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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 upper-level high school students. The **2019 David Hochstein Recital Competition** winners are **Sam Reeder, clarinet**, student of Kenneth Grant, and **Andrew Guo, violin**, student of Renée Jolles. They will perform a free concert on **Friday, May 10 at 7:00 pm** in the Hochstein Performance Hall. The concert will be recorded for later broadcast on WXXI-FM Classical 91.5, and will be followed by a reception. ***See below for the winners' bios and a full calendar listing.***

In order to compete, these talented young musicians were required to prepare challenging music in varied styles and perform before juries of noted professional artists. Judges included: Marjorie Roth, flute; Alice Meyer, clarinet; Colleen Wolf, horn; Ellen Rathjen, violin; An-Chi Lin, violin; and Cora Swenson Lee, cello. Winners of the 2019 David Hochstein Recital Competition are honored for their achievement with a \$500 prize. The Hochstein School is proud to continue the legacy of its namesake by celebrating and encouraging these talented young musicians.

The 2019 David Hochstein Recital Competition is sponsored by Paul and Marie Nasipak, in memory of Shirley Oliver Nasipak.

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Sam Reeder of Pittsford is a senior at 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. Reeder has performed with the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, All-County and All-State Bands and 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. He currently performs with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Eastman Honors Wind Quintet. He also composes music and

plays piano and tenor saxophone. He plans to pursue degrees in clarinet performance and applied mathematics in college this fall.

Andrew Guo of Brighton, a sophomore at Brighton High School, began playing the violin when he was 8 years old and studies with Renée Jolles at the Eastman School of Music. In addition to being selected as the winner of the string division in the David Hochstein Recital Competition, Guo has been honored with a number of musical accolades, including a gold medal in the 2016 International Musicians' Performing Arts Cultural Troupe Young Soloists Competition, and 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, for which he was given the opportunity to perform as a guest soloist, and runner-up of the 2018 Genesee Symphony Young Artist Competition. This year, he received the Ruth and Sidney Salzman Award for Strings in the Rochester Philharmonic League Young Artist Competition. He is in a Hochstein piano trio – with cellist Jackie Hager and pianist Raymond Feng – that won the 2019 Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music Youth Chamber Music Competition and received the honor of performing alongside the world-renowned Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio. He is first violinist in the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and participates in the Seneca Summer Music Festival Orchestra.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein's vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

David Hochstein Recital Competition Concert

Friday, May 10, 2019; 7:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; free and open to the public; a reception follows the performance.

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