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**2017 Competition
Winners Concert**

Sunday, April 9
3:00 PM

**Lake Forest College
Lily Reid Holt Memorial Chapel**

555 N. Sheridan Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

PROGRAM

Etude, Op 45, No 15 "Warrior's Song".....Stephen Heller (1813-1888)	Elliot Kim, <i>piano</i>
Gavotte.....Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764)	Mingshi Xia, <i>violin</i> Shirley Trissell, <i>piano</i>
Sicilienne from <i>Pelleas et Melisande</i>Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)	Grace Choi, <i>flute</i> Sunghoon Mo, <i>piano</i>
Sonata in e minor, Op. 14, No. 5Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)	Simon Updegraff, <i>cello</i> Ross Updegraff, <i>piano</i>
Sonata in G Major..... Giovanni Battista Sammartini (1698-1775)	Sophia LaFleur, <i>cello</i> Sarah LaFleur, <i>piano</i>
Mazurka in g minor, Op. 11 no.3.....David Popper (1843-1913)	Mia Wimbiscus, <i>cello</i> Sunghoon Mo, <i>piano</i>
Grand Études de Paganini no. 1 in g minor.....Franz Liszt (1811-1886)	Kimiko Darcy, <i>piano</i>
Symphonie Espagnole Op. 21 in d minor.....Édouard Lalo (1823-1892)	Abigail Park, <i>violin</i> Milana Pavchinskaya, <i>piano</i>
Bloomful Desert in a minor.....Andre Reilly (2003-)	Andre Reilly, <i>guitar</i>
La Catedral..... Agustín Barrios (1885-1944)	Jordan Dembsky, <i>guitar</i>
Concertino Op. 107.....Cécilie Chaminade (1857-1944)	Lydia Walquist, <i>flute</i> Hsing-Huei Huang <i>piano</i>
Flute Sonata in D Major, Op. 94.....Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)	Jennifer Wang, <i>flute</i> Hsing-Huei Huang <i>piano</i>

2017 LAUREATES

CELLO

Primary	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Simon Updegraff Jeffrey Tong Olivia Boe
Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Sophia LaFleur Joseph Brackmann
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Mia Wimbiscus Darcie Kim

FLUTE

Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Grace Choi Chaeyoung Lee Nicole Wah
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Lydia Walquist Rosie Wang Kaitlyn Kowalski
Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Jennifer Wang Ksenia Polyarskaya Hannah Kim & Ethan Ramaly

GUITAR

Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Andre Reilly Aiden Meek
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Jordan Dembsky Alec Avery Max Shepherd

PIANO

Primary	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Elliot Kim Tiannie Wang Angelika Wang & Alexandra Zhu
Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Kimiko Darcy Emily Lu Meera Khare & Annie Wang
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Holden Mui Thomas Filipiuk
Young Artist	Carol Honigberg Piano Young Artist Prize 1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Muzi Zhao Emily Cho Sun Chang & John Schindler

VIOLA

Young Artist	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Tabby Rhee Sofiy Kyruylyuk
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VIOLIN

Primary	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Mingshi Xia Jasmine Horton Henry Auxenfans
Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Abigail Park Sidney Lee Suminne Hong & Kelly Kim
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Margaret O'Malley Isabel Chen
Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Julian Rhee Rabia Brooke

principle cellist of the MYA Concert Orchestra and enjoys performing chamber music with her string sextet. She began studying the cello at age five. She formerly studied with the late Gilda Barston and currently studies with Hans Jensen. Mia likes to swim, ice-skate, travel with her family and spend time with her sister and friends.

Mingshi Xia is a fifth grader at Lenart Elementary. He started playing the violin at the Hyde Park Suzuki Institute when he was five. His current teacher is Ms. Lucinda Ali-Landing. Mingshi loves music and enjoys playing his instrument. He is also a good badminton player and likes to play Ping-Pong as well. When he has time, he loves to listen to music, watch movies and go fishing.

Muzi Zhao began his piano studies at the age of four under the tutelage of Ying Zheng. In 2008, Muzi Zhao was accepted to the Junior Music Program of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts and studied with Professor Gabriel Kwok. In 2016, he was accepted by Northwestern University with full scholarship with Professor Alan Chow. He has won several national and international awards including the 4th prize at the 2012 Gina Bachauer International Junior Piano Competition, gold prize at the 2013 Chopin International Piano Competition in Asia, 1st prize at the 2013 Fourth Kawai Asian Piano Competition and the 5th prize at the 2014 Ettlingen international Competition for Young Pianists.

Jeux d'eau.....	Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)
	Holden Mui, <i>piano</i>
Ziguenerwiesen, Op. 20 no. 1.....	Pablo de Sarasate (1844-1908)
	Margaret O'Malley, <i>violin</i> Tatyana Stepanova, <i>piano</i>
Valse Scherzo.....	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
	Julian Rhee, <i>violin</i> Milana Pavchinskaya, <i>piano</i>
La Campanella.....	Niccolò Paganini (1782-1840)
	Tabby Rhee, <i>viola</i> Milana Pavchinskaya, <i>piano</i>
Toccatà from <i>Le Tombeau de Couperin</i>	Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)
	Muzi Zhao, <i>piano</i>

PERFORMERS

Pianist **Kimiko Darcy** attends the Catherine Cook School in Chicago. In June 2016, Kimiko performed with the Round Rock Symphony Orchestra as the winner of the Texas State Young Artists Concerto Competition. Her other awards include: in 2015, winner of the DePaul University Concerto Competition; in 2015, first place at Emilio Del Rosario Piano Concerto Competition Elementary Division; and, in 2012 and 2014, first place at the Music Festival in Honor of Confucius and first place at the Sejong Music Competition. In 2014, Kimiko performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall as the First Prize winner of the Bradshaw Buono International Piano Competition. In 2015, Kimiko appeared on WFMT, Chicago's classical radio station. Kimiko studies piano with Brenda Huang.

Jordan Dembsky is sixteen-years-old and currently in 10th grade at New Trier High School in Winnetka, IL. He has been playing classical guitar since 2005, and currently studies under Mark Maxwell at Northwestern University's Music Academy. Jordan has performed at Music Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University concerts, recitals, as well as evaluated recitals sponsored by the Chicago Classical Guitar Society. He has also entertained audiences at a reception of the Board of Trustees of the National Guild for Community Arts Education, area retirement homes, a Ronald McDonald House, Uptown Café, and North Chicago Veteran's Administration Community Center. Jordan has taken masterclasses with Oscar Ghiglia, Eduardo Fernandez, John McClellan, Kirk Hanser and Mary Lou Roberts. Awards include 1st or 2nd place in various divisions at Society of American Musicians (2014, 2016, 2017), Indiana International Guitar Competition (2014, 2015), Mid America Guitar Camp, as well as scholarships from the Music Institute of Chicago. In addition to guitar, Jordan plays trumpet in his school's band and is on the high school tennis team. His other interests include basketball, football, baseball, skiing, and word games

Elliott Kim is a fifth grader from Downers Grove, IL. He began playing the piano by ear and composing songs at age four. When he was five years old, he started piano studies with Francisco Ybarra and was recognized for his performance at the New Music School Honors program six months later. He is currently studying with Dr. Sung Hoon Mo. He enjoys composing music as a side hobby and his favorite composers include Erik Satie and Claude Debussy. He is obsessed with mechanical watches and dreams of visiting Switzerland and the Baselworld someday.

Sophia LaFleur was only two and half years old when she first started playing cello. She is currently a sixth grader at Chute Middle School and studies with Blake Brasch at Music Institute of Chicago. In addition to loving her instrument, she also enjoys reading, drawing, and playing with her two cats Pepper and Nickel.

Eighth grader, **Holden Mui**'s primary interests include music and mathematics. He received first place at the 2009 Granquist Music Competition, gold medals at the 2012 & 2013 NSMTA Sonata Festivals and 2013 CAMTA Sonata Festival, first place in Primary and Junior divisions at 2013 & 2014 Society of American Musicians Competition, and first place in Junior division at the 2016 MTNA Composition Competition with his original composition, *Aquarium*. His awards in mathematics include Second place at State Math Counts and a perfect score on the AMC 10. Holden will be competing at National Math Competition in Texas as one of four winners representing State of Illinois in May. Holden began his piano studies with Ms. Meeyoung Park at the age of four, and is currently studying composition with Dr. Matt Hagle and piano with Ms. Kate Nir at Music Institute of Chicago.

Sixteen-year-old **Margaret O'Malley** began her musical studies on violin at the Community School of Arts in Wheaton College. She has won awards for her performances from the Youth Symphony of Dupage Competition, Dupage Symphony Orchestra Competition, DePaul Concerto Festival and the Elmhurst Competition. She received first place at the Glen Ellyn Wheaton Music Club Competition, and the Rockford Youth Symphony Orchestra Competition. Margaret has been a member of the Youth Symphony of DuPage, the Elmhurst Youth Symphony, the Midwest Young Artists Symphony Orchestra and St. John Cantius' Resurrection Orchestra. Currently, she serves as principle violist of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra as well as participating in the chamber program there. An avid ensemble player, Margaret has won various awards from the Rembrandt Chamber Competition as well as performing in the quarterfinals of the National Fischhoff Chamber Competition. In addition to her violin studies under Gerardo Ribeiro, she also studies viola with Rose Armbrust-Griffin. Margaret has been privileged to study violin with Mrs. Anita Arch, Mrs. Ann Montzka-Smelser, and Mr. Mark Zinger. Margaret is homeschooled and in her free time, enjoys reading, baking, and charcoal drawing.

Abigail Park, 13, began her violin studies when she was 4 years old at the Betty Haag Music Academy. She studied with Betty Haag for four years while participating in their many concerts including their Orchestra Hall concerts. She has also performed as a member of Midwest Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Taka Matsunaga. Abigail has been awarded top prizes including first place in the elementary division at 2014 Sejong Music Competition, first place in the 2015 SAM Competition's primary division, honorable mention in the 2016 Depaul Concerto Competition and the 2016 SAM Competition, and first place in the junior division of the 2017 SAM Competition. Abigail has studied with Dr. Hye Sun Lee for the past four and a half years at the Music Institute of Chicago, where she is a Merit Scholarship recipient. Violin is her primary instrument, but Abigail also plays the piano. She enjoys singing, dancing, swimming, and hanging out with her friends in her spare time. She is an active member of the newscast team at her middle school. She is a seventh grader at Northbrook Junior High.

Andre Reilly received his first guitar at the age of six. He started out playing and singing blues and rock music. Andre has been featured in Guitar World and Guitar Player Magazine for his uncanny ability to cover Jimi Hendrix Classics, and Eric Johnson's Cliffs of Dover. He is a prolific writer/performer in both contemporary and classical genres. In 2014 Andre won 1st place for classical guitar in the Dourlet Competition in the Junior Division. This past summer he placed 1st in the all ages Wilson Competition for rock genre and opened for Al Dimeola. Most recently he won first place for The Dourlet Competition 2017. Andre is an evolving artist, his love of music includes jazz, blues, and classical. He is a fully endorsed artist with Ibanez Guitars. We would like to extend our deepest thanks to Maestro Steven Vazquez from Harper College who has been instrumental in teaching and challenging Andre with his Classical Guitar Studies, this year Andre is honored to be part of the Harper College Guitar Ensemble.

Julian Rhee, age 16, received several first prizes this year including the 2017 SAM Young Artist Competition, DuPage and West Suburban Competition, LaCrosse Symphony Orchestra Rising Star Competition, and Madison Bolz Young Artist Competition. He has also received first place at the 2016 MTNA National Senior Strings, 2015 MSO Young Artist Grand Prize, 2015 MSO Final Forte, 2015

Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, Overall Junior Division winner of the 2013 Walgreens National Concerto Competition, 2012 & 2013 Sejong Competition, SAM Competition in the Senior, Junior and Intermediate Division, and he won the MSO Bach Double Competition at the age of seven. Julian was selected as the youngest semifinalist in the 2016 William C. Byrd International Competition, was two-time semifinalist of the 2013 & 2016 Stradivarius International Violin Competition, the latter at age 12 as the youngest competitor, 2015 Johansen and 2015 Cooper International Competition. This summer, Julian will go on South America Debut Tour to Argentina and Uruguay with MYSO as the guest soloist. He currently studies with Hye-Sun Lee and Almita Vamos.

Tabby Rhee is currently a student of the Music Institute of Chicago. Her recent accomplishments include: Winner of the 2016 Madison Symphony Orchestra Bolz Young Artist Competition, Winner of the 2016 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, and Winner of the 2016 Milwaukee Youth Senior Symphony Concerto Competition. She has won numerous awards including: Winner of the 2015 Music Teachers National Association State Senior Division; Winner of the Satori International Music Competition; Quarter-Finalist of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition; Merit Scholarship for Montecito International Music Festival; Civic Music Association Scholarship. Tabby is an active member of the Wisconsin Intergenerational Orchestra as the Artistic Mentor. She devotes her time helping other musicians improve as instrumentalists and share their love for music. Additionally, she was chosen to tour with the National Youth Orchestra of the United States to Latin America this summer of 2017. She currently studies with MIC artist faculty members Roland and Almita Vamos and Hye-Sun Lee.

Simon Updegraff is 10 years old and is a 4th grade student at Middleton Elementary School in Skokie. He has been playing the cello since he was 4 ½ years old and is a student of Blake Brasch. He participated last spring in the Suzuki Youth Orchestra of the Americas (SYOA 1) at the biennial Suzuki Association of the America's Conference in Minneapolis, MN. Simon also studies the piano with Aaron Stampfl and recently won a silver medal in the North Shore Music Teachers' Association Sonata-Sonatina Festival. In addition to music, Simon enjoys Taekwondo and soccer, reading, and video games. His favorite foods are chicken tikka masala and stir-fry.

Lydia Walquist, is currently principal first flutist in Protégé Philharmonic and principal first flutist in the Youth Symphony of DuPage and was formerly the piccoloist in both Protégé Philharmonic and YSDP prior to becoming first flutist. She performed with Capital City Flute Orchestra in Washington D.C. and Windy City Flute Orchestra, has soloed and received scholarships from OSU, Amer Wind Band, "A Young People Concert" and "Celebration of the Art'st Int'l Academy and has received first place at the Sherwood Academy Flute Fest, 2nd & 3rd prizes in the YSDP Concerto Competition, Honorable Mention at the DePaul University and Protégé Philharmonic Concerto Competitions and CFC Student Competition. Lydia was featured on the CFC showcase performing Bizet's Carmen. Lydia accepted into the Alice S. Pfaelzer Conservatory at Merit School of Music and has participated in masterclasses with Nicola Mazzanti and Mimi Stillman. Lydia is currently a sophomore at Lisle Senior High and studies with Susan Levitin.

Jennifer Yu Wang is a junior at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. She has studied flute with Susan Levitin for eight years, and in that time has won every division of the Chicago Flute Club and SAM Competitions. Jenny won the DePaul Youth Concerto Festival and performed with the Oistrakh Symphony of Chicago, and was first runner-up in the Crain-Mailing Foundation Chicago Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. She plays principal in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra and participates in a woodwind quintet that was a quarterfinalist in the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition and winner at the Discover Chamber Music Competition. Jenny has many interests outside of playing the flute; she loves school, edits her school's art and literature journals, writes and performs poetry, wants to pursue a career in scientific research, and ice dances. In her free time, Jenny likes to read, hang out with friends, listen to music, and watch and create YouTube content.

Thirteen-year-old **Mia Wimbiscus** is in seventh grade. She has won first prizes at the 2016 MYA Walgreens Concerto Competition's Strings Division, 2014 & 2017 SAM Competitions, and second prizes at the 2015 & 2016 Chinese Fine Arts Society Competition. Last summer, Mia was accepted at the National Arts Center, Young Artist Program in Ottawa, Canada. She was a Merit Scholarship recipient at the Music Institute and was accepted into the 2015-2016 Academy Program. She currently is the