

2023 Sonata Festival Report.

The Sonata Festival was a big success this year. There were 826 students who participated this year. 187 students were selected for 2nd round, and 52 students were chosen as winners.

There were 93 teachers who participated this year. We ran the event at George Mason University on Saturday May 20th. There were 17 rooms and 58 judges used for the 1st round.

There were three rooms and three judges in the 2nd round. 2nd round judges were:

Narciso Solero
Yu-Hsuan Liao
Julee Ann

Chairs were:

Greg Genter (chair)
Jeri Bennett (co-chair)
Alex Chung (co-chair)

The Honors Recital was Sunday May 21st at the Harris Theatre (GMU).

There were 24 teachers represented in the honors recital. They were: Alex jahyoung Chung, Allison Yi, David Kosutic, Dominique Shim, Douglas Harrington, Grace Wuthnow, Greg Genter, Jun Yang, Kueihua Lu, Lai-Lan Ko, Larisa Simington, Laura Marchisotto Bogart, Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt, Margarita Gramaticova, Marjorie Lee, Melody Kucks, Michelle Unadkat, MiHyang Joo, Olga Roberts, Oxana Titova, Patricia Huff-Palumbo, Rebecca Sun, Rosanne Conway, and Silva Blazquez.

Judges in both rounds managed time very well and there were no reports of long lines, or lengthy wait times. I was so pleased overall with the teamwork of all teachers who participated!