



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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Prizewinners' Concerts:

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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

#6 (7:30PM | Saturday, February 24, 2024 | Auditorium)

1. SHOWCASE PIANO DUO/ ENSEMBLE SENIOR

Sora Corro & Oliver Corro

Rachmaninoff: Tarantella from Suite No. 2

2. SHOWCASE INSTRUMENTAL SOLO SENIOR

Esther Kim

Georges Hüe: Fantaisie

accomp. Dmitiry Cogan

3. TREASURY OF BAROQUE COMPOSERS ADVANCED 2

Alexandr Anisimov

Bach: Prelude and Fugue Bk.1 No. 9 in E Major BWV 854

4. TREASURY OF CLASSICAL COMPOSERS ADVANCED 2

Oliver Corro

*Beethoven: Presto agitato (3rd Mvt.) fr. Sonata Op. 27, No. 2 in C#
Major*

5. TREASURY OF ROMANTIC COMPOSERS ADVANCED 2

Leo Tsai

Chopin: Op.10 No.9 in F Minor

6. TREASURY OF 20TH-21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS ADVANCED 2

Vivian Nguyen

F. Poulenc: Nocturne No. 1

7. OPEN PIANO DUET ADVANCED COMBINED

Bo Rwei Lin & Sih Yu Lin

Moritz Moszkowski Italy, Op. 23 No. 5

8. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO SENIOR 3

Anika Bhandarkar

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

9. TREASURY OF BAROQUE COMPOSERS ADVANCED 3

Lucas Trinh

Bach: Prelude and Fugue Bk.1 No. 9 in E Major BWV 854

10. TREASURY OF CLASSICAL COMPOSERS ADVANCED 3

Alexandr Anisimov

*Beethoven: Presto agitato (3rd Mvt.) fr. Sonata Op. 27, No. 2
in C# Major*

11. SHOWCASE PIANO SOLO ADVANCED

Kunying He

12. SHOWCASE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE SENIOR

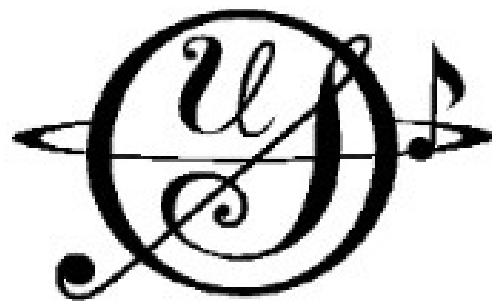
Zedric Wong, Yanqi Gao, & Vivian Nguyen

Shostakovich: Piano Trio #1, Op. 8 in C Minor

13. USOMC COMPLETE PIANO CONCERTO

Katelyn Deng

*Liszt: Concerto #2, S. 125 in A Major
accomp. Dr. Naiy-yu Chen*



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Order	Event Name	Prize	Contestant Name(s)
1	Showcase Piano Duo Senior	1st	Sora Corro & Hiroshi Corro
		2nd	Emma Sophia Lam & Evan Thomas Lam
		3rd	Ryan Wong & Vivian Nguyen
		4th	Qia Zhang & Brenna Ren
		4th	Eric Koh & Katie Koh
		4th	Felix Zhang & Ananya Mahadevan
2	Showcase Instrumental Solo Senior	1st	Esther Kim
		2nd	Connor Chin
		2nd	Claire Law
		3rd	Jui-Yuan Chen
		3rd	Peter Yoon
		3rd	An Po Chen
		4th	Arissa Lee
		4th	Brandon Wang
3	Baroque Advanced - Grp 2	1st	Alexandr Anisimov
		2nd	Katherine Yoo
		2nd	Ellie Choi
		3rd	Hyunbin Seo
		3rd	Zihan Zhou
		4th	Claire Xiao
		4th	Ellen Hao
		4th	Olivia Hung

4	Classical Advanced - Grp 2	1st	Oliver Corro
		2nd	Eleanor Yu
		2nd	Ryan Lee
		2nd	Xinlei Yuan
		3rd	Ritik Raman
		4th	Evan Wang
		4th	Waddah Chehadeh
5	Romantic Advanced - Grp 2	1st	Leo Tsai
		2nd	Sora Corro
		3rd	Elijah Guan
		4th	Kexin Zhu
		4th	Kayla Tan
6	20th-21st Century Advanced - Grp 2	1st	Vivian Nguyen
		2nd	Luca Song
		2nd	Evan Pai
		3rd	Bokun Zhao
		3rd	Annabel Yeoh
		3rd	Ruiyan Zhu
		4th	Ishan Mysore
		4th	Erica Enrile
7	Open Piano Duet Advanced Combined	1st	Bo Ruei Lin & Sih Yu Lin
		2nd	Kean Tong & Midori Masuda
		2nd	Jennifer Yang & Michael Yang
		3rd	Jocelyn Wang & Catherine Yang

8	Showcase Piano Solo Senior - Grp 3	1st	Anika Bhandarkar
		2nd	Annika Gho
		3rd	Jason Huang
		3rd	Michelle Dong
		3rd	Zoey Chen
		4th	Romil Bhatt
		4th	Caleb Matthew Santiago
9	Baroque Advanced - Grp 3	1st	Lucas Trinh
		2nd	Jocelyn Wang
		3rd	Katheryn Wang
		3rd	Ruiyan Zhu
		3rd	Kevin Tan
		3rd	Kyle Vanngo
10	Classical Advanced - Grp 3	1st	Alexandr Anisimov
		2nd	Geoffrey Dong
		2nd	Vaibhav Satishkumar
		2nd	Ryan Chen
		3rd	Tairan Liu
		3rd	Elijah Guan
		3rd	Adeline Shen
		4th	Aaron Liao
		4th	Aaron Zhang

11	Showcase Piano Solo Advanced	1st	Kunying He
		2nd	Zixuan Fan
		3rd	Peixin Yang
		4th	Maxwell Akash Tuteja
		4th	Ruoshu Chen
12	Showcase Instrumental Ensemble Senior	1st	Zedric Wong, Yanqi Gao, & Vivian Nguyen
		2nd	Oliver Corro, Haidi Lim, & Cara Wang
		3rd	Claire Yang, Kyle Chen, & Vera Lin
		3rd	Jui-Yuan Chen, Karen Yu-Kee Chang, & Nelson Ma
		4th	Olivia Asselin, Angelica Asselin, & Ari Nemet
		4th	Sungmin Lee, Claire Kim, & Ashlyn Choi
13	USOMC Complete Piano Concerto	1st	Katelyn Deng
		2nd	Aidan Kwon
		2nd	Ryan Modafe
		3rd	Ishan Mysore
		4th	Ryan Cheung
		4th	Evan Thomas Lam
		4th	Thompson Li