



Concert Festival International Online Concerto Competition

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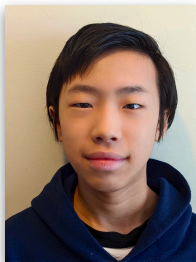
Program



M. Bruch - Violin Conceto G minor, Mov.I
Elizabeth Birch, 11, is a fifth grade student at The Brearley School in New York City. She began studying violin at the age of four with Minsun Kim. Elizabeth has performed in numerous concert halls, and most recently won a Gold Medal at the 2022 Young Maestro International Musical Competition. She enjoys sharing her passion for the violin with the broader community, and regularly performs for the elderly both in New York City and on Cape Cod, MA. Elizabeth is also a competitive swimmer and squash enthusiast.



Yuri Polunin - Piano Concertino A minor
Sophia Kulik is 13 years old and started playing piano when she was 5 years old. Her teacher is Dmitry Nikolaev. Sophia successfully passed exams at Royal Conservatory School of Music in 2016. She received second place in the Little Mozarts Competition and performed in Carnegie Hall in 2018. In the Festival International Competition Concert she received a Grand Prix in 2020, and first place in Crescendo International Music Competition in 2021. Sophia participated many times in the Steinway Piano Recitals at Steinway Piano Gallery, and she is also part of the school string orchestra since 4th grade playing viola. Sophia sets challenging technical goals for herself and achieves them. One of her dreams is to perform with an orchestra.



J.S. Bach - Piano Concerto BWV 1052, Mov.III
Ray Tang is a 13 year old 8th grade student living in Long Island, NY. He is ardent desire for anything he wants to accomplish. His passion for music started when he started piano lessons at 6. After that, he has attended numerous recitals and competitions. He won 2nd place at the American Protege International Music Talent Competition in Spring 2018. Other than piano, Ray enjoys Computer development and participating in Math competitions.



W.A. Mozart - Violin Concerto D Major, Mov.I
Joylyn Wei, from Darien, CT, is currently a sophomore at Hopkins School in New Haven, CT. She began her studies in violin at the age of 5 with Dr. Chin Kim at Mannes Pre-College Music Program in New York and is currently studying under Marina Kitaychik at Stamford Music & Arts Academy. She has been playing 1st violin in the Principal Orchestra at the Norwalk Youth Symphony for 4 years. Recently, she has won top prizes at the American Protege Concerto Competition, Rondo Vanguard Competition, the Vivo International Music Competition, and is the Grand Prix winner of the New York Concerto International Competition for two consecutive years. As a prize winner, she has performed a number of times at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. She also performs at local churches for holiday and ceremony events. Outside of school Joylyn enjoys science research and promotes health and nutrition initiatives as a volunteer.



F. Mendelssohn - Violin Concerto E minor, Mov.I
Victoria Tan, from Long Island, plays the violin and piano, and has performed at numerous music halls, including Carnegie Hall, and was awarded many first prizes in both piano and violin competitions. She has performed with the Washington Heights Chamber Orchestra in New York, the Chamber Orchestra in New Jersey, and the Metropolitan String Orchestra in Connecticut. Besides her interest in music, Victoria loves reading and writing, and has won several contests for her poetry.



C. Saint-Saëns - Violin Concerto B minor, Mov.I
Annelise Ossi is a 15-year-old violinist who has been studying the violin since age 5. She started playing the violin at Sunday Mass with her church organist and choir at the age of 7. Through her music, she has dedicated many years to community service activities and fundraisers. She enjoys playing in an orchestra setting and has been concertmaster in several summer camps. At 12 y.o., she served as Concertmaster of Repertory Orchestra and is currently serving as Assistant Concertmaster of the Philharmonic Orchestra in the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra. She has won multiple prizes in competitions and her most current first prize earned her a performance at Carnegie Hall. Her other interests include Math, Science, and horseback riding.



W.A. Mozart - Piano Concerto D minor, Mov.I
Melanie Lin, who is seventeen years old, is a student at Brooklyn Musical Arts under Dr. Frederick Kuok. She is currently in her junior year as a student at Stuyvesant High School in New York. She began to learn the piano at the age of six. In the past, she had participated in several annual recitals at the Roosevelt Hall at Brooklyn College, and more recently, played in a concert at Steinway Hall. In December of 2019, she received 2nd place in the American Protege International Competition of Romantic Music, and as such, performed in the Winter Gala Concert at Carnegie Hall.