

**U.S.O.M.C. proudly presents  
Thirty-Fourth Annual**



**United States Open Music Competition  
Prize Winners' Concerts**

**Featuring First Place Winners of 121 Events**

**Fri. | February 20th , 2026 CONCERT 1 | 11:30 – 2:00PM**

**Fri. | February 20th , 2026 CONCERT 2 | 2:30 – 5:00PM**

**Sat. | February 21st , 2026 CONCERT 3 | 9:00 – 11:00AM**

**Sat. | February 21st , 2026 CONCERT 4 | 11:30 – 1:30PM**

**Sat. | February 21st , 2026 CONCERT 5 | 1:30 – 3:30PM**

**Auditorium, The Oakland Inter-Stake Center of  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
4770 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602**

**USOMC 2026 OFFICERS AND STAFFS:**

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**Sherry Hou, Chih-Long Hu, Grace Hwang, Fantee Jones, Philip Jung,**

**Hanzheng Li, Chen Liang, Lingwen Luo, Diane Maltester, Melinda**

**Lee Masur, Tyler Ramos, Jeffrey Sykes, Dale Tsang, Shi-Hwa Wang,**

**Yu-Jane Yang, Yuhan Yeh, Emery Yu, Shichao Zhang**

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**Sight-Reading Composer: Jonathan Tsao**  
**Videographer: Chris Cotter, Fidelity Audio Visual**  
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**We are indebted to many individuals and corporate representatives who support the United States Open Music Competition with their time, talents, and resources. We are grateful to our patrons and sponsors for their continuous support and generosity, and to all the volunteers who have donated their time and efforts to our music program.**

**The USOMC Board is made up of extremely dedicated music lovers. Every board member labors without remuneration. All money received, whether from entry fees or donations go directly to the program.**

**If you would like to learn more about our non-profit music organization or how to become more involved, please feel free to contact us. There are numerous ways you can support the USOMC and help to promote the love of classical music education in future generations. Your participation is very important to us and all the contestants who enter our annual event.**  
**PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS in our Program or volunteering to help during the annual competition will certainly be helpful. We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you personally.**

## 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 so appreciate being able to hold the USOMC in this beautiful setting of the Oakland hills. We are grateful for the support of Amy Taylor. Steinway & Sons provided us with the very best artist pianos available. Special thanks to Chrissy Huang, who serves as an advisor to our board, and works tirelessly year after year sending these pianos on time and in perfect working condition.

The Samuel Tak Lee Charitable Foundation who has 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.

The Billy Loo Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established since July 2016 by friends and families of Dr. Billy Loo Sr.

The Scholarship Foundation Donors: Among them, Drs. Sean & Katherine May faithfully supported the USOMC physically and financially every year since 2013. We are especially grateful to Drs. Shantha & Philip Ursell for investing more than thirty years of their

time as well as financial support. They worked as President and all positions as Directors of the Board. They are about to leave the Bay Area; to be close to their adorable grandson, we will miss them sorely. And will cherish all that they have done for USOMC. May God bless them and their dear families.

The USOMC Adjudicators, enthusiastically support the competition by availing us their time, expertise, talent and love of music, which together are phenomenal contributions to the competition. Steinway & Sons have kindly sponsored the USOMC for more than 15 years.

**Thank you all!**  
**The USOMC Board of Directors**

Riyaan	Sangesapu	2nd
Ava	Xing	3rd
Leona	Qi	3rd
Muya	Xu	3rd
Paul	Kim	3rd
Aiden	Wong	4th

### 35. Showcase Piano Concerto Elementary

Maggie	Wu	1st
Ellie	Yoon	2nd
Caden	Chan	3rd
Kevin	Huang	3rd
East	Reyes	4th
Jemma	Jin	4th
Olivia	Deng	4th

### 36. Sight-Reading Piano Solo Prep & Elementary

An	Pham	1st
Harper	Huang	2nd
Phoebe	Liu	3rd
Alan	Guo	4th
Justin	Wang	4th

## USOMC 2026 Prize Winners' Concerts

EMCEE – for the Prize Winners' Concerts: Angela Lui

### Award Presenters:

#### Friday 11:30 AM Concert – Mr. Andre Herring:

Presently serving as the Temple Hill Communication Director for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In this role, he oversees and directs all the efforts to bring cultural events, musical performances and other performing arts to Temple Hill. When not serving on Temple Hill, Andre works as a business executive for a real estate investment company.

#### Friday 2:30 PM Concert – Dr. Sean S. 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; Fellow of American College of Gastroenterology.

#### Friday 2:30 PM Concert – Ms. Chrissy Huang:

Manager of Steinway & Sons, Los Altos, California. A strong advocate for the welfare of USOMC; she is responsible for bringing the best pianos – nine Concert Grands to the US Open Music Competitions for all these years.

#### Saturday 9:00 AM Concert – Ms. Katherine Dang: Chairman,

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

#### Saturday 11:30 AM Concert – Mrs. Maria Herring:

Serving together with her husband, as the Temple Hill Communication Directors for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When not serving on Temple Hill, Maria works as an accountant and also a piano teacher.

#### Saturday 1:30 PM Concert – Mr. Joel Wong:

Since retiring as a scientist and engineer from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Joel Wong has dedicated his expertise to empowering the Asian American community. He has served on the national boards of APAPA, NAAUnited, and Silicon Valley Community Media. Besides being excellent in Academics, Music, and Arts, Asian Americans need to speak up and be leaders of our community. In his latest leadership role, Joel is serving as the Chair of the Judges for the Asian American Stories Video Contest. This year's theme, "Coming to America" invites creators to share their unique journeys and perspectives. For information, please visit <https://aastories.org/aboutaas>

Amelia	Zhang	3rd
Eric	He	3rd
Evelyn	Liu	3rd
Parth	Sreenivasa	3rd
August	Ding	4th
Elsa	Wu	4th
Joya	Zhu	4th
Julian	Cao	4th

### 32. Treasury of Classical Composers Junior Group 2

Nathan	Cao	1st
Adelyn	Miao	2nd
Henry	Hsu	2nd
Fangyu	Chen	3rd
Muya	Xu	3rd
Ahona	Hossain	4th
Jay	Zhou	4th
Thomas	Shen	4th

### 33. Treasury of Romantic Composers Junior Group 3

Evan	Lei	1st
Clayton	Tang	2nd
Muchen	Yao	2nd
Nikolay	Mikhaylov	2nd
Elton	Zhang	3rd
Jocelyn	Lu	3rd
Luna	Dai	3rd
Riyaan	Sangesapu	3rd
David	Kim	4th
Evelyn	Yao	4th
Jeffrey	Liu	4th

### 34. Treasury 20th-21st Century Composers Junior Group 2

Clayton	Tang	1st
Elsa	Xu	2nd
Hailey	Wang	2nd

Claire	Zhao	3rd
Evelyn	Chen	3rd
Amelia	Zhang	4th
Ari	Yan	4th
Elara	Wheeler	4th

### 28. Open Duet Baroque Junior

Andrew Xue & Eleanor Xue	1st
Hannah Wang & Hanry Wang	2nd
Leyna Butterfield & Nolan Butterfield	3rd
Maria Treadwell-Golovko & Sophia Treadwell-Golovko	4th

### 29. Showcase Piano Solo Preparatory

Jasper	Hu	1st
Evelyn	Hua	2nd
Hailey	Wang	2nd
Hannah	Zhang	2nd
Ellery	Lung	3rd
Zhongyu	Luo	3rd
Carly	Cheung	4th

### 30. Treasury of Romantic Junior Group 2

Isabelle	Ma	1st
Ryan	Yu	2nd
William	Wang	2nd
Elaine	Lai	3rd
Sherry	Hu	3rd
Adelyn	Miao	4th
Katherine	Li	4th
Luoyi	Li	4th

### 31. Treasury of Baroque Junior Group 2

Soma	Leblanc	1st
Lawrence	Yan	2nd
Muchen	Xu	2nd
Ryan	Li	2nd
Alina	Zhou	3rd



## 2026 USOMC Gold Medalists' Program

**1: Michelle Zhang & Patrick Zhang**  
**Open Duet Baroque Elementary:**  
**J.S. Bach - J. Tsao: Menuet in G Minor, BWV 115**

**2: Aaron Wang**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Elementary Group 1**  
**Mier: Misty Night Blues**

**3: Alyssa Wu**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Elementary Group 1**  
**Burgmuller: Op. 100 No. 2, Arabesque**

**4: Edward Wu**  
**Open Solo 1A**  
**A. Tansman: A Little Song**

**5: Aria Ji**  
**Open Solo 1B**  
**A. Tansman: Folk Dance**

**6: Jasmin Lee**  
**Open Solo 1C**  
**D. Kraehenbuehl: Whistlin' Tune**

**7: Megan Mo**  
**Open Solo 1D**  
**A. Tcherepnin: Joy and Tears**

**8: Mason Lyu & Zachary Zhu**  
**Open Duet Classical Elementary**  
**Diabelli: Melodische Übungsstücke: Op. 149 No. 6**

**9: Chloe Wu**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Elementary Group 2**  
**Mier: Misty Night Blues**

**10: Evelyn Chen**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Elementary Group 2**  
**Burgmuller: Op. 100 No. 7, The Clear Stream**

**11: Ivan Lin**  
**Open Solo 2A**  
**CPE Bach: Polonaise in G Minor Anh 125**

**12: Yunkai Feng**  
**Open Solo 2B Group 1**  
**M. Clementi: Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36 No. 1, III. Vivace**

**13: Joanne Lin**  
**Open Solo 2C Group 1**  
**C. Gurlitt: Through Forest and Field**

**14: Phoebe Lee**  
**Open Solo 2D Group 1**  
**D. Kabalevsky: The Clown In A Minor**

**15: Hailey Murata**  
**Preparatory Instrumental Pedagogy**  
**Kriesler: Sicilienne & Rigaudon**

**16: Katelyn Lee & Timothy Lee**  
**Open Duet Contemporary Elementary**  
**Anton Bruckner: Andante in G Major, No. 1 WAB 124**

**17: Luna Dai**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Elementary Group 3**  
**Burgmuller: Op. 100 No. 2, Arabesque**

### 23. Treasury of Romantic Composers Elementary Group 4

Hannah	Huang	1st
Alden	Lee	2nd
Youshi	Sun	2nd
Caroline	Wu	3rd
Megan	Mo	3rd
Cynthia	Li	4th
Matthew	Zeng	4th

### 24. Treasury of Baroque Composers Junior Group 1

Elsa	Xu	1st
Adeline	Zhuang	2nd
Hailey	Wang	2nd
Chelsea	Chen	3rd
Melody	Li	3rd
Aditi	Sukumar	4th
Clara	Wang	4th
Louis	Cremel	4th

### 25. Treasury of Classical Composers Junior Group 1

Patrick	Liu	1st
Aadhya	Kashyap	2nd
Albert	Huang	2nd
Tristan	Ma	2nd
Ashley	Xing	3rd
Ivan	Hwang	3rd
Darrin	Zhong	4th
James	Vippa	4th
Lawrence	Yan	4th
Russell	He	4th

### 26. Treasury of Romantic Composers Junior Group 1

Alex	Pan	1st
Evelyn	Liu	2nd
Isaac	Hua	2nd
Andrew	Xue	3rd

Esther	Aguilar-González	4th
Riyaan	Sangesapu	4th

19. Open Solo 2C Group 2

Ethan	Zhong	1st
Aidan	Li	2nd
Paris	Hu	2nd
Carol	Mei	3rd
Constance	Li	3rd
Genevieve	Wong	4th
Kaylee	Ho	4th

20. Open Solo 2D Group 2

Ethan	Zhong	1st
Aiden	Li	2nd
Orion	Wei	2nd
Melody	Li	3rd
Jasper	Zhao	4th
Kevin	Situ	4th

21. Open Duet Romantic Elementary

Aliya Zhai & Elina Zhai	1st
Clara Wang & Melinda Wang	2nd
Alexander Zhu & Emily Zhu	3rd
Amelia Lin & Joanne Lin	3rd
Lawrence Chen & Lewis Chen	3rd
Alexander Wang & Muchen Xu	4th

22. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers  
Elementary Group 3

Hailey	Wang	1st
Andre	Huang	2nd
Benjamin	Li	2nd
Aidan	Li	3rd
Charlotte	Lin	3rd
Amy	Conner	4th
Katelyn	Lee	4th

**18: James Vippa**  
**Open Solo 2B Group 2**  
**M. Clementi: Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36 No. 1, III. Vivace**

**19: Ethan Zhong**  
**Open Solo; 2C Group 2**  
**C. Gurlitt: Through Forest and Field**

**20: Ethan Zhong**  
**Open Solo; 2D Group 2**  
**D. Kabalevsky: The Clown In A Minor**

**21: Aliya Zhai & Elina Zhai**  
**Open Duet Romantic Elementary**  
**Schumann: Op. 85 #8 Reigen. Circle Dance**

**22: Hailey Wang**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers; Elementary Group 3**  
**Mier: Wild Honeysuckle Rag**

**23: Hannah Huang**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Elementary Group 4**  
**Burgmuller: Op. 100 #7 The Clear Stream**

**24: Elsa Xu**  
**The Treasury of Baroque Composers Junior Group 1**  
**CPE Bach: March in D Major Anh 122**

**25: Patrick Liu**  
**The Treasury of Classical Composers Junior Group 1**  
**Haydn: Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI: 10 Minuet**

**26: Alex Pan**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Junior Group 1**  
**Schumann: Op. 68 #18, The Reaper's Song**

**27: Amy Kang**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Junior Group 1**  
**Barber: Petite Berceuse**

**28: Andrew Xue & Eleanor Xue**  
**Open Duet Baroque Junior**  
**J.S. Bach - J. Tsao: Menuet in D Minor, BWV 132**

**29: Jasper Hu**  
**Showcase Piano Solo Preparatory**  
**Kabalevsky: Gray Day Variations Op. 51 No. 3**

**30: Isabelle Ma**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Junior Group 2**  
**Schumann: Op. 68 #10, The Happy Farmer**

**31: Soma Leblanc**  
**The Treasury of Baroque Composers Junior Group 2**  
**J.S. Bach: March in Eb Major Anh 127**

**32: Nathan Cao**  
**The Treasury of Classical Composers Junior Group 2**  
**Haydn: Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI: 10 Minuet**

**33: Evan Lei**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Junior Group 3**  
**Schumann: Op. 68 #10, The Happy Farmer**

**34: Clayton Tang**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Junior Group 2**  
**Kabalevsky: A Short Story, Op. 39 #22**

**35: Maggie Wu**  
**Showcase Piano Concerto Elementary**  
**Haydn: Concerto No. 11 in D Major, Hob. XVIII/11 I. Vivace**

Yunkai	Feng	3rd
Alston	Bai	4th
Isaac	Hua	4th
Jeffrey	Liu	4th
Paul	Kim	4th
Sophie	Deng	4th

#### 15. Preparatory Instrumental Pedagogy

Hailey	Murata	1st
Summer	Han	2nd
Cecylia	Xue	3rd
Elynn	Hu	3rd
Coco	Wang	4th
Jordan	Pham	4th

#### 16. Open Duet Contemporary Elementary

Katelyn Lee & Timothy Lee	1st
Elijah Huang & Ether Huang	2nd
Patrick Liu & Phoebe Liu	2nd
Amanda Fang & Aria Fang	3rd
Clara Wang & Melinda Wang	3rd
Elsa Wu & Ethan Pham	3rd

#### 17. Treasury of Romantic Composers Elementary Group 3

Luna	Dai	1st
Skylar	Han	2nd
Varad	Nagurkar	2nd
Kaitlyn	Lo	3rd
Lindsey	Li	3rd
Carol	Mei	4th
Justin	Wang	4th

#### 18. Open Solo 2B Group 2

James	Vippa	1st
Bellamy	Wang	2nd
Ethan	Zhong	2nd
Albert	Liu	3rd
Melody	Li	3rd

Ryan Li 4th

### 11. Open Solo 2A

Ivan Lin 1st  
Brian Gao 2nd  
Claire Zhang 2nd  
Ivan Hwang 3rd  
Kenny Diep 3rd  
Charles Liu 4th  
Hannah Zhang 4th

### 12. Open Solo 2B Group 1

Yunkai Feng 1st  
Albert Hsu 2nd  
Alyssa Wu 2nd  
Constance Li 3rd  
Frank Zhou 3rd  
Samuel Feng 3rd  
Justin Zhao 4th  
Ari Yan 4th

### 13. Open Solo 2C Group 1

Joanne Lin 1st  
Evelyn Chen 2nd  
Isaac Wang 2nd  
Richard Jiang 3rd  
Varad Nagurkar 3rd  
Erdem Inan 4th  
Samuel Feng 4th

### 14. Open Solo 2D Group 1

Phoebe Lee 1st  
Soma Leblanc 2nd  
Tiffany Wang 2nd  
Ashley Xing 3rd  
Constance Li 3rd  
Eric Ren 3rd  
Penelope Lam 3rd

**36: James Li, Stuthi Jaladanki & Nelson Ma**  
**Showcase Instrumental Ensemble Senior**  
**Glinka: Trio Pathétique I. Allegro moderato II. Scherzo. Vivacissimo**

**37: An Pham**  
**Sight-Reading Piano Solo Prep & Elementary**

### USOMC Winners' List:

#### 1. Open Duet Baroque Elementary

Michelle Zhang & Patrick Zhang 1st  
Aliya Zhai & Elina Zhai 2nd  
Grace Zhang & Isaac Wang 3rd  
Elsa Wu & Tansy Xie 4th

#### 2. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers; Elementary Group 1

Aaron Wang 1st  
Ryan Kim 2nd  
Charles Kim 3rd  
Justin Zhao 3rd  
Tim Zhai 3rd  
Charlie Lin 4th  
Alvin Ng 4th  
Chelsea Chen 4th  
Clara Wang 4th

#### 3. Treasury of Romantic Composers; Elementary Group 1

Alyssa Wu 1st  
Hailey Wang 2nd  
Phoebe Lee 2nd  
Albert Lian 3rd  
Charlie Lin 3rd  
Evelynn Huang 3rd  
Reyna Huang 3rd  
Aaron Ahn 4th  
Christina Zheng 4th  
Eric He 4th

#### 4. Open Solo 1A

Edward	Wu	1st
Aria	Ji	2nd
Aria	Inan	3rd
Evelynn	Huang	3rd
Jason	Ma	3rd
Melinda	Wang	3rd
Oliver	Cheung	3rd
Yutian	Hou	3rd
Chenxin	Zhang	4th
Claire	Guan	4th
Hannah	Huang	4th

#### 5. Open Solo 1B

Aria	Ji	1st
Victoria	Chen	2nd
Alice	Qu	3rd
Allena	Bai	3rd
Charlotte	Lin	3rd
Grace	Zhang	3rd
Lawrence	Chen	3rd
Luke	Yu	3rd
Megan	Mo	3rd
Phoebe	Liu	3rd
Amelia	Lin	4th
Constance	Kong	4th

#### 6. Open Solo 1C

Jasmin	Lee	1st
Evelynn	Huang	2nd
Rachel	Long	2nd
Luke	Yu	3rd
Aria	Ji	4th
Grace	Zhang	4th

#### 7. Open Solo 1D

Megan	Mo	1st
Jason	Ma	2nd
Timothy	Lee	2nd
Grace	Zhang	3rd
Phoebe	Liu	3rd
Luke	Yu	4th
Victoria	Chen	4th

#### 8. Open Duet Classical Elementary

Mason Lyu & Zachary Zhu	1st
Alexander Du & Anna Zhou	2nd
Charlie Lin & Ivan Lin	3rd
Kyle Huang & Shania Fong	3rd
Alexander Wang & Muchen Xu	4th

#### 9. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers

##### Elementary Group 2

Chloe	Wu	1st
Allison	Chan	2nd
Haoning	Ma	2nd
Isaac	Hua	2nd
Frank	Zhou	3rd
Landyn	Zhou	3rd
Alissa	Bykova	4th
Ethan	Huang	4th
Richard	Jiang	4th

#### 10. Treasury of Romantic Composers

##### Elementary Group 2

Evelyn	Chen	1st
Aidan	Li	2nd
Cindy	Peng	2nd
Ethan	Huang	2nd
Esther	Aguilar-González	3rd
Olivia	Jiang	3rd
Serenity	Su-Liang	3rd
Haoning	Ma	4th