ABOUT

The David Hochstein Recital Competition

Our school opened its doors in 1920 in memory of David Hochstein, a Rochester native and world-class violinist who was tragically killed in WWI. The David Hochstein Recital Competition was initiated in 1991 to celebrate and encourage outstanding talent and achievement among young musicians in our community.

The Recital Competition is open to advanced students in grades 10-12 in the nine-county region surrounding Rochester. The winners are presented in recital in the Hochstein Performance Hall and recorded for future broadcast on WXXI-FM Classical 91.5.

Past Winners (2019)

Andrew Guo, a junior at Brighton High School, began playing the violin when he was eight and currently studies with Renée Jolles at the Eastman School of Music. Andrew has been honored with a number of musical accolades. Andrew was a gold medalist in the 2016 International Musicians’ Performing Arts Cultural Troupe (IMPACT) Young Soloists Competition and has performed abroad in Spain as part of the 2016 Burgos International Music Festival. He was also the winner of the 2018 Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, and was given the opportunity to perform as a guest soloist, and the runner up of the 2018 Genesee Symphony Young Artist Competition. In 2019 he was presented with the Ruth and Sidney Salzman Award for Strings after competing in the Rochester Philharmonic League (RPL) Young Artist Competition. As a chamber musician, Andrew’s piano trio has been invited to perform for the Society for Chamber Music in Rochester. They were also the winner of the 2019 Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music (SFCM) Youth Chamber Music Competition and received the honor to perform alongside the world-renowned Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio. Andrew was appointed concertmaster of the MCSMA Junior High All-County Orchestra as well as the NYSSMA Junior High Area All-State Orchestra in 2016 and 2017. He was also the recipient of the Marie Erhart Pearson Scholarship, the Thomas Donohue Scholarship, and Margaret K. Weber Scholarship from the Eastman School of Music. Currently, Andrew is a first violinist in the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and participates in the Seneca Summer Music Festival Orchestra.

Sam Reeder attended The Harley School and has been playing the clarinet since age 8. He has studied with Tiffany Valvo and Andrew Brown and currently studies with Kenneth Grant at the Eastman School of Music. Sam performed with the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, All-County & All-State Bands & Orchestras, and the Conference All-State Symphonic Band, as principle in 2018. He has also participated in the New York State School of the Arts Orchestral Studies program where he received the Dean L. Harrington Memorial Scholarship for Musical Achievement in 2018. Sam currently performs with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Eastman Honors Wind Quintet. He composes and plays the piano and the tenor saxophone. Sam is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, and was actively involved in mathematics competitions at the county and state level. He was also a member of the Harley School biomimicry team, which placed third in the Biomimicry Institute’s National Youth Design Challenge. Sam completed a 2 year capstone project involving the creation of a fictional Siberian language family. Sam participated on the Varsity Cross Country and Track teams at The Harley School for 4 years, and was named a Cross Country League All-Star in 2018. He received a Music Performing Arts Scholarship to Case Western Reserve University, where he’ll pursue a double major in Applied Mathematics and Music Performance through the University’s Joint Music Program with the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Applications are due
Saturday, January 11, 2020

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David Hochstein Recital Competition

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Sponsored by The Hochstein School and WXXI FM Classical 91.5
Eligibility
Open to performers of piano, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, harp or classical guitar (no vocalists) enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12 and residing or studying in one of the following counties: Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, or Yates. Previous prize winners are ineligible.

Awards
$500 will be awarded to winners in each of the following categories:
- Category I: Piano
- Category II: Strings
- Category III: Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, Harp, Guitar

Prize winners will be presented in recital at The Hochstein School in the Spring of 2020, based on availability of the winners, with the recital to be recorded for later broadcast on WXXI-FM Classical 91.5.*

Application Deadline: Saturday, January 11, 2020
All entries must be received by The Hochstein School office no later than Saturday, January 11, 2020. No late applications will be considered. A non-refundable fee of $25 must accompany the application. For additional information, call Hochstein at 585.454.4596.

Auditions
All auditions will be heard on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at The Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth Ave., Rochester, NY.

Audition Performance Requirements:
- All contestants must perform three compositions (or movements) in contrasting styles.
- All three compositions performed must be by different composers.
- Contestants in Categories II & III are required to provide piano accompaniment and their own accompanist.
- Contestants must provide one extra copy of each composition for the judges.
- Piano contestants must perform from memory. Memorization is optional for other instrumentalists.
- Concerto repertoire is not permitted for piano contestants.
- Audition time may be limited. Contestants should be prepared to be interrupted and asked to perform any portion of the music.

* In the event of unforeseen technical or other difficulties, Hochstein reserves the right to make final decisions regarding the suitability of the tape for broadcast.