

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

The Oakland Inter-Stake Center of
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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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. Sean & Katharine May \$2000

Drs. Philip & Shantha Ursell \$2500

Jonathan Tsao \$700

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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

#5 (5:30PM | Saturday, February 24, 2024 | Auditorium)

1. OPEN DUET ROMANTIC SENIOR

Naomi Yeo & Enoch Yeo

S. Rachmaninoff: Scherzo Op. 11 No. 2

2. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO SENIOR 1

Gloria Ma

Rachmaninoff: Etude-Tableaux, Op. 39 #5 in Eb Minor

3. TREASURY OF BAROQUE COMPOSERS SENIOR 2

Ryan Zhang

Bach: Sinfonia No. 6 in E Major BWV 792

4. TREASURY OF CLASSICAL COMPOSERS SENIOR 4

Karen Matsui

Mozart: Allegro Assai (1st Mvt.) from Sonata K.280 in F Major

5. TREASURY OF ROMANTIC COMPOSERS SENIOR 2

Albert Du

Chopin: Op.10 No 6 in Eb Minor

6. TREASURY OF USA COMPOSERS ADVANCED

Karen Matsui

S. Barber: Excursion Op. 20 No. 3

7. SHOWCASE INSTRUMENTAL DUET SENIOR

Luna Yang & Lucas Yang

Ivan Trevino: Catching Shadows

8. OPEN OWN COMPOSITION

Wilson Chen

Devoid

9. TREASURY OF 20TH-21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS

ADVANCED 1

Zixian Huang

F. Poulenc: Nocturne No. 7

10. TREASURY OF BAROQUE ADVANCED 1

Xiaoyue Lai

Bach: Prelude and Fugue Bk.1 No. 16 in G Minor BWV 861

11. TREASURY OF CLASSICAL COMPOSERS

ADVANCED 1

Andy Ping

Beethoven: Andante (2nd Mvt.) from Sonata Op. 28 in D Minor

12. TREASURY OF ROMANTIC COMPOSERS

ADVANCED 1

Gloria Ma

Chopin: Op.10 No.2 in A Minor

13. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO SENIOR 2

Kairui Sun

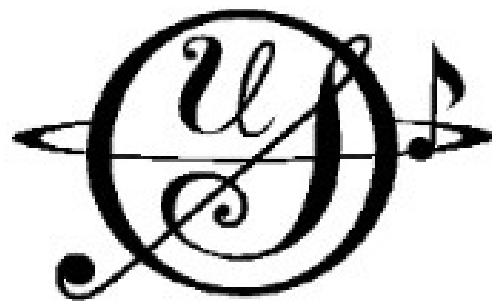
Arno Babajanyan: Vagharshapat Dance

14. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO CONCERTO SENIOR

Vivian Kao

*Saint-Saëns: Andante Sostenuto (1st mvt) fr. Concerto #2, Op. 22
in G Minor*

accomp. Dr. Nai-yu Chen



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Order	Event Name	Prize	Contestant Name(s)
1	Open Duet Romantic Senior	1st	Naomi Yeo & Enoch Yeo
		2nd	Helen Wu & Alexander Ma
		2nd	Michael Yang & Adrian Chuang
		3rd	Lori Chai & Kenny Li
		3rd	Dustin Chih & Chelsea Hu
		3rd	Stephanie Hong & Angela Shao
		4th	Natalie Yuen & Rikita Shah
2	Showcase Piano Solo Senior 1	1st	Gloria Ma
		2nd	Oliver Corro
		3rd	James Tsaggaris
		3rd	Maanasi Keralapura
		3rd	Xiaoyue Lai
		4th	Amanda Kim
		4th	Jacky Zeng
		4th	Nicole Yin
3	Baroque Senior - Grp 2	1st	Ryan Zhang
		2nd	Melody Song
		3rd	Lucas Yang
		3rd	Vanessa Lo
		4th	Mason Chang
		4th	Sophia Tobler
4	Classical Senior - Grp 4	1st	Karen Matsui
		2nd	Victor Dai
		2nd	Elvin Hu
		2nd	Luoyan Lin
		2nd	Xinle Jin
		3rd	Amber Wang
		3rd	Eric Liu
		4th	Amy Lufei

5	Romantic Senior - Grp 2	1st	Albert Du
		2nd	Nathan Cheung
		2nd	Rachel Tat
		3rd	Kirk Kang
		4th	Adwita Ram
		4th	Charles Gardela
		4th	Gordon Li
		4th	Michael Yang
6	USA Advanced	1st	Karen Matsui
		2nd	Michael Yang
		2nd	Nathan Xu
		3rd	Yixin Xu
		4th	Albert Du
		4th	Neeleen May Zarrabi
7	Showcase Instrumental Duet Senior	1st	Luna Yang & Lucas Yang
		2nd	Ethan Chen & Madelyn Chen
		2nd	Oliver Corro & Cara Wang
		3rd	Dionne Wong & Lauren Gonzales
		3rd	Isaac Hsiung & Brayden Hugh Fung
		4th	Timothy Chung & Jason Guo
8	Open Own Composition	1st	Wilson Chen
		2nd	Karen Matsui
		2nd	Marvin Chen
		3rd	Vaivasvat Ramesh
		3rd	Maxwell Akash Tuteja
		3rd	Jason Huang
		4th	Aaron Chai
		4th	Hayden Pan

9	20th-21st Century Composers Advanced - Grp 1	1st	Zixian Huang
		2nd	Nathan Xu
		3rd	Zenryu
		4th	Mihir Mandlekar
		4th	Steven Jiang
10	Baroque Advanced - Grp 1	1st	Lucas Xu
		2nd	Andy Ping
		2nd	Zachary Jecha
		3rd	Ravelio Prasetya
		3rd	Theodore Chu
		4th	Janelle Bai
		4th	Ming-Mei Sun
		4th	Naomi Yang
11	Classical Advanced - Grp 1	1st	Andy Ping
		2nd	Ishan Mysore
		2nd	Ravelio Prasetya
		2nd	Caden Li
		3rd	Jessi Lin
		3rd	James Nabighian
		4th	Ethan Du
12	Romantic Advanced - Grp 1	1st	Gloria Ma
		2nd	James Tsaggaris
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		3rd	Olivia Luan
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13	Showcase Piano Solo Senior 2	1st	Kairui Sun
		2nd	Make Cai
		2nd	Michael Yang
		3rd	Momo Okubo
		4th	Anthony Wang
		4th	Janelle Bai
		4th	Josh Zilberman
		4th	Nimay Shankar
		4th	Steven Jiang
14	Showcase Piano Concerto Senior	1st	Vivian Kao
		2nd	Alexander Xie
		2nd	Emma Sophia Lam
		3rd	Caleb Matthew Santiago
		3rd	Oliver Corro
		4th	Ritik Raman
		4th	Eleanor Yu
15	Sight-Reading Piano Duets	1st	Emma Sophia Lam & Evan Thomas Lam
		2nd	Chenxi Ning & Derek Tang
		3rd	Ruize Roger Xiao & Matthew Loo
		4th	Chloe Lin & Aidric Lin