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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 **2023 David Hochstein Recital Competition** winners are **Lina Yang**, flute (Pittsford, Grade 11); **Catalina Wooldridge**, cello (Pultneyville, Grade 12); and **Lilah Costanzo**, piano (Hemlock, Grade 12). Winners of the 2023 David Hochstein Recital Competition are honored for their achievement with a \$500 prize.

The winners will also perform in concert on **Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm** in Hochstein Performance Hall. The program includes music by Franz Doppler, J.S. Bach, and Adolphus Hailstork, among others. 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: Jeanine Beahan, flute; Emily Hart, oboe; Ben David Aronson, trombone; Nancy Hunt, violin; Ellen Rathjen, violin; Tamari Gurevich, piano; and Gary Fisher, piano.

Additionally, the David Hochstein Recital Competition selected as runners-up: Allie Schultz, flute; Matthew Barry, piano; and Jeffrey Xue, piano. Honorable mention went to Lilah Costanzo, horn; Edward Wu, alto saxophone; Annaliese White, double bass; and Julian Chumacero, violin. The Hochstein School is proud to continue the legacy of its namesake by celebrating and encouraging these talented young musicians.

The 2023 David Hochstein Recital Competition is sponsored by Paul and Marie Nasipak, in memory of Shirley Oliver Nasipak.

Lina Yang, a junior at Pittsford Sutherland High School, first started flute at age 9, studying with Jan Angus and Hayley Grainger. She currently studies flute and piccolo with Sophia Gibbs Kim. She has participated in many ensembles, such as the ECMS Krusenstjerna Scholarship Flute Choir, various All-County and Area All-State bands and orchestras, and the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra, which toured Germany and the Czech Republic in 2022. Lina's other accomplishments include runner-up for the Rochester Philharmonic League's Young Artist Auditions 2023 Helen and George Greer Instrumental Award and selection into the 2022 New York Conference All-State Band on piccolo. She also plays in the Sutherland High School Wind Ensemble led by Heather Trapiss. Outside of music, Lina serves on her school's executive student council and her passions include STEM and traveling.

Catalina Wooldridge is a senior at Williamson Central High School. Catalina currently studies with Rosemary Elliott, Professor of Cello at Eastman School of Music. Catalina has recently won the Rochester Philharmonic League's Young Artist's Aldridge Tinker Scholarship and Grand Prize, along with coming in first place for the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition. She has been co-principal cellist of the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and won the RPYO Concerto Competition. She will perform as a soloist with the RPYO this May, along with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra this fall. Catalina also came in second place in the Gustav Mahler Cello Competition, with an additional award for interpretation of a composition by Ahmed Adnan Saygun. She has also been a runner up in the CNYMAT Instrumental Competition and recently was selected as a finalist in the broadcasting program From the Top.

Lilah Costanzo is a senior at Allendale Columbia School. She has been a piano student of Brian Preston for the past nine years. As a participant in the Jr. All-Stars Competition of the Greater Rochester Music Teachers Association, Lilah has won first and other prize recognition in all four age divisions. Lilah has earned three Gold Cup trophies through RPTG and she has been awarded plaques for top scores in the Leading Tones Division of the NYSMTA Student Achievement Program. A French horn player as well, Lilah is a member of the RPYO and has been selected for All-County, Area All-State, All-State, and All-Eastern honors ensembles. As a visual artist, she has recently been represented in the Nazareth College Shared Spaces Exhibition and the Through the Student Lens show at Image City Gallery. Next Year, Lilah will be a French horn performance major.

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

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4qOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?resourcekey=0-fqqftceHiuNfAXp1Ly0PFQ&usp=sharing>

Hochstein programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature.

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 3,000 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

David Hochstein Recital Competition Winners 2023

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