

The 10th Young Musicians' Festival



Asian American Community Partnership Challenge Cup

Awards Ceremony and Winners' Concert

To benefit Austin Speech Labs – A Local Nonprofit Organization

Their Mission is to support stroke survivors and their loved ones in rebuilding their lives by providing intensive, affordable, and innovative speech and cognitive therapy. Austin Speech Labs envisions a world where stroke survivors have access to the therapy they need to thrive at home, at work, and in the community.

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Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 4p.m.

at Asian American Cultural Center

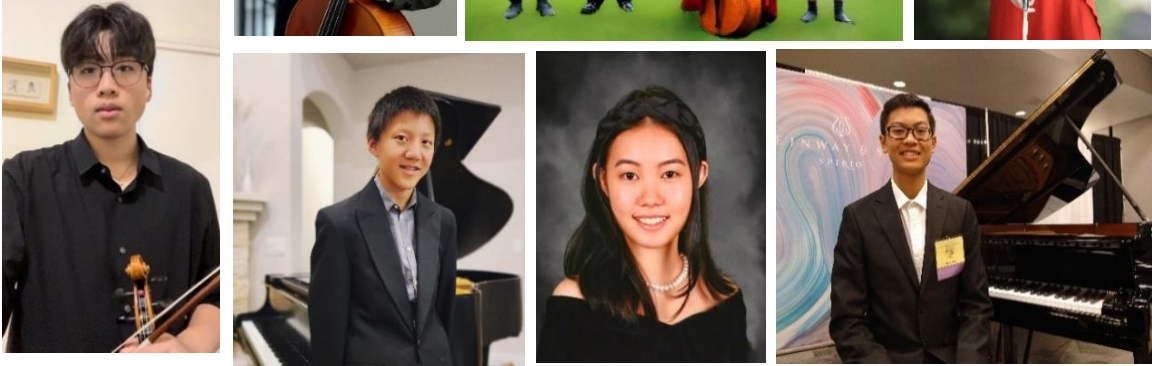
11713 Jollyville Road, Austin, TX 78759

Ticket - \$15 open seating (cash/ check only)

To reserve tickets, please email administrator@asianamericanc.com and specify the number of tickets, your first and last name. Please arrive 30 minutes earlier for check-in with ticket fee on May 13

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2023 winners and performers



About the winners and performers

Grand Prize Winner: Lerchen Zhong (Piano)

Piano Division A

1st Prize Winner-**Mason Cheang**
2nd Prize Winner-**Sophie Qin**
3rd Prize Winner-**Winn Chung**

Piano Division B

1st Prize Winner-**Lerchen Zhong**
2nd Prize Winner-**Sophia Louie**
3rd Prize Winner-**Thomas Nguyen**

String Division A

1st Prize Winner-**Ethan Cheng**
2nd Prize Winner-**Alba Gil**
3rd Prize Winner- **Brian Chen**

String Division B

1st Prize Winner-**Peter Kim (Violin)**
2nd Prize Winner-**Evelyn Liu (Violin)**
3rd Prize Winner-**Yochen Zhong (Cello)**

Chamber Music Division:

Prize winners -Adel String Quartet

Lerchen Zhong, Evelyn Liu, Alexander Zhong, and Adriana Cheng

Honorable Mention Certificate:

Piano: Minkyung Kim, Ryan Kuo, Angela Luo, Owen Sun, Brendan Tark, and Audrey Wan

String: Allyson Chu, Sophia Liu, Jeemin Oh, Shandra Qiu, and Diane Zhao,

Chamber Music: Bluebonnet String Quartet

Suhaas Patil, James Lee, Samantha Washecka, and Noah Kim

Grand Prize Winner:

Lerchen Zhong is a freshman at Westwood High School. He has studied piano with Dr. Kiyoshi Tamagawa and violin with Mr. William Dick for four years. As a pianist, he won first place in the ADMTA Kate Schedler Scholarship Contest in 2021 and 2022 and has been a finalist in the TMTA State Solo Performance Competition since 2020. As a violinist, he won first place in his age group at the Kings Peak International Music Competition in 2021 and served as concertmaster in TMEA Region 26 All-Region Middle School Full Orchestra in 2021 and Canyon Vista Middle School Honor Orchestra. He was also the principal second violin in TMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra this year and is a member of the ADEL Quartet. Lerchen performs around his community at senior homes with the student-led group's Project Melody and Unison. Outside of music, Lerchen is an accomplished athlete, placing first and second individually in the Texas State Mathcounts Competition in 2021 and 2022, and leading the Texas team to 3rd place in the nation in 2022. In his free time, Lerchen enjoys swimming and games.

ADEL string quartet - Prize Winner Chamber Music Division

ADEL was formed in December 2021 by four talented teenagers from Westwood High School Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Denise Ro is their coach. They founded Project Melody, with a mission to share their passion for music and make positive contributions to their community.

Lerchen Zhong, Violin I: Please see Grand Prize Winner

Evelyn Liu, Violin II: Please see String Division 2nd Prize Winner

Alexander Zhong, Viola: He is a freshman at Westwood High School, and his viola teacher is Leah Nelson. He enjoys running, playing basketball, and watching comedy sketches.

Adriana Cheng, Cello: She is a freshman at Westwood High School. Her cello teacher is Hai Olefsky. Other than music, she also enjoys playing soccer and hanging out with friends.

Mason Cheang, 1st Prize Winner Piano Division A

He is a 2nd grader at Barton Creek Elementary School. His piano teacher is Dr. Susan Groves. Mason enjoys martial arts, go-karting, skiing, playing football, soccer, and swimming.

Sophie Qin, 2nd Prize Winner Piano Division A

She is a 3rd grader student at Laura Welch Bush Elementary. Her teacher is Dr. Susan Groves. Sophie enjoys reading while she is not playing piano.

Winn Chung, 3rd Prize Winner Piano Division A

She is a 4th grader at Laura Welch Bush Elementary. Her piano teacher is Emily Yeh Chow. She also enjoys drawing, playing tennis, traveling, and reading.

Ethan Cheng, 1st Prize Winner String Division A

He is a 6th grader at Canyon vista middle school. His violin teacher is Molly Emerman. He enjoys drawing, playing soccer, biking, baking for his family, and taking care of his dog Milo.

Alba Gil, 2nd Prize Winner String Division A

She is homeschooled and her favorite subjects are math and biology. Alba started violin under the guidance of her mother and now studies with Dr. Chu Chu. Alba enjoys writing her own stories, participating in math contests, and playing with her adorable cat Dinah.

Brian Chen, 3rd Prize Winner String Division A

He is a 3rd grader at Bear Creek Elementary School. His violin teacher is Dr. Chu Chu. Brian loves to stay active by biking, playing soccer, and swimming.

Lerchen Zhong, 1st Prize Winner Piano Division B

Please see Grand Prize Winner

Sophia Louie, 2nd Prize Winner Piano Division B

She is a senior at Westwood High School. Her piano teacher is Emily Yeh Chow. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, swimming, and traveling.

Thomas Nguyen, 3rd Prize Winner Piano Division B

He is a sophomore at Anderson High School. He studies piano under the guidance of Shearon Horton. Other than music, he also enjoys staying active and playing tennis.

Peter Kim, 1st Prize Winner String Division B

He is a violinist who attends Westwood High School as a junior. He has been studying under Mr. William Dick for 10 years. He enjoys car racing, martial arts, and producing music.

Evelyn Liu, 2nd Prize Winner String Division B

She is a 9th grader at Westwood High School, and her violin teacher is Molly Emerman. She also enjoys fish-keeping, drawing, and writing.

Yochen Zhong, 3rd Prize Winner String Division B

He is a junior at Westwood High School and he has been studying with Professor Hai Olefsky for four years. Yochen enjoys listening to and making music, and taking long walks.

Winners Award Concert Program

String Quartet No. 12 in F major, Op. 96 "American" Finale

Antonio Dvorak

**Prize winner Chamber Music Division
ADEL String Quartet: Lerchen Zhong, Violin; Evelyn Liu, Violin;
Alexander Zhong, Viola & Adriana Cheng, Cello**

Ballade No. 1 in G Minor Op. 23

Frederic Chopin

Sophia Louie, Piano - 2nd Prize Winner Piano Division B

Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21, Allegro non troppo

Edouard Lalo

**Brian Chen, Violin-3rd Prize Winner String Division A
Yixuan Wang, Piano**

Sonata in C Major No. 16 K.545 1st movement

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Venetian Gondola Song in F# minor Op. 30 No.6

Felix Mendelssohn

Etude in A Major Op.27 No.26

Dmitri Kabalevsky

Winn Chung, Piano-3rd Prize Winner Piano Division A

Polish Dance

Edmund Severn

**Alba Gil, Violin-2nd Prize Winner String Division A
Giyong Ahn, Piano**

Invention No. 13

Johann Sebastian

Bach Sonata in C major K545 3rd movement

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Velocity Op.109 No 10

Johann Friedrich Burgmuller

Sophie Qin, Piano-2nd Prize Winner Piano Division A

Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21, Allegro non troppo

Edouard Lalo

Ethan Cheng, Violin-1st Prize Winner String Division A

Giyong Ahn, Piano

Invention No. 14 in B-Flat Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sonatina Op. 20 No.1 in C Major

Friedrich Kuhlau

Alla Tarantella Op.39 No.2 in c minor

Edward MacDowell

Mason Cheang, Piano - 1st Prize Winner Piano Division A

Le Grand Tango

Astor Piazzolla

Yochen Zhong, Cello- 3rd Prize Winner String Division B

Lerchen Zhong, Piano

Violin Concerto E Minor Op.64 - 3rd Movement

Felix Mendelssohn

Evelyn Liu, Violin - 2nd Prize Winner String Division B

Jiatong Gao, Piano

L'isle Joyeuse, L. 106,

Claude Debussy

Transcendental Etude No. 8 "Wilde Jagd"

Franz Liszt

Thomas Nguyen, Piano - 3rd Prize Winner Piano Division B

Nigun

Ernest Bloch

Peter Kim, Violin - 1st Prize Winner String Division B

Dr. Kiyoshi Tamagawa, Piano

Liebeslied

Schumann/Liszt

Toccata, Op. 155

York Bowen

Lerchen Zhong-Grand Prize Winner & 1st Prize Winner Piano Division B

The History of the Asian American Community Partnership Challenge Cup

The Young Musician Festival, Asian American Community Partnership Challenge Cup is a biannual event that was founded in 2001 with the goodwill and commitment of many professional musicians and members of the Asian American community of Austin. Our goal has been to support the passion for music of the talented and budding musicians among the youth. Our 10th biannual Festival was held on Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26, 2023, at the Asian American Cultural Center in Austin, Texas. This year, over seventy talented young musicians from all cultures, participated in an extremely intensive competition. We invited three distinguished artists to serve as our judges for this extremely competitive contest, and we are grateful to the members of our most generous advisory committee who helped guide us through the process of organizing and running the competition.

Our Artistic Director: Ms. Hai Zheng, a well-known Asian American concert cellist, is the founder of the Festival. Ms. Zheng has served as the Artistic Director of the Young Musician Festival Competition since the beginning and has worked tirelessly by volunteering countless hours to make this Festival become the success it is today.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges:

Piano Professor Margarita Denenburg from the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas-Austin

Violin Professor Mann-Wen Lo from the Moore School of Music at the University of Houston

First Cellist Douglas Harvey of the Austin Symphony Orchestra and the Austin Opera

Our Advisory Committee Members:

Mr. Peter Bay, Music Director of the Austin Symphony Orchestra

Mr. Daniel Ching, Violinist of the Miro String Quartet

Mr. William Fedkenheuer, Violinist of the Miro String Quartet

Mr. John Largess, Violist of the Miro String Quartet

Mr. Joshua Gindel, Cellist of the Miro String Quartet

Dr. Kiyoshi Tamagawa, Professor of Music at Southwestern University

The Competition Monitors: Ms. Wan Jing Chen, Ms. Maggie Ma, Ms. Ming Wong, and Ms. Valerie Wong.

The Chair of the Festival: Ms. Amy Wong Mok, President & CEO of the Asian American Cultural Center.