

Burlingame Music Club 2022-23 Competition Winner Biographies

STRINGS COMPETITION

First Place, Patricia Kirkbride Award (\$1,200)

Fiona Huang, cellist, 15 studies with Jonathan Koh at the Pre-college Division of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Fiona has soloed with the HNU Orchestra and the Temple Hill Symphony, and in 2021 she appeared on NPR's 'From the Top'. She was previously invited to perform at the Presidio Concert Series and the Junior Bach Festival. Fiona has received top prizes in competitions, including MTNA Southwest Division, MTNA State, MTAC VOCE State, CalASTA State, Houston International Music Competition, Pacific Music Society, Bay Philharmonic, US International Music Competition, and KAMSA. An avid chamber musician, she is currently a member of Young Chamber Musicians and California Music Preparatory Academy. She is passionate about bringing her music to senior living homes.

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of work: Adagio and Allegro, Op. 70

Composer: Robert Schumann

Movement: Adagio and Allegro

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/LoYoEj7xMwc>

Work 2:

Title of work: Cello Concerto No. 2 in c minor, Op. 77

Composer: Dmitry Kabalevsky

Movement: Second

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/sz27KePUlw0>

Second Place, Patron of the Arts Award (\$1,000)

Sarah Son, violinist, 16, is a junior at Davis Senior High School and a Pre-College student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Sarah started violin lessons at the age of five and currently studies under Elbert Tsai. Sarah is a member of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, and the regional director of the Back To Bach Project in Davis, CA region. Sarah was a featured soloist with the Sacramento Youth Symphony Premier Orchestra (2022) and Solano Symphony Orchestra (2023) after winning their concerto competitions. As the 2023 DHS Concerto Competition winner, Sarah will be playing Beethoven Violin Concerto in D Major at Mondavi Center. Past summers, Sarah attended Music@Menlo Koret Young Performer's Program (2022), Boston University Tanglewood Institute Violin Workshop (2021), and Orford Musique (2021). This year, Sarah served as concertmaster of 2023 CASMEC All-State High School Symphony Orchestra. She was also selected to be a violinist of Carnegie Hall's NYO-USA and will take part in their North America tour in July.

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of Work: Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61

Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven

Movement: I. Allegro ma non troppo

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/WgKxngpOaSA>

Work 2:

Title of Work: Violin Sonata No. 1 in G minor, BWV 1001

Composer: Johann Sebastian Bach

Movement: I. Adagio

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/aBf-q7_HYOo

Third Place, Daniel Yim (\$800)

Daniel Yim, cellist, 16, is a junior at Bellarmine College Preparatory and has been studying the cello since age 9. He has been a member of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra (SFSYO) since 2018 and has served as its principal cellist since 2021. In 2022, he was invited to play at the Junior Bach Festival and the CASMEC All-State High School Symphony Orchestra, and also participated in NYO2 2022, where he served as principal cellist. He is also in the Bellarmine Chamber Music Club and serves as the principal cellist of the Bellarmine Chamber Orchestra. He also volunteers in Sky Ensemble, bringing music to the elderly, and in Bravo Strings, where he teaches

economically disadvantaged students about classical music. In addition to the cello, Daniel was a prizewinner at numerous piano competitions, including the James Ramos International Competition, the Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition, the MTAC Piano Solo/Concerto Competition, the San Francisco Chopin Competition, the United States Open Music Competition, and the United States International Music Competition. Aside from music, Daniel enjoys creative writing, listening to music, and watching cat videos.

Competition Performances

Work 1:

Cello Suite No. 6 in D major, BWV 1012

J. S. Bach

I. Prélude

Bach: Cello Suite No. 6 in D major, BWV 1012, I. Prélude

Work 2:

Cello Concerto in A minor, Op. 129

Robert Schumann

I. Nicht zu schnell

Schumann

Honorable Mentions (\$300)

Jennifer Kang, violist, age 13, began viola lessons at the age of 8. She currently studies with Dimitri Murrath at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-College Division. She won first place at the 2019 US Open Music Competition, 2019, 2020 and 2021 US International Music Competition, 2020 and 2021 Silicon Valley Music Competition, and 2017 and 2018 KT Youth Music Competition. In 2019, she performed solo in Carnegie Hall in a winners' recital for American Protégé International Strings Competition. She was chosen to perform with the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra as a winner of the concerto competition in 2020. She attended Music@Menlo in 2022, and the Heifetz PEG in 2021. She is a member of the Young Chamber Musicians.

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of Work: Romanza Op 85

Composer: Max Bruch

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/2D2e-gfk-rQ>

Work 2:

Title of Work: Suite No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1009

Composer: Johann Sebastian Bach

Movement: I. Prelude

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/xPXT3r1io>

Ariel Pawlik-Zwiebel, violinist, 15, is in the 10th grade and studies violin with Eugene Chukhlov. Ariel has won top prizes in the Pacific Musical Society Competition, the DVC-HNU Strings Competition, the US Open Competition, the Silicon Valley Philharmonic Music Competition, and the Bay Area Music Association's Musical Legacy Competition and was a laureate of the International Grumiaux Competition Belgium. Ariel performs with the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society, the Junior Bach Festival and as a recitalist throughout the area. He has recently performed chamber music with the Sound Arts Chamber Music program and the Pacific Music Institute. Ariel was Associate Concertmaster of the Pacific Music Institute Symphony Orchestra and has recently joined the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra. Ariel is co-chair of the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society student chapter.

Work 1:

Title of Work: Sonata in E minor for Violin and Piano, K 304

Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Movement: I. Allegro

<https://youtu.be/A2TsZebQ9RI>

Work 2:

Title of Work: Fantasie brillante on Themes from Gounod's Faust

Composer: Henryk Wieniawski

Movement: entire piece

<https://youtu.be/5q-cN69MvvQ>

PIANO COMPETITION

First Place, Leon Winters Award (\$1,200)

Ziyue Zeng, 16, is a Junior from Aptos. She began her piano studies at 6 and has been studying piano with Dr. Chia-Lin Yang since 2018. As a four-times recipient of Santa Cruz Symphony Mueller Scholarship, she has won many competitions, including: Pacific International Piano Competition, Silicon Valley Music Competitions, Celia Mendez Young Pianists Beethoven Competition, KAMSA, BIMC, Cesar Franck International Piano Competition, USIMC, Costa Rica Piano Competition, etc. She will perform as a soloist with GSYO Senior Symphony and Santa Cruz County Youth Symphony in the 2022-23 Season. She has played in masterclasses of Jeff LaDeur, John Blacklow, Ronald Brautigam, The Lee Trio, etc. She attended Boston University Tanglewood Institute Young Artists Piano Program in summer 2022. She has been a member of Young Chamber Musicians in Burlingame since 2021.

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of Work: Transcendental Etude No.8

Composer: Liszt

Movement: N/A

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/oLIKbk8TlSk>

Work 2:

Title of Work: Sonata No.7 Op.83

Composer: Prokofiev

Movement: 1st

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/IQNPBQGTHG8>

Second Place, Patron of the Arts Award (\$1000)

Lin Jiang, age 14, is from San Jose, California. He has been playing piano since age four and is currently studying under Ms. Kaichi Zhu. He has received multiple honors,

including first prize in the US Open Music Competition, first prize in both the Junior and Senior divisions of the Gavilan College Marian Filice Piano Competition, and first prize as a member of an ensemble in the UC Santa Cruz Baroque Festival. Lin has also been invited to participate in masterclasses with Sharon Mann, Ruth Slenczynska, Róża Yoder, Sasha Starcevich, Gregg Pauley, Christopher Guzman, and Alexander Braginsky

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of Work: Sonata No. 26

Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven

Movement: I. Lebewohl

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/l247Pllu1gE>

Work 2:

Title of Work: Six Preludes, op. 6

Composer: Robert Muczynski

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/4Adh8elkpZY>

Third Place (\$800)

Vivian Kao, 15, has won multiple awards. She is the first prize winner of the AADGT International Young Musicians Competition, American Fine Arts Festival Golden Era of Romantic Music Competition, Grand Metropolitan International Music Competition, Grand Prize Virtuoso International Competition, & the USOMC Competition. Vivian has also received top prizes in the MTAC Piano Solo Competition, CAPMT Piano Honors Competition, American Protege Competition, & the Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition. Additionally, Vivian also enjoys performing chamber music, and her ensemble recently won the Euro-Elite International Music Competition. Vivian also plays the cello in her school's chamber orchestra. Vivian also has performed in nursing and rehabilitation centers, and retirement communities to share music with others.

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of Work: Scherzo

Composer: Grażyna Bacewicz

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MI_z86Gcaa8

Work 2:

Title of Work: Annees de Pelerinage, 2nd Year "Italie", Sonetto 104 del Petrarca

Composer: Franz Liszt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWRK16sM9SI>

HONORABLE MENTIONS (\$300)

Isaac Choi, 13, is a seventh grader at Redwood Middle School in Saratoga, California. He currently studies piano with Dr. Chia-Lin Yang. Isaac has won numerous piano competitions including ENKOR Music Competition, WPTA-Finland Piano Competition, Pacific International Piano Competition, and Canadian International Music Competition. Isaac co-founded the IC Piano-Violin Duo who was awarded first place at the MTAC 2022 VOCE North Region Instrumental Ensemble Competition and was selected to perform at the 2022 Junior Bach Festival. Isaac also plays cello in the Golden State Youth Orchestra.

Competition Performances:**Work 1:**

Title of Work: Sonata 30 in E Major, Op 109

Composer: Beethoven_

Movement: Movement 1 &2

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/15mS9z1leNg>

Work 2:

Title of Work: Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38

Composer: Chopin

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/kUs_aZvHdE

Oliver Corro is 15 years old. He is in 10th grade at Irvington High School in Fremont CA. He won many competitions in 2021-2022: 1st place in USOMC Treasury of Romantic category and piano duet/trio category, Runan International Piano Competition, US new star piano competition,

Silicon Valley music competition and Gavilan College Junior piano competition. He was also the finalist of the Solo concerto competition of the Palo Alto philharmonic orchestra, Golden State Youth Orchestra, and Amador Symphony Orchestra. In Summer 2022, he won the Bronze Award in Artcial San Francisco Piano Competition, and participated in Master classes with Professor Mann, Nagai, and Chen.

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of work: Piano Sonata Op 27 No 2

Composer: Beethoven

Movement: III. Presto Agitato

Link: <https://youtu.be/WqnE-DCkHLo>

Work 2:

Title of work: La Campanella

Composer: Liszt

Link: https://youtu.be/3RRY_S9gTK4

Sora Corro, 13, started learning piano when she was 2 years old. At 4 years old, she started performing for piano recitals and competitions. Sora won many competitions in the last 7 years. In 2021, she won first place in the Runan piano competition. She also won first place in the Silicon Valley music competition, Chambana piano competition, Gavilan College Youth Piano Competition, Finland Piano Competition and US new star piano competition. She won second place in the United States Open Music Competition showcase, both solo and concerto division. She also won first place in 5 events in the same competition. She won the outstanding gold medalist award in 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022 USOMC. When she has free time, she enjoys playing video games, skateboarding and biking. She speaks Spanish and Japanese fluently.

Competition Performances:

Work 1:

Title of work: Scherzo No 2 B flat Minor

Composer: Chopin

Link: <https://youtu.be/YmMN48IXyS4>

Work 2:

Title of work: Prelude and Fugue B flat Major

Composer: Bach

Link: <https://youtu.be/fob2xv9Bghw>