

**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**

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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.

17. Sight-Reading Piano Duet Intermediate & Senior Combined	
Ravelio Prasteya & Marvin Chen	1st
Kenny Li & Chenxi Ning	2nd
Aidric Lin & Chloe Lin	3rd
Elizabeth Zhu & Sophia Loo	4th

Acknowledgments

Maggie	Sun	3rd
Lucas	Tsui	4th
Ethan	Printz	4th

13. The Treasury of Baroque Composers Senior Group 4

Caroline	Van Giang Chu	1st
Arshbir	Nival	2nd
Derek	Tang	2nd
Iris	Chou	2nd
Brianna	Y. Situ	3rd
Grace	Tang	3rd
Jayden	Teoh	4th
Kenny	Li	4th

14. The Treasury of Romantic Composers Senior Group 4

Arjun	Bhate	1st
Shuxian	Ding	2nd
Elise	Kim	3rd
Emma	Li	3rd
Jasmine	Ge	3rd
Severine	Seravo	3rd
Ryan	Zhang	4th
Savannah	Luo	4th

15. Showcase Piano Concerto Senior

Helen	Chen	1st
Kairui	Sun	2nd
Albert	Du	3rd
Vivian	Wu	3rd
Annika	Gho	4th
Ishan	Mysore	4th

16. Showcase Instrumental Ensemble Intermediate

Danielle Chang, Kaitlyn Wang, & Catkhue Tran	1st
Maria Chung, Jamie Lee, Seyon Ahn, & Elif Yenelmez	2nd
Lydia Zhang, Carolina Unson, & Elliot Leung	2nd

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>

9. The Treasury of Baroque Composers Senior Group 3

Elizabeth	Xing	1st
Arjun	Bhate	2nd
Evelyn	Ma	2nd
Khoi	Nguyen	3rd
Norwin	Wang	3rd
Alicia	Wu	4th
Bryan	Hu	4th
Mina	Uberoy	4th

10. The Treasury of Classical Composers Senior Group 3

Vivian	J. Yao	1st
Devyn	Jin	2nd
Emma	Li	2nd
Kelly	Shih	2nd
Sana	Dalmia	3rd
Siddharth	Shastry	3rd
Wilson	Liao	3rd
Nicholas	Lin	4th
Elijah	Chen	4th
Karina	Shi	4th
Rhoy	Xu	4th

11. The Treasury of Romantic Composers Senior Group 3

Shannon	Yang	1st
Kirk	Kang	2nd
Olyvia	Mroczek	2nd
Jeremy	Yeoh	3rd
Sophia	Sun	4th
Grace	Xie	4th

12. Showcase Piano Solo; Senior Group 2

Sora	Corro	1st
Emily	Fang	2nd
Emma	Dong	3rd
Kentaro	Schirmer	3rd
Leonel	Larrimore-Zuno	3rd

Julian	Zhu	4th
5. The Treasury of Romantic Composers Senior Group 2		
Elvin	Hu	1st
Gilbert	Fei	2nd
Isabella	Xu	3rd
Brian	Yu	4th
Sarah	Dailey	4th
Steven	Shu	4th

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

Bo	Ruei Lin	1st
Aidric	Lin	2nd
Samantha	Pan	2nd
Shujun	Han	2nd
Diane	Jung	3rd
Steven	Shu	3rd
Derek	Tang	4th
Ryan	Chen	4th

7. Showcase Instrumental Duet Intermediate and Senior Combined

Cara Wang & Sora Corro	1st
Gavin Dudgeon & Emily Fang	2nd
Justin Chen & Derick Shu	2nd
Lauren Gonzales & Hannah Gonzales	3rd
Lucian Lao & Nora Lao	4th

8. Showcase Piano Solo Senior Group 1

Harluki	Lee	1st
Andy	Ping	2nd
HaoYuan	Zhang	2nd
Devyn	Jin	3rd
Gareth	Lee	3rd
Annie	Li	4th
Felix	Zhang	4th
Nelson	Ma	4th



2026 USOMC Gold Medalists' Program

1: Katheryn Wang, Jocelyn Wang, Steven Shu, & Catherine Yang
Showcase Piano Ensemble; Senior
Mendelssohn: Hebrides Overture Op. 26

2: Dominik Nagy
Showcase Own Piano Composition; Intermediate
The Nightmare

3: Audrey Wang
The Treasury of Baroque Composers; Senior Group 2
Scarlatti: Sonata in D Major, K. 430 (L. 463)

4: Angela Zheng
The Treasury of Classical Composers; Senior Group 2
Haydn: Sonata in Eb Major, Hob. XVI: 52 II. Adagio

5: Elvin Hu
The Treasury of Romantic Composers; Senior Group 2
Schubert: Impromptu Op. 90 #4

6: Bo Ruei Lin
The Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers; Senior Group 2
Kabalevsky: Prelude and Fugue Op. 61 #6

7: Harluki Lee
Showcase Piano Solo; Senior Group 1
Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet, Montagues and Capulets

8: Elizabeth Xing
The Treasury of Baroque Composers; Senior Group 3
Scarlatti: Sonata in D Major, K. 430 (L. 463)

USOMC Winners' List:

9: Vivian J. Yao
The Treasury of Classical Composers; Senior Group 3
Haydn: Sonata in E Minor, Hob. XVI: 34 III. Finale: Molto vivace

10: Shannon Yang
The Treasury of Romantic Composers; Senior Group 3
Schubert: Impromptu Op. 90 #2

11: Cara Wang & Sora Corro
Showcase Instrumental Duet Intermediate & Senior
Debussy: Sonata for Cello and Piano D Minor I. Prologue III. Finale

12: Sora Corro
Showcase Piano Solo; Senior Group 2
Bach: Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, Book 2

13: Caroline Van Giang Chu
Treasury of Baroque Composers; Senior Group 4
Scarlatti: Sonata in C Major, K. 159 (L. 104)

14: Arjun Bhate
The Treasury of Romantic Composers; Senior Group 4
Schubert: Impromptu Op. 90 #2

15: Helen Chen
Showcase Piano Concerto; Senior
Rachmaninoff: Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18 I. Moderato

16: Danielle Chang, CatKhue Tran, & Kaitlyn Wang
Showcase Instrumental Ensemble; Intermediate
Haydn: Piano Trio No. 39 in G Major, Op. 82, No. 2 I. Andante

17: Marvin Chen & Ravelio Prasetya
Showcase Sight-Reading Duet; Intermediate/Senior combined

1. Showcase Piano Ensemble Senior		
Catherine Yang, Jocelyn Wang, Katheryn Wang, & Steven Shu		1st
Andy Liang, Anna Liang		3rd
Jasmine Chen & Melissa Chen		3rd
2. Showcase Own Piano Composition Intermediate		
Dominik	Nagy	1st
Aaron	Chai	2nd
Ishaan	Ramachandran	2rd
Marvin	Chen	3rd
Maxwell	Gan	3rd
Siddharth	Revo	3rd
3. The Treasury of Baroque Composers Senior Group 2		
Audrey	Wang	1st
Elise	Kim	2nd
Vivian	J. Yao	2nd
Chloe	Lin	3rd
Devyn	Jin	3rd
Melody	Ding	3rd
Aarya	Singh	4th
Amber	Deng	4th
Harper	Huang	4th
4. The Treasury of Classical Composers Senior Group 2		
Angela	Zheng	1st
Aiden	Pham	2nd
Claire	Truong	2nd
Edith	Chen	2nd
Jonathan	Guo	3rd
Natalie	Chung	3rd
CatKhue	Tran	4th
Clarissa	Tick	4th