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Hochstein Announces David Hochstein Recital Competition Winners *Annual Competition Honors and Celebrates Outstanding Student Musicians*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Since 1991, The Hochstein School has commemorated the life of David Hochstein – Rochester native and gifted violinist and composer – with a yearly competition for local high school students. The **2024 David Hochstein Recital Competition** winners are **Gabriel Kulick**, percussion (Brighton, Grade 10); **Rebecca Lee**, violin (Pittsford, Grade 12); and **Milo Anderson**, piano (Fairport, Grade 10). Winners of the David Hochstein Recital Competition are honored for their achievement with a \$500 prize.

The winners will perform in concert on **Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm** in Hochstein Performance Hall. The program includes music by Bach, Khachaturian, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff, Kevin Puts, and Kyle Peters. The concert is free and will be followed by a reception. It will be recorded for later broadcast on WXXI Classical. **See below for the winners' bios.**

The David Hochstein Recital Competition is open to advanced students in grades 10-12 in the nine-county region surrounding Rochester. In order to compete, these talented young musicians were required to prepare challenging music in varied styles and perform for juries of noted professional artists. Judges included: Elizabeth Shuhan, flute; Alice Meyer, clarinet; Nancy Boone-Bahr, saxophone; Nancy Hunt, violin; Ellen Rathjen, violin; Sam Pierce-Ruhland, cello; Bonnie Choi, piano; Jacob Ertl, piano; and Tamari Gurevich, piano.

Additionally, the David Hochstein Recital Competition selected as runners-up: Elizabeth Runion, flute, and Logan Canfield, piano. Second place in the Strings category went to Julian Chumacero, violin, and Friana Engineer, violin; and third place was awarded to Caitlin Ott, cello. Honorable Mention was Noah Busch, violin. The Hochstein School is proud to continue the legacy of its namesake by celebrating and encouraging these talented young musicians.

Photographs of the performers are available in this folder on Google Drive:

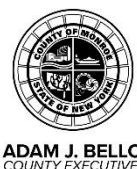
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Gabriel Kulick is a sophomore at Brighton High School who has been playing percussion since fourth grade. For the past seven years he has studied with Kyle Peters at the Eastman Community Music School (ECMS), where he has also been working to earn his Pre-Collegiate Diploma, anticipated in 2026. Gabriel has been a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) for the past three years (named Principal Percussionist for the past two) while also participating in several other ensembles including the ECMS Percussion Ensemble, Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, and Brighton High School Wind Ensemble and Symphony Bands. Gabriel has also been selected to participate in All-County and Area All-State bands, as well as New York State Band Directors' Association Honor Bands in both eighth and tenth grades. Gabriel was accepted into the World Youth Wind Symphony at the Interlochen Center for the Arts summer program and has auditioned with Boston University Tanglewood Institute for this summer. Music plays such a major role in Gabriel's life that he intends to study percussion in college. His musical studies and performances have also taken him abroad, via tours with HYSO in Germany and the Czech Republic in 2022 and the upcoming Italy tour in 2024.

Rebecca Lee is a senior at the Harley School in Rochester. She studies violin with Professor Renée Jolles at Eastman and is a student in the Eastman Community Music School Pre-Collegiate Diploma Program (Violin). Recently, Becca won the 2023 Nico Toscano Competition sponsored by Cordancia Chamber Orchestra. An avid orchestral and chamber musician, Becca is the concertmistress for the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (RPYO) and has been selected for the 2023 NYSSMA All-State Orchestra. She was a member of the ECMS Scholarship Quartet that received the Best Ensemble Award at the Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music Competition in 2022. Also skilled in piano, Becca was the winner of the RPYO Concerto Competition, the Mildred and Julius Ness Award for Piano at the Rochester Philharmonic League Young Artist Auditions, the Jo Amish Young Artist Competition (Penfield Symphony Orchestra), and the Young Artist Competition (Geneseo Symphony Orchestra) in 2023. Alongside her parents and her brother, Noah, she is a member of the "Forget-Me-Not" family ensemble, which has staged more than 80 concerts for elders with memory issues in healthcare facilities.

Milo Anderson is a sophomore at Fairport High School. Since early childhood, Milo has enjoyed making music on piano and cello. As a student of Elier Suárez, Milo has been fortunate to receive an education that inspires and challenges him to be a better musician. Studying with Suárez, Milo has had the opportunity to play a wide range of repertoire and has been a top prize-winning pianist in several competitions, including the Vincent Lenti Piano Competition at the Eastman School and the Junior All-Star Piano Competition at Nazareth College. In addition to his classical studies, Milo enjoys performing in Fairport's Jazz Program. As a cellist, this is Milo's first year playing in the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra.

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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,500 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school’s historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

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