

**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.

Acknowledgments

Claire Lin, Ethan Hu, & Ethan Chu 3rd
Claire Yang, Siddharth Harish, Meagan Wang,
Renee Li, & Sora Corro 3rd
Victorine Wang, Christine Wang, & Jianing Han 4th
Thaneesha Murali, Nikhil Mantramurti, & Sidney
Wang 4th

14. Showcase Special Solo Amateur
Jonathan Chu, Software Engineer at Amazon 1st
Xiangtian Li, Software Engineer at Pony.ai 2nd
Joohee Kim, Hardware Engineer at Rambus 3rd
John Chen, Ophthalmology at Kaiser 3rd
Yevgeny Khasin, Hardware Engineer at Intel 4th

15. Showcase Piano Solo Advanced Group 2
Sydney Majaya 1st
Ishan Mysore 2nd
Angelina Chen 3rd
Vivian Wu 3rd
Mihir Shankar 4th
Nathan Kim 4th
Adwita Ram 4th

16. Complete Piano Concerto
William Chen 1st
Oto Nakashima 2nd
Vivian Nguyen 3rd
Albert Du 3rd
Marvin Chen 4th

17. Sight-Reading Solo Advanced
Terry Sun 1st
Grace Tang 2nd
Mihir Mandlekar 3rd
Kenny Li 4th
Victor Chen 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>

Elvin	Hu	2nd
Ethan	Jeong	2nd
Ming-Mei	Sun	3rd
Alexandr	Anisimov	3rd
Shuxian	Ding	4th
Xiyan	Xue	4th
Sophie	Deng	4th
Camille	Quinard	4th

10. Treasury of Classical Composers Advanced Group 2

Ethan	Zhen	1st
Sydney	Majaya	2nd
Wilton	Kim	2nd
Katie	Lee	3rd
Joanna	Gao	4th
Aaron	Liao	4th

11. Treasury of Romantic Composers Advanced Group 2

Hiroshi	Corro	1st
Bo-Ruei	Lin	2nd
Matthew	Sihotang	2nd
Elliot	Ahn	3rd
Logan	Chung	4th

12. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Advanced Group 2

Elliot	Ahn	1st
Maggie	Sun	2nd
Yixin	Xu	2nd
Emily	Lew	3rd
Elizabeth	Nguyen	3rd
Zixian	Huang	4th

13. Showcase Instrumental Ensemble Senior

James Li, Stuthi Jaladanki, & Nelson Ma	1st
Joyce Xie, Ansel Wang, & William Chen	2nd
Zedric Wong, Michael Oliveira, & Vivian Nguyen	2nd

Katheryn	Wang	3rd
Lucas	Wu	3rd
Albert	Du	4th
Jasper	Leung	4th

5. Treasury of Romantic Composers Advanced Group 1

Alexandr	Anisimov	1st
Lucas	Wu	2nd
Albert	Du	3rd
Brandon	Casella	4th
Zenryu	Yee	4th

6. Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Advanced Group 1

Sih	Yu Lin	1st
Aaron	Liao	2nd
Vivian	Liao	2nd
Charles	Gardella	3rd
William	Wei	3rd
Haochang	Zheng	4th
Zenryu	Yee	4th

7. Showcase Own Piano Composition Senior

Nicolette	Ledford	1st
Elizabeth	Ying	2nd
Hayden	Pan	3rd

8. Showcase Piano Solo Advanced Group 1

Aidan	Kwon	1st
Alexandr	Anisimov	2nd
Vera	Lew	2nd
Clement	Lee	3rd
Ethan	Wang	4th
Vivian	Nguyen	4th
Jasmine	Khalifa	4th

9. Treasury of Baroque Composers Advanced Group 2

Aiden	Pham	1st
Phabian	Parra	2nd



2026 USOMC Gold Medalists' Program

1: Dylan Chua
Showcase Instrumental Solo Senior
Prokofiev: Violin Concerto #1

2: William Chang
Treasury of Romantic Composers Senior Group 5
Schubert: Impromptu Op. 142 #2

3: Elijah Chang
Treasury of Baroque Composers Advanced Group 1
JS Bach: Prelude and Fugue, Bk. 2 #6 in D Minor

4: Sora Corro
Treasury of Classical Composers Advanced Group 1
Beethoven: Sonata in D Major, Op. 10 #3 I. Presto

5: Alexandr Anisimov
Treasury of Romantic Composers Advanced Group 1
Rachmaninoff: Etude Op. 33 #6 in Eb Major

6: Sih Yu Lin
Treasury of 20th-21st Century Composers Advanced Group 1
Barber: Excursions Op. 20 #3 Allegretto

7: Aidric Lin & Chloe Lin
Showcase Piano Ensemble Intermediate
Saint-Saëns: Danse Macabro, Op. 40

8: Nicolette Ledford
Original Piano Composition Senior
Thracian Rhapsody

9: Aidan Kwon
Showcase Piano Solo Advanced Group 1
Beethoven: Sonata in G Major, Op. 14 No. 2 III. Scherzo. Allegro assai

10: Aiden Pham
Treasury of Baroque Composers Advanced Group 2
JS Bach: Prelude and Fugue, Bk. 2 #12 in F Minor

11: Ethan Zhen
Treasury of Classical Composers Advanced Group 2
Beethoven: Sonata in A Major, Op. 2 #2 IV. Rondo: Grazioso

12: Hiroshi Corro
Treasury of Romantic Composers Advanced Group 2
Chopin: Etude Op. 25 #10 in B Minor

13: Elliot Ahn
Treasury of 20th-21st Century Piano Advanced Group 2
Ginastera: Piano Sonata #1 I. Allegro marcato

14: Jonathan Chu, Software Engineer at Amazon
Showcase Piano Solo For Amateur Pianists
Rachmaninoff: Sonata No. 2, Op. 36 (1931) I. Allegro agitato

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

16: Sydney Majaya
Showcase Piano Solo Advanced Group 2
Granados: Allegro de Concierto, Op. 46

17: William Chen
Complete Piano Concerto
Saint-Saëns: Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 22

18: Terry Sun
Sight-Reading Solo Advanced

USOMC Winners' List:

1. Showcase Instrumental Solo Senior

Dylan	Chua	1st
Gavin	Dudgeon	2nd
Irina	Klochkova	2nd
Benjamin	Oh	3rd
Claire	Yang	4th

2. Treasury of Romantic Composers Senior Group 5

William	Chang	1st
Lilia	Hui	2nd
Jonathan	Chu	2nd
Caroline	Xie	3rd
Nancy	Sun	3rd
Sophia	Wang	3rd
Lilia	Hui	4th
Logan	Chung	4th

3. Treasury of Baroque Composers Advanced Group 1

Elijah	Chang	1st
Katheryn	Wang	2nd
Lucas	Wu	2nd
Albert	Du	3rd
Evelyn	Zhou	3rd
Annie	Li	4th
Mihir	Mandlekar	4th

4. Treasury of Classical Composers Advanced Group 1

Sora	Corro	1st
Alexandr	Anisimov	2nd
Elvin	Hu	2nd
Ryan	Liu	2nd
Haochang	Zheng	3rd