The 2024 NVMTA Piano Ensemble Festival and Competition was held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Christian Church, Falls Church, Virginia. We were able to consolidate the event into just one day (no Sunday) by making the hours slightly longer as follows: the first group began at 9:15 am, the last ribbons were awarded at 5:50 pm.

Last year: 8 teachers, 44 ensembles, 39 teams performed. 5 withdraws.

This year: 10 teachers, 47 ensembles, 45 teams performed. 1 withdraw. 1 no-show.

5 in the Competition Level 1

5 in the Competition Level 2 (1 no-showed)

14 in the Competition Level 3

10 in the Competition Level 4

3 in the Competition Level 5 (1 withdrew)

10 in the Festival Division

This year, all teams were one piano, 4 hands (duets). We did not have to make moving and tuning arrangements for a second piano.

Last year, we had an unfortunate situation brought to our attention by the church (FCC) just three days prior to the event date that the second piano could not be moved by them due to unforeseen impediments (their doors were not wide enough and they did not have the capability to remove the piano legs themselves). This disappointingly resulted in three team withdraws because they needed two pianos. Their registration fees were credited.

We stayed on schedule all day long. All the teachers and both chairs had duties throughout the day. Everyone covered their roles seamlessly. A nice buffet lunch (partially-catered) was provided for the teachers. The committee received very positive feedback about the manner in which this event was conducted.

**Results of 2024 NVMTA Piano Ensemble Competition**

 **Students Teacher**

**LEVEL 1 (age 7-8) Judges: Alex Jahyoung Chung and Diane Perett**

* **1st Place Louie Xie & Seren Shen Laura Marchisotto Bogart**
* **2nd Place Oliver Zhang & Anthony Wu Patricia Huff-Palumbo**
* **3rd Place Boya Wu & Ellie Zhao Marjorie Lee**

**LEVEL 2 (age 9-10) Judges: Alex Jahyoung Chung and Diane Perett**

* **1st Place Nicole Zhang & Ethan Zhang Yue Chen**
* **2nd Place Robert Luo & Aiden Lau Patricia Huff-Palumbo**

**LEVEL 3A (age 11-12) Judges: Sarah Strom and Victoria Wyatt**

* **1st Place Mario Ma & Joshua Chong Alex Jahyoung Chung**
* **2nd Place Ellen Peng & Zachary Yin Patricia Huff-Palumbo**
* **3rd Place Carter King & Alexander Ayachi Ruriko Osawa**

**LEVEL 4A (age 13-15) Judges: Laura Marchisotto Bogart and Ruriko Osawa**

* **1st Place April Tian & Rachel Mahler Patricia Huff-Palumbo**
* **2nd Place Charles Zhao & Dakota Man Marjorie Lee**
* **3rd Place Caroline Park & Caleb Park Alex Jahyoung Chung**

**LEVEL 4B (age 13-15) Judges: Yue Chen and Ruriko Osawa**

* **1st Place Sophie Xu & Rachel Xiao Laura Marchisotto Bogart**
* **2nd Place Gregory Peng & Ellie Nguyen Marjorie Lee**
* **3rd Place Hannah Cha & Saori Toda Victoria Wyatt**
* **Honorable Mention Joshua Joson & Abby Park Diane Perett**
* **Honorable Mention Rachel Mahler & Matthew Mahler Patricia Huff-Palumbo**

**LEVEL 5 (age 16-18) Judges: Ruriko Osawa and Sarah Strom**

* **1st Place Sophie Xu & Audrey Wandow Laura Marchisotto Bogart**
* **2nd Place Michael Dobbs & Tyler McManus Diane Perett**

**LEVEL 3B (age 11-12) Judges: Yue Chen and Victoria Wyatt**

* **1st Place Ellie Jiang & Nora Ma Marjorie Lee**
* **1st Place Ronen Wang & Bowen Wu Marjorie Lee**
* **2nd Place Angelina Song-Ye & Emma Hou Marjorie Lee**
* **3rd Place Sophie Lee & Caitlin Aronin Laura Marchisotto Bogart**

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Hwangbo Kim on April 28, 2024 on behalf of

*Caroline Hwangbo Kim & Madalina Petric, Chairs*