



**USOMC proudly presents**

**Thirty-Second Annual  
United States Open Music Competition  
Prize Winners' Concerts**

**Friday | February 23rd, 2024 | Concert 1 | 3:30PM - 6:30PM**

**Friday | February 23rd, 2024 | Concert 2 | 6:30PM - 9:00PM**

**Saturday | February 24th, 2024 | Concert 3 | 12:30PM - 3:30PM**

**Saturday | February 24th, 2024 | Concert 4 | 3:30PM - 5:30PM**

**Saturday | February 24th, 2024 | Concert 5 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM**

**Saturday | February 24th, 2024 | Concert 6 | 7:30PM - 9:00PM**

**Auditorium**

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge the following organizations and individuals for their tremendous help in the past as well as in this year's competition. We owe much of our success to them and want to express our sincere gratitude.

*The Oakland Inter-Stake Center (Mormon Temple of Oakland)* once again graciously accommodates us with the use of its facilities. We are grateful to Amy Taylor for her support of USOMC. We so appreciate being able to hold the Annual Competition in this beautiful setting of the Oakland hills.

*Steinway & Sons, with special thanks to Chrissy Huang*, for their steadfast support in providing nine impeccable Steinway Grands to USOMC since 2008. Their dedication has empowered countless young musicians to deliver their best performances. For this, we are truly grateful.

*The Samuel Tak Lee Charitable Foundation* offered an unprecedented monetary donation in memory of Dr. Billy Loo Sr. to perpetually support the operation of USOMC. We are awed by this gesture of love.

*Dr. Sean May* has been a faithful supporter, both physically and financially ever since 2013. We are indebted to him.

*The BWL Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund* was established in July 2016 to provide prizes for the Annual Master Classes.

We are especially grateful to *Drs. Shantha & Philip Ursell* for investing thirty years of their time as well as financial support. They have served as President, Board members for many years and are still enthusiastic supporters of USOMC.

*The USOMC Adjudicators*, enthusiastically support the competition by availing to us their time, expertise, talent and love of music, which together are phenomenal contributions to the competition. We are especially indebted to Dr. Scott Holden, who has been a long-time Adjudicator for USOMC. He will give a piano concert as the **2024 Featured Artist** as well as the presenter of the 2024 Master-Class on Sunday February 25th, 2024.

Thank you all!

The USOMC Board of Directors

# USOMC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION DONORS

**The Samuel Tak Lee Charitable Foundation  
(in memory of Dr. B.W. Loo Sr.) \$250,000**

**Dr. B.W. L. Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund – \$11,000**

**The Following are One-time \$1000 – 5000 Supporting-Donors  
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**Drs. Philip & Shantha Ursell \$2500**

**Jonathan Tsao \$700**

**Kimmy & Wing Tsao \$100**

**Michael Yang \$100**

**Timothy Zhou \$100**

\$6000 Total Scholarships will be awarded the best Outstanding Gold Medalists at the 2024 Prize Winners' Concerts (as decided by the Concert Adjudicators) from the Samuel Tak Lee Scholarship Foundation.

Winners and Alternates for the 2024 Master-Class, as recommended by the adjudicators of the Showcase Piano Solo Events and Dr. Scott Holden to participate in the Master-Class and to receive \$50/\$100 awards from the BWL Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Please Mark Your  
Calendars for the  
Tentative Dates for  
The 33rd Annual  
USOMC**

**February 17 - 23, 2025**

# **USOMC 2024 Prize Winners' Concert**

## **Master of Ceremony & Award Presenters**

### **Emcee for Prizewinners' Concerts Friday & Saturday – Ms. Angela Lui:**

Angela Lui is the Managing Director and Head of Business Development at Prytania Asset Management, a London-based structured credit specialist, responsible for new business opportunities and institutional distribution. Before joining Prytania, Angela was the Global Head of Business Development at Schultze Asset Management, a distressed securities and event-driven hedge fund. Prior to that, Angela held various roles focused on driving sales efforts, overseeing investor and consultant relations, and designing business initiatives to expand the client base at firms including Sibilla Capital, Autonomy Capital, and Malbec Partners, an alternatives investment management company owned by BNP Paribas Asset Management. Ms. Lui received a gold medal in the 2000 United States Open Music Competition for a piano duo. Ms. Lui sits on the Board of Governors at the National Arts Club, a major arts institution. Ms. Lui received a BSc Degree in Business Administration from the Walter Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley.

### **Award Presenter Friday 3:30 pm Concert No.1 – Ms. Katherine Dang:**

Chairman of the USOMC Board of Directors; teacher, author, conference speaker, educational consultant, founder and president of Philomath Foundation, a non-profit organization, with national and international educational outreach in Latin America.

### **Award Presenter Friday 3:30 pm Concert No.1 – Prof. Zai-Feng Chen:**

Yan Tai University Professor; Head of Academic Committee of the Music Department. Professor of Piano at the Central Conservatory of Music, and Adjunct Professor at the School of Arts, Jilin University. She is also the Director of the Global Elite Chinese Association for the promotion of relationships between China & Chinese overseas. Prof. Chen has been a key promoter of the USOMC in China and has been responsible for bringing numerous, talented students from various parts of China to the USOMC for the past twenty years..

**Award Presenter Friday 6:30 pm Concert No.2 – Ms. Chrissy Huang:**

Manager of Steinway & Sons, Los Altos – a strong advocate for the welfare of USOMC, she is responsible for bringing the best pianos – nine Steinway Concert Grands to the week-long US Open Music Competitions annually since 2008.

**Award Presenter Saturday 12:30 pm Concert No.3 – Dr. Sean May:**

M.D., FACP, FACG, Diplomat of American Board of Internal Medicine; Subspecialty Board of Gastroenterology; Added Qualification – Board in Geriatric Medicine; Fellow of American College of Physician and Fellow of American College of Gastroenterology. He is also an in-depth Bible Scholar

**Outstanding Gold Medalists Award Presenter – Dr. Jennie Lee:**

**Saturday 12:30 pm Concert No.3**

Dr. Jennie Lee received her Bachelor's degree from HK University. She was later awarded an honorary Doctorate from Ling Nan University in HK.

Dr. Jennie Lee and her late husband, Dr. Shiu Lee, have been long-time supporters of the USOMC. Thirty years ago, when we were struggling with finances, she visited

from Hong Kong, after hearing of our dilemma, being compassionate on education for young people, she wrote a check for \$5000 to support USOMC on the spot.

**Award Presenter Sat. 3:00 pm Concert No.4 – David Viera**

David Viera is currently serving as the Director of the Temple Hill Events Council at the Oakland Interstake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In this role, he helps to identify and bring cultural events, musical performances, performing arts, and visual arts to Temple Hill for attendees in the greater Bay Area and beyond. Prior to this service, he worked for more than three decades as a director of Corporate Communications for high-tech companies in the region.

**Award Presenter Sat. 5:30 pm Concert No.5 – Dr. Philip Ursell:**

**Award Presenter Sat. 7:30 pm Concert No.6 – Dr. Philip Ursell:**

Dr. Ursell, M.D., formerly professor of Pathology at UCSF. Dr. Ursell has been a continuous supporter of the USOMC. As a past president, he has served, together with his wife, Dr. Shantha Ursell, M.D., as directors of the board and have given of themselves freely both financially and physically for 30 years.

# **2024 Prize Winners' Concert**

**#4 (3:00PM | Saturday, February 24, 2024 | Auditorium)**

## **1. OPEN PIANO DUET CLASSICAL SENIOR**

Albert Lai & Cayden Croswhite

*Mozart: Allegro (1st Mvt.) fr. Sonata K.358 in B Major*

## **2. TREASURY OF CHINESE COMPOSERS INTERMEDIATE-SENIOR 2**

Jonathan Chen

*G. Xie: Etude in D Major*

## **3. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO INTERMEDIATE 2**

Sanyi Yao

## **4. TREASURY OF BAROQUE COMPOSERS SENIOR 1**

Kaitlyn Rim

*Bach: Sinfonia No. 4 in D Minor BWV 790*

## **5. TREASURY OF CLASSICAL COMPOSERS SENIOR 2**

Esther Chen

*Mozart: Allegro (1st Mvt.) from Sonata K.279 in C Major*

## **6. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO INTERMEDIATE 3**

Katelyn Deng

*Tchaikovsky: Theme and Variations from Six Pieces, Op. 19 #6*

## **7. TREASURY OF ROMANTIC COMPOSERS SENIOR 1**

Andy Ping

*R. Schumann: At Night Op.12 No.4*

## **8. TREASURY OF 20TH-21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS SENIOR**

Jovanny Shek

*N. Rota: Prelude No.7*



**9. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO INTERMEDIATE 4**

Ethan Li

*Chopin: Ballade #4, Op. 52 in F Minor*

**10. TREASURY OF USA COMPOSERS SENIOR**

Misha Uberoy

*A. Beach: A Hermit Thrush at Morn Op. 92 No. 2*

**11. SHOWCASE INSTRUMENTAL SOLO INTERMEDIATE 2**

Kayla Hwang

*Lalo: Allegro non troppo (1st mvt) fr. Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21  
accomp. Dr. Nathan Cheung*

**12. SHOWCASE SPECIAL PIANO SOLO**

Faye Gao

*Chaminade: L'ondine, Op. 101*

**13. OPEN PIANO DUET 20TH-21ST CENTURY  
INTERMEDIATE-SENIOR**

Angie Zou & Andrew Zou

*P. Przystaniak: (#7) Midnight-Bossa and (#11) Coffeeshop-Rag*

**14. TREASURY OF CLASSICAL COMPOSERS SENIOR 3**

Shihan Tang

*Mozart: Allegro (1st Mvt.) fr. Sonata K.284 in D Major*

**15. SHOWCASE PIANO DUET/ ENSEMBLE SENIOR**

Lori Chai & Kenny Li

*F. Schmitt: Heidelberg Waltz from Op.28*

**16. SHOWCASE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE INTERMEDIATE**

Claire Lin, Johanna Su, Jeff Lo, & Ethan Hu

*Yao Dance*

**17. SHOWCASE PIANO CONCERTO INTERMEDIATE**

Helen Wu

*Saint-Saëns: Allegro animato (1st mvt) fr. Concerto #5, Op.103 in F Major  
accomp. Dr. Nathan Cheung*

Order	Event Name	Prize	Contestant Name(s)
1	Open Piano Duet Classical Senior	1st	Albert Lai & Cayden Croswhite
		2nd	Sora Corro & Oliver Corro
		3rd	Arthur Tsagaan & Alex Tsagaan
		3rd	Isaac Huang & Elijah Huang
		4th	Patricia Yang & Naomi Yang
		4th	Rou Weng & Angie He
2	Chinese Intermediate-Senior - Grp 2	1st	Jonathan Chen
		2nd	Ruize Roger Xiao
		3rd	Aidric Lin
		3rd	Zoe Wang
		4th	Kexin Zhu
		4th	Xilai Luo
3	Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate - Grp 2	1st	Sanyi Yao
		2nd	Rachel Tat
		2nd	Vera Lew
		3rd	Derek Zhang
		3rd	Irene fu
		3rd	Neeleen May Zarrabi
		4th	Sultona Payman
		4th	Vivian Liao
4	Baroque Senior - Grp 1	1st	Kaitlyn Rim
		2nd	Edward Fu
		3rd	Danica Huang
		3rd	Julia Matveyev
		3rd	Rhoy Xu
		4th	Hanyun Huang

5	Classical Senior - Grp 2	1st	Esther Chen
		2nd	Elia Rainbow Hong
		2nd	David He
		3rd	Hongrui Ma
		3rd	Jonathan Xu
		4th	Marvin Chen
		4th	Clara Chen
6	Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate - Grp 3	1st	Katelyn Deng
		2nd	Jiayu Song
		2nd	Karen Matsui
		3rd	Emma Wang
		3rd	Chloe Ding
		3rd	Jonathan Szeto
		4th	Aidan Kwon
		4th	Shreya Jog
7	Romantic Senior - Grp 1	1st	Andy Ping
		2nd	Chloe Zhu
		2nd	Sydney Majaya
		2nd	Russel Wang
		3rd	Alexander Xie
		3rd	Logan Chung
		4th	Katheryn Wang
		4th	Naomi Yang

8	20th-21st Century Senior	1st	Jovanny Shek
		2nd	Ryan Zhang
		2nd	Avni Sriram
		2nd	Ryan Lee
		2nd	Daniel Wu
		3rd	Leo Sun
		3rd	Maximus Choi
		3rd	Samantha Pan
		3rd	Jason Huang
		4th	Hongrui Ma
		4th	Angie Zou
		4th	Muran Zhang
		4th	Elizabeth Ying
9	Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate - Grp 4	1st	Ethan Li
		2nd	Olivia Luan
		3rd	Leo Tsai
		3rd	Zichen Qin
		4th	Mason Shu
		4th	Nathan Kim
10	USA Senior	1st	Misha Uberoy
		2nd	Karina Shi
		3rd	Helen Yan
		4th	Natalie Chung

11	Showcase Instrumental Solo Intermediate - Grp 2	1st	Kayla Hwang
		2nd	Aiden Kim
		2nd	Sebastian Tsai
		3rd	Jina Han
		3rd	Huixin Shi
		4th	Luke Jeffers
		4th	Vivien Chen
		4th	Udo Funke
12	Showcase Special Piano Solo	1st	Faye Gao
13	Open Piano Duet 20th-21st Century Intermediate-Senior	1st	Angie Zou & Andrew Zou
		2nd	Sora Corro & Hiroshi Corro
		3rd	Ruiyan Zhu & Gavin Griffin
		4th	Mason Deng & Spencer Deng
		4th	Harper Yang & Reagan Yang
		4th	Jianing Han & Victorine Wang
14	Classical Senior - Grp 3	1st	Shihan Tang
		2nd	Zichen Qin
		3rd	Nina Xue
		3rd	Rhoy Xu
		4th	Josie Cheuk
15	Showcase Piano Duet/ Ensemble Senior	1st	Lori Chai & Kenny Li
		2nd	Ruoshu Chen & Cong Li
		3rd	Ethan Dinh & Gordon Dinh
		4th	Vanessa Seah & Talus Leong

16	Showcase Instrumental Ensemble Intermediate	1st	Claire Lin, Johanna Su, Jeff Lo, & Ethan Hu
		2nd	Ethan Goh, Felicia Lin, Jeremy Tung, & Brendt Pyo
		3rd	Ethan Chen, Elizabeth Tran, & Nathan Wen Wang
17	Showcase Piano Concert Intermediate	1st	Helen Wu
		2nd	Vivian Nguyen
		3rd	Alexander Ma
		3rd	Nathan Cheung
		4th	Brian Zhou
		4th	Sora Corro
18	Sight-Reading Piano Solo Senior	1st	Emma Sophia Lam
		2nd	Naomi Yeo
		3rd	Make Cai
		4th	Lori Chai