nd in the 2011 SAM competition primary division. Jessie enjoys singing, dancing and playing piano in her spare time. She aspires to become a professional cellist when she grows up.

Gallia Kastoner is a merit scholarship student of The SRKiphart Academy Fellows. She studies with Almita and Roland Vamos at The Music Institute of Chicago. She is the 2012 first place winner in violin division at the Johansen International Competition, Skokie Valley Symphony Competition, Walgreens National Concerto Competition, Society of American Musician, Sejong Cultural Society, Chinese Fine Arts Society, and District 214 Concerto Competition. Gallia performs on a copy of the "Ex-Soldat" Guarneri del Gesu, by Peter Seman, 2008, on generous loan from Rachel Elizabeth Barton Foundation and was also selected to receive a Career Grant from The REB Foundation.

Haddon Kay is a 6th grader at Junior High School. He has studied with Blake Brasch (5 years) and currently studies with Russell Rolan (almost 2 years). He received an Honorable Mention in the the MYA Concerto Competition Junior Division in Dec 2011 and Honorable Mention in Confucius Junior I Division in 2010. He also was principal cellist in the MYA Philharmonia Orchestra in 2010-11. Haddon enjoys playing basketball, soccer, baseball, and table tennis. He loves performing tricks on his yo-yo as well.

Richard Li, A Cellist is currently a 9th grader at High School. Richard was born to a musician family. He is currently enrolled at the Senior Program of Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago and studies with Gilda Barston. He has also been the student of Hans Jensen, professor of Northwestern University since 11 years old. Richard began his cello studies at the age of 4 with his mom, a performance cellist and a reputable private cello teacher. Richard is the first place winner of the Cello Intermediate Division of Society of Americans Musicians in 2012, the first place winner of the early music category of Walgreen Concerto Competition, MYA Junior Division in 2009, and first place winner of Walworth county Concerto competition in 2006. He also has many impressive collection of awards from many music competitions across Chicago and Wisconsin area.

Amy Lian, started piano lessons at age five with Ms. Baomei Perng at Rochester, NY. She had won awards in numerous competitions, including 2nd place in the Rochester Junior All Star Piano Competition. She moved to Illinois in 2010 and continued her piano lessons with Dr. Janice Razaq. In 2012, Amy won 1st place in the Society of American Musicians piano competition Junior Division and 1st place for the NWMTA Awards Piano Competition Junior Division. Amy also plays flute in McHenry County Youth Orchestra, and she is currently a seventh grader at Middle School.

Daniel Nelson studies classical guitar at Northwestern University with Anne Waller. He is an active performer who has played over 50 concerts throughout Italy, Spain, Egypt and the United States. In the local community, Daniel founded the "Classical Guitar Sunday" series at the Evanston public library, a volunteer program designed to educate the public about classical guitar. Daniel studied extensively with renowned guitarist, Oscar Ghiglia, at his programs in Gargnano and Siena, Italy during the summer of 2011. Additionally, Daniel played in masterclasses with Sharon Isben, Paul O'Dette, Eliot Fisk, Lorenzo Micheli, and more.

Sarah Otmanski is a senior at High School, pursuing a bachelor's degree in flute performance next year at University of Illinois. She is currently principal flutist of the Protege Philharmonic of Chicago. She studies flute with Donna Milanovich. Sarah's accomplishments include making IMEA All-State Honors Band, and being a finalist in the Chicago Flute Club student competition. She is an Illinois State Scholar and in the top 10% of her class. Sarah also participate in ecology club and National Honors Society. She has been on the tennis and badminton teams.

Julian Rhee is the winner of the 2012 and 2011 Society of American Musicians. He was a recent winner of the 2011 Madison Fall Concerto Competition. As the winner, he was the guest soloist with the Madison Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro John DeMain. Julian was also the winner of 2011 and 2010 Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition where he performed a solo with the full orchestra both consecutive years. He was the youngest ever to win this competition and the only ever to win both consecutive years. He has won numerous competitions in the past including the MTNA, Walgreens, Sejong, Confucius Competition. He is currently studying privately with Ms. Hye-Sun Lee at MIC.

Audrey Shadle is a 5th grader at Elementary School. She began playing the violin when she was 4 at the Music Institute of Chicago with her teacher Reagan Brasch. Audrey plays in a string quartet coached by Rachelle Puccini and in the MIC Suzuki violin choir directed by Shigetoshi Yamada. She takes the MIC's Keyboard Literature class with Kathy Lee. Audrey enjoys reading and performing. She has played both the Munchkin Coroner in [The Wizard of Oz](#) and Tinkerbell in [Peter Pan](#).

Walker Shadle is a freshman at High School in the International Baccalaureate program. He began playing the piano when he was 4, and has studied with Arlene Stokman at the Music Institute of Chicago since he was 7. He has won gold medals in both CAMTA and NSMTA sonata festivals and first place in the Chinese Music Society's Festival in Honor of Confucius. Walker plays in a trio coached by Elaine Felder, studies music theory with Matt Hagle, and enjoys singing in his school's concert choir.

Liam Tracy began cello at 4 and studies with Gilda Barston at Music Institute of Chicago. Liam is also a member of Merit's Tuition-free Conservatory Program and was first chair in Merit's Junior Orchestra this past year. At 7, through Merit School of Music, Liam joined piano trio, "Three of a Kind", and this spring they receive

honorable mention at MYA's Discover Chamber Music Competition. Liam loves sports and his football team competed in the championship game last fall. Liam also has a blue-tip in Taekwondo, plays baseball and soccer, and recently represented his elementary school as a member of its Battle of Books team.

Jennifer Wang studies flute with Ms. Susan Levitin. Ms. Levitin has been Jenny's flute teacher since she took her flute for the first time, right before getting into fourth grade. She is now going into seventh grade, and has an excellent academic record as well. Before this competition, Jenny has received the first place in the Elementary Division at the 2011 Annual Chicago Flute Club Student Competition. She also plays in a flute trio, and is the principal flutist in the Debut Orchestra at the CYSO. Besides playing the flute, Jenny enjoys figure skating.

Nathan Walhout is a scholarship recipient from the Music Institute of Chicago's Academy program, is currently studying with MIC artist faculty member Gilda Barston. Past accolades include first places in the Intermediate division of Society of American Musicians Competition, the cello Junior II division of the Confucius Music Festival, and first prize at the Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Music Club Scholarship Contest. Nathan recently competed in the finals of the Ars Viva Concerto Competition (2012) and has soloed twice (2010 and 2012) with the Oistrach Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Mina Zikri. Nathan has had the privilege of performing for Joshua Roman, Richard Hirshl, Robert Nagy, principal cellist of the Vienna Philharmonic, and most recently for Julie Albers at the 2012 Suzuki Association of Americas Conference in Minnesota. Nathan is also a member of Quartet Enigma coached by Gerardo Ribeiro. This summer he will attend the National Cello Institute Advanced Residency Program in Orange County California. In addition to his cello studies, Nathan also studies piano with Matt Gemmill.

Benjamin (Bennie) Zelditch has lived in California and Maryland before moved to Illinois when he was 13 years old. Bennie is currently a sophomore at High School. Shortly after moving to Illinois, Bennie started taking classical guitar lessons with Mark Maxwell at the Northwestern School of Music and has been continuing his study with Mr. Maxwell. Bennie attended the two-week Classical Guitar Program at Northwestern (NHSME) in June 2010 and the Summer Guitar Workshop at Northwestern in June 2011. 2012 SAM Competition is the first music competition he has participated.