

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

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**Sight-Reading Composer: Jonathan Tsao**  
**Videographer: Chris Cotter, Fidelity Audio Visual**  
**USOMC Music Library Curator: Ariana Yu**

**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.**

Caden Chan & Megan Fang 4th

26. Showcase Piano Solo Junior Group 1

Elena	Chen	1st
Emily	Liao	2nd
Owen	Zhuang	2nd
Shannon	Yang	2nd
Keonha	Jeon	3rd
Savannah	Luo	3rd
Charlotte	Mar	4th
Cheryl	Chen	4th
Elliot	Li	4th
Louis	Nguyen	4th
Olivia	Li	4th

27. Showcase Piano Concerto Junior

Cayden	Croswhite	1st
Evelyn	Huang	2nd
Jonathan	Chen	2nd
Aiden	Shim	3rd
Yuexuan(Suzy)	Xu	3rd
CatKhue	Tran	4th
Vanessa	Lo	4th

28. Sight-Reading Piano Solo Junior

Shuxian	Ding	1st
Chloe	Lin	2nd
Alvin	Zang	3rd
Vivian	J. Yao	3rd
Lucas	Li	4th
Ryan	Kuang	4th

# Acknowledgments

## 22. Showcase Instrumental Solo Junior

Anna	Li	1st
Alexander	Huang	2nd
Mizlki	Lee	2nd
Nana	Ng	3rd
Yang-Jui (Ray)	Hsu	3rd
Annie	Wang	4th
Sophia	Zheng	4th

## 23. Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 3

Kyle	Tai	1st
Ivan	Lin	2nd
Madeleine	Liu	2nd
Ava	Xing	3rd
Lynsey	Qu	3rd
Renee	Shelar	3rd
Sara	Chen	3rd
Alice	Wu	4th
Arianna	Cao	4th
Kate	Jeong	4th
Luna	Dai	4th

## 24. Treasury of Romantic Composers Intermediate Group 2

Steven	Yang	1st
Adelyn	Xu	2nd
Ada	Pan	3rd
Alison	Antognini	4th
April	Lian	4th
Jingsheng	Wang	4th
Jiya	Agarwal	4th
Melody	Jiang	4th

## 25. Showcase Piano Ensemble Junior

Evan Zhang & Jonathan Guo	1st
Elina Zhai & Edith Chen	2nd
Valentina Hsu & Alvin Zang	3rd
Jaina Zhou & Erin Chu	4th

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**

## 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>

#### 19. Treasury of Romantic Composers Intermediate Group 1

Caroline	Chen	1st
Aaron	Chen	2nd
Jason	Yin	2nd
Ryan	Cai	2nd
Hailey	Wang	3rd
Jeremy	Lee	3rd
Amanda	Fang	4th
Bella-Sofia	Andrews	4th
Caden	Harper	4th
Catherlyn	Yu	4th

#### 20. Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 2

Christopher	Zhang	1st
Ryan	Cai	2nd
Scarlett	Zhang	2nd
Jianing	Han	3rd
Olivia	Bi	3rd
Vera	Tung	3rd
Christopher	Inoo Jung	4th
Riley	Chung	4th
Scarlett	Mu	4th
Winston	Fan	4th

#### 21. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Intermediate Group 2

Barak	Yang	1st
Alyssa	Chan	2nd
Bradley	Cai	2nd
Will	Huang	2nd
Ethan	Xi	3rd
Jahnavi	Naren	3rd
Joshua	Lin	4th
Shaurya	Singhal	4th
Sonya	Kristola	4th



## 2026 USOMC Gold Medalists' Program

### 15. Showcase Piano Solo Elementary Group 2

Yingying	Chen	1st
Aishe	Jao	2nd
Skyler	Ng	2nd
Lefei	Gao	3rd
Bella-Sofia	Andrews	4th
Yichen	Guo	4th

### 16. Open Duet Romantic Junior

Elina Zhai & Andrew Xue	1st
Hengyi Hao & Vivian Zhang	2nd
Evelyn Liu & Madeliene Liu	3rd
Caroline Zhu & Ryan Chen	3rd
Hannah Huang & Harper Huang	3rd
Winston Fan & Ethan Fan	4th

### 17. Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 1

Caroline	Chen	1st
Corailiz	Chan	2nd
David	Drewery	3rd
Ethan	Lu	3rd
Micah	Cai	3rd
Ash	Liang	4th
Claire	Han	4th
Duolan	Wang	4th
Jasper	Yang	4th

### 18. Treasury of Baroque Composers Intermediate Group 1

Valentina	Hsu	1st
Shannon	Yang	2nd
William	Chang	2nd
Andrew	Xue	3rd
Ryan	Cai	3rd
Diora	Silin	4th
Doris	Wang	4th
Elizabeth	Zhu	4th

**1: Anne Xuzhao & Katherine Xuzhao**

**Open Duet Classical Junior**

**Czerny: Sonatina Op. 156 #1 (I. Allegro moderato or III. Allegro)**

**2: Jason Yin**

**The Treasury of Romantic Composers; Junior Group 4**

**Schumann: Op. 68 #20, Rustic Song**

**3: Elaine Lai**

**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers; Junior Group 3**

**Barber: Petite Berceuse**

**4: Rex Xavier Ambatali**

**Showcase Piano Solo Elementary Group 1**

**Mozart: Sonata in F Major, K. 280 I. Allegro assai**

**5: Leona Qi**

**Open Solo 3A & 3D**

**Bach, Polonaise in G Minor Anh 123**

**6: Andy Zhang**

**Open Solo 3B Group 1**

**Beethoven, Sonatina in F Major Anh 5 II. Rondo-Allegro**

**7: Scarlett Zhang**

**Open Solo 3C Group 1**

**Elmenreich: Spinning Song in F Major**

**8: Henyi Hao & Vivian Zhang**  
**Open Duet Contemporary Junior**  
**Sousa (arr. J. Sandy): The Washington Post (Hooked on Easy Piano Duets - Publisher: Mayfair Montgomery Publishing p. 60)**

**9: Zoe Strathman**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Junior Group 5**  
**Glinka: Trio Pathétique I. Allegro moderato II. Scherzo. Vivacissimo**

**10: Arianna Cao**  
**Open Solo 3B Group 2**  
**Beethoven, Sonatina in F Major Anh 5 II. Rondo-Allegro**

**11: Kyle Tai**  
**Open Solo 3C Group 2**  
**Elmenreich: Spinning Song in F Major**

**12: Edward Wang**  
**Showcase Special Piano Solo**  
**Cannon In D**

**13: Marko Andonov**  
**Showcase Instrumental Solo Elementary**  
**Seitz: Concerto No. 3 in G Minor Op.12 I. Allegro risoluto**

**14: Aiden Li**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Junior Group 4**  
**Barber: Petite Berceuse**

**15: Yingying Chen**  
**Showcase Piano Solo Elementary Group 2**  
**Bernstein: 5 Birds**

**16: Andrew Xue & Elina Zhai**  
**Open Duet Romantic Junior**  
**Romantic Junior: Schumann Op. 85 #8 Reigen. Circle Dance**

Zurie Yee 4th

11. Open Solo 3C Group 2  
Kyle Tai 1st  
Harper Huang 2nd  
Jason Lu 2nd  
Charlotte Park 3rd  
Ivan Lin 3rd  
Jemma Jin 3rd  
Eric Ren 4th  
Sophia Loo 4th  
Zehao Tian 4th  
Zoe Yu 4th

12. Showcase Special Piano Solo  
Edward Wang 2nd

13. Showcase Instrumental Solo Elementary  
Marko Andonov 1st  
Hannah Lou 2nd  
Ling Zhong 2nd  
Isabella Xu 3rd  
Zoe Farh 3rd  
Emma Hu 4th  
Katie Wang 4th  
Mark Hu 4th

14. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Junior Group 4  
Aiden Li 1st  
Eesha Matham 2nd  
Teresa Zhao 2nd  
Tristan Ma 2nd  
Julian Cao 3rd  
Lawrence Lee 3rd  
Nikolay Mikhaylov 3rd  
Youshi Sun 3rd  
Duolan Wang 4th  
Luoyi Li 4th

Kyle Tai 4th

7. Open Solo 3C Group 1

Scarlett	Zhang	1st
Aiden	Wong	2nd
Lynsey	Qu	2nd
Katelyn	Lee	3rd
Claire	Shi	3rd
Ethan	Zhong	3rd
Supreet	Boodannavar	4th
Victoria	Yang	4th

8. Open Duet Contemporary Junior

Vivian Zhang & Hengyi Hao	1st
Brianna Y. Situ & Kevin Situ	2nd
Zurie Yee & Zenryu Yee	2nd
Brianna Hu & Brian Hu	2nd
Hannah Huang & Harper Huang	3rd
Hannah Zhang & Melody Li	3rd
Alexander Zhu & Emily Zhu	3rd
Bennett Liu & Brandon Liu	4th

9. Treasury of Romantic Junior Group 5

Zoe	Strathman	1st
Ethan	Tang	2nd
Olivia	Zhu	2nd
Adrian	Huynh	3rd
Colin	Tam	3rd
Adeleine	Gong	4th
Christina	Zheng	4th

10. Open Solo 3B Group 2

Arianna	Cao	1st
Charles	Zhou	2nd
Evelyn	Liu	2nd
Aaron	Chen	3rd
Alexander	Zhu	3rd

**17: Caroline Chen**  
**The Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 1**  
**Kuhlau: Sonatina in A Major, Op. 59 #1 II. Rondo: Allegro scherzando**

**18: Valentina Hsu**  
**The Treasury of Baroque Composers Intermediate Group 1**  
**Handel: Suite in G Major, HWV 441 Allegro**

**19: Caroline Chen**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Intermediate Group 1**  
**Chopin: Prelude Op. 28 #4**

**20: Hannah Zhang**  
**The Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 2**  
**Kuhlau: Sonatina in C Major, Op. 20 #1 I. Allegro**

**21: Barak Yang**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Intermediate Group 1**  
**Gershwin: Prelude #17 (Melody)**

**22: Anna Li**  
**Showcase Instrumental Solo Junior**  
**Sarasate: Habanera**

**23: Kyle Tai**  
**The Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 3**  
**Kuhlau: Sonatina in D Major, Op. 55 #5 II. Vivace assai**

**24: Steven Yang**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Intermediate Group 2**  
**Chopin: Prelude Op. 28 #6**

**25: Evan Zhang & Jonathan Guo**  
**Showcase Piano Ensemble Junior**  
**Saint-Saëns: Le Carnaval des animaux: V. Elephant and VII. Aquarium**

**26: Elena Chen**  
**Showcase Piano Solo Junior Group 1**  
**Rachmaninoff: Valse in A Major, Op. 10 No. 2**

**27: Cayden Croswhite**  
**Showcase Piano Concerto - One Movement Junior**  
**Beethoven: Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37 III. Rondo - Allegro**

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

**29: Shuxian Ding**  
**Showcase Sight-Reading Solo Junior**

### **USOMC Winners' List:**

#### 1. Open Duet Classical Junior

Anne Xuzhao & Katherine Xuzhao	1st
Adelyn Xu & Scarlett Mu	2nd
Frank Zhou & Ivan Lin	3rd
Ethan Fan & Winston Fan	4th
Kyle Huang & Riley Chung	4th

#### 2. Treasury of Romantic Composers Junior Group 4

Jason	Yin	1st
Vivian	Zhang	2nd
Chen	Shen	3rd
Harvey	Chang	3rd
Norah	Zhang	3rd
Sarah	Zhao	3rd
Jessica	Li	4th
Aiden	Li	4th
Aiden	Li	4th
Stephanie	Ko	4th

#### 3. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Junior Group 3

Elaine	Lai	1st
Celina	Yang	2nd
Ian	Luo	2nd
Ryan	Yu	2nd
Ethan	Tang	3rd
Tiffany	Wang	3rd
Lefei	Gao	4th
Thomas	Shen	4th
Zoe	Strathman	4th

#### 4. Showcase Piano Solo Elementary Group 1

Rex	Xavier Ambatali	1st
Elina	Zhai	2nd
William	Zhang	2nd
Allison	Chan	3rd
Olivia	Zhu	3rd
Andy	Zhang	4th
Maggie	Wu	4th
Shawn	Guo	4th

#### 5. Open Solo 3A & 3D Combined

Leona	Qi	1st
Max	Chai	2nd
Nathan	Cao	2nd
Alston	Bai	3rd
Alex	Pan	3rd
Norah	Zhang	4th
Charles	Liu	4th
Louis	Cremel	4th

#### 6. Open Solo 3B Group 1

Andy	Zhang	1st
Audrey	Wang	2nd
Charles	Liu	2nd
Leona	Qi	3rd
Elva	Wang	4th