

# YOUNG ARTIST'S COMPETITION 2023-24 WINNERS

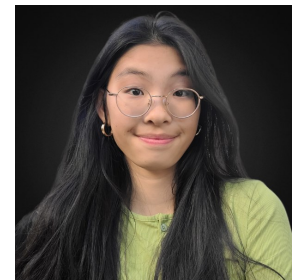


## Karen Jin

A pianist of 11 years, **Karen Jin** studies under the instruction of Mr. Kevin Reilly. She is a recipient of multiple scholarships, such as from the Monday Musicales Organization, and is active as an accompanist for the Troy School District. In 2022, she performed with the Sylvania Community Orchestra. Apart from piano, Karen is also a devoted violinist, studying with Dr. Vasile Beluska. She has served as the concertmaster for the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra, Michigan All-State Orchestra, Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Oakland Youth Orchestras and has placed in various solo competitions. She has received scholarships from the Toledo Symphony League Remembrance Fund and Oakland Youth Orchestras. She is also a chamber musician, playing the violin in her ensemble. Karen currently serves as the Student President of the Monday Musicales and regularly performs for the community with her sister.

## Joanna Kim

**Joanna Kim**, a sophomore at Sylvania Southview High School, began playing the flute in the fifth grade. She attributes her musical growth to the guidance of dedicated instructors, Bonnie Ward and Amy Heritage. Currently in her third year with the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra (TSYO), Joanna has been principal flute of the TSYO's Philharmonic Orchestra for the past two years while earning multiple scholarships. She is also a member of Monday Musicales. Before discovering her passion for the flute, Joanna studied the piano for seven years. Additionally, she is a member of the Sylvania Southview High School Marching Band and the Wind Ensemble, where she plays both the flute and piccolo. In addition to her musical pursuits, Joanna is a varsity tennis player for her school, demonstrating a strong commitment to both the arts and athletics.



## Samantha Li

**Samantha Li** is a violist in the Sylvania Northview High School Orchestra. After seeing many of her close relatives play string instruments, she was inspired and decided to take up the viola. She has played viola since the summer of 2018 and is currently taking private lessons under the instruction of Yanina Nagorny. As of 2023, Samantha entered high school and is now a part of the Northview High School Chamber Orchestra where she participates in Solo and Ensemble annually and performs solos and ensemble music at seasonal concerts. As a member of the Northview Tri-M Music Honors Society, she performs at public performances for many festivals and collaborations with local businesses. She also attends the OMEA District and Regional Orchestras and was recently admitted into the All-State Orchestra. In Samantha's free time, she enjoys drawing and problem solving.