



Colorado State Music Teachers Association

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2023 Rising Stars Festival Winners

DEI Award

New in 2023 is the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award medal!

All students performing works by DEI composers received a gold seal on their certificates. Additionally, judges selected several students who performed a DEI work at an exceptional level to receive a medal. Congrats!

Piano

Lower Elementary

1st - Natalie Ouyang (Teacher: Jasmine Steadman)
2nd - Charlotte Jiang (Teacher: June Haun)
3rd - Clara Stewart (Teacher: Ara Gevorkian)
HM - Kaden Wu (Teacher: Jasmine Steadman)

Upper Elementary

1st - Joshua Song (Teacher: Jasmine Steadman)
2nd - Jayden LaBarbera (Teacher: Carolyn Shaak)
3rd - Sophie Chung (Teacher: June Haun)
HM - Aidan Zhao (Teacher: Brenda Ishikawa)

Junior

1st - Henry Stewart (Teacher: Ara Gevorkian)
2nd - Josette Wu (Teacher: Errol Haun)
3rd - Beatrix Wei (Teacher: Dr. Joan Sawyer)
HM - Alexander Zhao (Teacher: Dr. Brenda Ishikawa)
DEI - Umika Thabrew (Teacher: Devika DeMel)

Lower Senior

1st - Yako Perlov (Teacher: Dr. David Korevaar)
2nd - Eric Kim (Teacher: Jasmine Steadman)
3rd - Torsten Snyder (Teacher: Elena Mathys)
HM - Finn Hearne (Teacher: Jan Romero)

Upper Senior

1st - Hannah Park (Teacher: Dr. Jooeun Pak)
2nd - Sanjana Sankholkar (Teacher: June Haun)
3rd - Alison Creason (Teacher: Ara Gevorkian)
HM - Kellen Jones (Teacher: Ara Gevorkian)
HM - Angelina Mackay (Teacher: Elena Mathys)

Ensemble

Junior

1st - Evan Woods & Nicole Woods (Teacher: Jasmine Steadman)
2nd - Kalani Cheng & Ajay Zheng (Teacher: Luyan Gao)
3rd - Greyson Lovitt & Zachariah Wilson (Teacher: Laura McDermott)



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Instrumental

Lower Elementary

1st - Reba Bradley (Teacher: Allegra Wermuth)
2nd - Anthony McCush (Teacher: Larisa Lewis)
3rd - Evan Li (Teacher: Luyan Gao)
HM - Lucia Xian (Teacher: Laura McDermott)

Upper Elementary

1st - Leonardo Kim (Teacher: Emily Ondracek-Peterson)
2nd - Sybil Bradley (Teacher: Danielle Guideri)
3rd - Aidalie Hoppe (Teacher: Sunghee Zimmermann)
HM - Claire Paulin Finta (Teacher: Eugenia Alikhanova)

Junior

1st - Luciana Lee-Cheng (Teacher: Annamaria Karacson)
2nd - Airan Zheng (Teacher: Eugenia Alikhanova)
3rd - Chloe Hartojo (Teacher: Kirk Miller)
HM - Ruby Taylor (Teacher: Barbara Taylor, NCTM)

Lower Senior

1st - Camryn Olsten (Teacher: Claude Sim)
2nd - Eireen Margittai (Teacher: Eugenia Alikhanova)
3rd - Nathaniel Lasaga-Ivey (Teacher: Emily Ondracek-Peterson)
HM - Yiran Zheng (Teacher: Eugenia Alikhanova)

Upper Senior

1st - Finn Fleischer (Teacher: Laura McDermott)

Voice

Upper Elementary

1st - Diana Erickson (Teacher: Paula Baack)
2nd - Etta McCurdy (Teacher: Sarah Barber)
3rd - Megan Clarke (Teacher: Jenny Thompson)
HM & DEI: Lilia Uzcatequi (Teacher: Sarah Barber)

Junior

1st & DEI - Will McGaha (Teacher: Sarah Barber)

Lower Senior

1st - Hannah Lee (Teacher: Sarah Barber)
2nd - Fiona Matschullat (Teacher: Deborah Berioli)
3rd - Mia Ashford (Teacher: Paula Baack)
HM - Rowan Vaughn (Teacher: Barbara Taylor, NCTM)
DEI - Reid Barnes (Teacher: Deborah Berioli)

Upper Senior

1st - Georgia Lawrence (Teacher: Barbara Taylor, NCTM)
2nd - Anson Bickerstaff (Teacher: Paula Baack)
3rd - Jacquelyn Erickson (Teacher: Paula Baack)