

String Achievement Award Competition report, May 13, 2023

The co chairs of the competition, John Kaboff and Alina Kirshon-Goldman had the pleasure to listen to all the wonderful performances for the NVMTA string Achievement Award Competition

There were 39 entrants, and 36 competed.

Competition results:

Lower strings, elementary

1. Alisa Belova, student of Shen-Pang Chien
 2. David Goldman, student of Miron Yampolsky
 3. Ian Yoon, student of Joohyun Kim
- H. M. Jinger Xu, student of Helen Fall

Lower strings, intermediate

1. Pavine McNeil, student of John Kaboff
 2. Jonathan Lee, student of John Kaboff
 3. Edwin Chung, student of Hwan-Ah Lee
- H.M. Aya Ryan, student of Alina Kirshon-Goldman

Lower strings, senior

1. Ethan Chien, student of Shen-Pang Chien
 2. Jorge Laboy, student of John Kaboff
 3. Joseph Gallagher, student of John Kaboff
- H. M. Shinjini Ray, student of John Kaboff

Upper strings, elementary

1. Paopao Bo, student of Steffany Shock
 2. Emily Liu, student of Natalia Yampolsky
 3. Caroline Li-Chang, student of Olga Khroulevitch
- H. M. Jonathan Nam, student of Joohyun Kim
H. M. Samantha Yang, student of Steffany Shock

Upper strings, intermediate

1. Joshua Gwon, student of Olga Khroulevitch
 2. Gemma Shi, student of Shen-Pang Chien
 3. Ethan Chung, student of Shen-Pang Chien
- H. M. Claire Li-Chang, student of Olga Khroulevitch

Upper strings, senior

1. Alexander Bills, student of Olga Khroulevitch
2. Brandon Bae, student of Natalia Yampolsky
3. Hannah Jeong, student of Olga Khroulevitch

H. M. Julia Li, student of Shen-Pang Chien

Special thanks to Helen Fall and Steffany Shock for helping run the event smoothly and to Seam Wittmer and Aya Ryan, student helpers who were earning community service hours.

Many teachers donated food for the chairs and judges. This saved on catering costs. Special thanks to Olga Khroulevitch for providing sandwiches to all volunteers and judges.

Day Violins DID NOT donate this year and their name should be removed from the website. John and Alina will seek donations for next year from local music shops.