

**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**  
**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.**

Benjamin	Yang	4th
Ella	Chow	4th
Nikolai	Bryant	4th
Rhoy	Xu	4th
23. Showcase Sight-Reading Solo Senior		
Zenryu	Yee	1st
Nathan	Wang	2nd
Lucian	Lao	3rd
Annie	Li	4th

## 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**

## 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>

Devyn	Jin	3rd
Wilton	Kim	3rd
Alyssa	Chan	4th
Jessie	Jin	4th

#### 19. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Senior Group 1

Anokhi	Kaushik	1st
Ethan	Du	2nd
Julian	Zhu	2nd
Elina	Zhai	3rd
Ishaan	Ramachandran	3rd
Jeremy	Yeoh	3rd
Jiya	Agarwal	4th
Sahil	Patel	4th

#### 20. Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate Group 3

Hiroshi	Corro	1st
Phabian	Parra	2nd
Sophia	Tobler	2nd
Madison	Tedja	3rd
Norwin	Wang	3rd
Ethan	Du	4th
Grace	Xie	4th
Will	Huang	4th

#### 21. Showcase Instrumental Solo Intermediate Group 2

Lucy	Wang	1st
Léopoldine	Breard	2nd
Olivia	Chen	2nd
Jia	Park	3rd
Jisoo	Park	4th
Vivien	Chen	4th

#### 22. Showcase Piano Concerto Intermediate

Elijah	Chang	1st
Paxton	Radityo	2nd
Claire	Jin	3rd
Hiroshi	Corro	3rd
Mark	Liu	3rd

Elvin	Hu	4th
Stelly	Fong	4th

16. The Treasury of Baroque Composers Senior Group 1

Claire	Truong	1st
Caroline	Chen	2nd
Emma	Li	2nd
Charlotte	Hendrey	3rd
Darren	Huang	3rd
Elizabeth	Xing	3rd
Jason	Yu	3rd
Anokhi	Kaushik	4th
Caroline	Guan	4th
Charlotte	Chow	4th
Claire	Jung	4th
Elliott	Bi	4th
Paige	Chow	4th

17. The Treasury of Classical Composers Senior Group 1

Cayden	Croswhite	1st
Evelyn	Huang	2nd
Sarah	Li	2nd
Gareth	Lee	3rd
Helena	Muhan Qin	3rd
Savannah	Luo	3rd
Yelena	Tesch	3rd
Caroline	Chen	4th
Chris	Rong	4th
Jahnavi	Naren	4th
Young	Lu	4th

18. The Treasury of Romantic Composers Senior Group 1

Andy	Ping	1st
Anne	Li	2nd
Karina	Arutyunov	2nd
Rylee	Huang	2nd
Terry	Sun	2nd
Ash	Liang	3rd



## 2026 USOMC Gold Medalists' Program

**1: Austin Lin & Ryker Gao**  
**Open Duet Romantic Intermediate**  
**Schubert: Marche Militaire, Op. 51 #1, D. 733**

**2: Pegasus Hao**  
**Showcase Piano Solo Junior Group 2**  
**Mendelssohn: Fantasy on "The Last Rose of Summer" Op. 15**

**3: Yingying Chen**  
**The Treasury of Baroque Composers Intermediate Group 2**  
**Handel: Suite in G Minor, HWV 432 Allegro**

**4: Jaina Zhou**  
**The Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 4**  
**Kuhlau: Sonatina in C Major, Op. 55 # 6 I. Allegro maestoso**

**5: Jasper Ye**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Intermediate Group 3**  
**Chopin: Prelude Op. 28 #4**

**6: Brandon Casella**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Intermediate Group 2**  
**Gershwin: Prelude #3**

**7: Angela Zheng & Haochang Zheng**  
**Open Duet Contemporary Intermediate**  
**Amy Beach: Summer Dreams, Op. 47 #1, The Brownies**

**8: Yicen Wang****Showcase Instrumental Solo Intermediate Group 1****Sarasate: Introduction & Tarantella****9: Paxton Radityo****Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate Group 1****Mozart: Sonata in A Minor, K. 310 I. Allegro maestoso****10: Lawrence Lee****The Treasury of Baroque Composers Intermediate Group 3****Handel: Suite in G Minor, HWV 432 Allegro****11: Kevin Huang****The Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 5****Kuhlau: Sonatina in C Major, Op. 20 #1 III. Rondo: Allegro****12: Jonathan Guo****The Treasury of Romantic Composers Intermediate Group 4****Chopin: Prelude Op. 28 #6****13: Jingsheng Wang****The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Intermediate Group 3****Gershwin: Prelude (Sleepless Night)****14: Amber Chen****Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate Group 2****Grunfeld: Soiree de Vienne****15: Claire Truong****The Treasury of Baroque Composers Senior Group 1****Scarlatti: Sonata in D Major, K. 430 (L. 463)****16: Cayden Croswhite****The Treasury of Classical Composers Senior Group 1****Haydn: Sonata in Eb Major, Hob. XVI: 52 I. Allegro****12. The Treasury of Romantic Composers Intermediate Group 4**

Jonathan	Guo	1st
Erin	Chu	2nd
Ishani	Dasgupta	2nd
Jovelio	Prasetya	2nd
Anokhi	Kaushik	3rd
Zayden	Wang	3rd
Callan	Wang	4th

**13. The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Intermediate Group 3**

Jingsheng	Wang	1st
Alyssa	Ackalloor	2nd
Esther	Lim	2nd
Grace	Cao	2nd
Muchen	Yao	2nd
Isabella	Xu	3rd
Kayden	Liu	3rd
Samantha	Pan	3rd
Cynthia	Wu	4th
Liesel	Radityo	4th
Sarah	Dailey	4th

**14. Showcase Piano Ensemble; Intermediate**

Aidric Lin & Chloe Lin	1st
Hiroshi Corro & Sora Corro	2nd
Alex Wu & Oth Nakashima	3rd
Mina Uberoy & Misha Uberoy	3rd
Elizabeth Zhu & Sophia Loo	4th

**15. Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate Group 2**

Amber	Chen	1st
Grace	Cao	2nd
Adelyn	Park	3rd
Ryan	Miller	3rd
Terence	Heng	3rd
Aiden	Liu	4th
Chloe	Zhu	4th

Emilie	Deng	4th
Olivia	Ramirez	4th

9. Showcase Piano Solo Intermediate Group 1

Paxton	Radityo	1st
Nikolai	Bryant	2nd
Amelia	Kahwaty	3rd
Matthew	Sihotang	3rd
Tony	Chen	3rd
Aiden	Shim	4th
Gilbert	Fei	4th
Zachary	Jecha	4th

10. Treasury of Baroque Composers Intermediate Group 3

Lawrence	Lee	1st
Brian	Hu	2nd
Evan	Zhang	2nd
Jovelio	Prasetya	2nd
Alan	Guo	3rd
Ange	Zou	3rd
Jane	Cheng	3rd
Ryan	Kuang	3rd
Clayton	Tang	4th
Olivia	Chang	4th
Shang-Qing	Shen	4th

11. Treasury of Classical Composers Intermediate Group 5

Kevin	Huang	1st
Catherine	Hu	2nd
Evan	Lei	2nd
William	Zhang	2nd
Ava	Du	3rd
Ruolin	Zhang	3rd
Ethan	Cao	4th
Evelyn	Yao	4th
Priscilla	Liu	4th
Zion	Lee	4th

**18: Andy Ping**  
**The Treasury of Romantic Composers Senior Group 1**  
**Schubert: Impromptu Op. 142 #3**

**19: Anokhi Kaushik**  
**The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Senior Group 1**  
**Kabalevsky: Prelude and Fugue Op. 61 #5**

**20: Hiroshi Corro**  
**Showcase Piano Solo; Intermediate Group 3**  
**Muczynski: Six Preludes, Op. 6**

**21: Lucy Wang**  
**Showcase Instrumental Solo; Intermediate Group 2**  
**Bach: Violin Sonata No. 1, BWV 1001- Presto**

**22: Elijah Chang**  
**Showcase Piano Concerto Intermediate**  
**Chopin: Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11 I. Allegro maestoso**

**23: Zenryu Yee**  
**Showcase Sight-Reading Solo; Senior**

**USOMC Winners' List:**

1. Open Duet Romantic intermediate		
Austin Lin & Ryker Gao		1st
Zihan (Anna) Yang & Zizhen(Amber) Yang		2nd
Chris Yan & Ryan Liu		3rd
Dustin Chih & Kelly Shih		4th

2. Showcase Piano Solo; Junior Group 2		
Pegasus	Hao	1st
Caden	Chan	2nd
Aiden	Pham	3rd
Austin	Lin	3rd
Valentina	Hsu	3rd

Dominik	Nagy	3rd
Lillian	Yu	4th
Amy	Zhang	4th

### 3. The Treasury of Baroque Composers; Intermediate Group 2

Yingying	Chen	1st
Hailey	Wang	2nd
Young	Lu	2nd
Evelyn	Percival	3rd
Mayu	Koenig	3rd
Scarlett	Zhang	3rd
Alison	Antognini	4th
Chloe	Liu	4th
Jade	Guo	4th

### 4. The Treasury of Classical Composers; Intermediate Group 4

Jaina	Zhou	1st
Evelyn	Ma	2nd
Ishani	Dasgupta	2nd
Maxwell	Xu	2nd
Ange	Zou	3rd
Ariel	Chau	3rd
David	Kim	3rd
Teresa	Zhao	3rd
Audrey	Li	4th
Kabir	Kulkarni	4th
Lecian	Tseng	4th
Tina	Kawai	4th

### 5. The Treasury of Romantic Composers; Intermediate Group 3

Jasper	Ye	1st
Elaine	Wang	2nd
Leon	Fang	2nd
Dujia	Ding	3rd
Ella	Wang	3rd
Julian	Zhang	3rd
Julian	Zhu	4th
Omar	Payman	4th
Shuhan	Zhu	4th

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

Brandon	Casella	1st
Jeremy	Lee	2nd
Adeline	Shen	3rd
Emma	Li	3rd
Emily	Liao	4th
Mina	Uberoy	4th
Prisha	Pulastya	4th
Victoria	Yang	4th

### 7. Open Duet Contemporary Intermediate

Angela Zheng & Haocheng Zheng	1st
Emily Lee & Linda Liu	2nd
Oscar Wong & Sora Corro	2nd
Ethan Huang & Stelly Fong	3rd
Paul Kim & David Kim	3rd
Albert Feng & Khoi Nguyen	4th
Selina Xu & Caroline Guan	4th

### 8. Showcase Instrumental Solo Intermediate Group 1

Yicen	Wang	1st
Braden	Wang	2nd
William	Hill	2nd
Denise	Li	3rd
Nikhil	Mantramurti	3rd