

# PRESS RELEASE

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Stickley Piano Competition was held Saturday, March 1 at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

The event was sponsored by the South Bend Area Music Teachers Association (SBAMTA) whose mission is to advance the value of music study and music making, to support the professionalism of area music teachers, to provide rewarding performance experiences for area music students, and to serve the regional community by providing a variety of musical programs.

The event was underwritten by the Elnora Hartman Stickley Scholarship Fund which commemorates Elnora Hartman Stickley and her sister, Marcella Hartman. This event is a testament to their love of music and reverence for the vocation of teaching.

There were 54 entrants from southern Michigan and northern Indiana. Panels of three experienced judges provided comments and scores. Certificates and monetary prizes were awarded to 11 Winners and 20 Honorable mentions. These winners, their ages, hometowns and teachers are listed on the attached page. Congratulations to all!

Kelly Havens  
2025 Stickley Co-Chair



## **2025 WINNERS & HONORABLE MENTIONS**

### **DIVISION I (age 7 & under)**

#### **Winners**

Jesse Moore, Age 6, Mishawaka, IN  
Student of Dr. Geena Kam

Mason Ye, Age 7, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

#### **Honorable Mention**

Haruna Fuse, Age 7, Granger, IN  
Student of Linda Witchie

Andrew Jiang, Age 6, Granger, IN  
Student of You Min Lee

### **DIVISION II (ages 8 & 9)**

#### **Winners**

Julia Luo, Age 8, Granger, IN  
Student of Chloe Li

Riley O'Brien, Age 8, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

#### **Honorable Mention**

Alan Jiang, Age 8, Granger, IN  
Student of You Min Lee

Cynthia Lu, Age 9, Granger, IN  
Student of Chloe Li

Michael Moore, Age 9, Mishawaka, IN  
Student of Dr. Geena Kam

Rayden Schlundt, Age 9, Granger, IN  
Student of Linda Witchie

Erich Spindler, Age 9, Niles, MI  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

### **DIVISION III (ages 10 & 11)**

#### **Winners**

Mae O'Brien, Age 11, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

Jason Ye, Age 10, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

#### **Honorable Mention**

Norah Gao, Age 11, Granger, IN  
Student of Chloe Li

Melody Luan, Age 10, Granger, IN  
Student of Linda Belleville

Samuel Venstrom, Age 11, Valparaiso, IN  
Student of Nicole Lee

Ted Wang, Age 10, Granger, IN  
Student of Chloe Li

William Zhicheng Hu, Age 11, Mishawaka, IN  
Student of Stephen Giegerich

### **DIVISION IV (ages 12 & 13)**

#### **Winners**

Leonardo Lu, Age 12, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

#### **Honorable Mention**

Samuel Burden, Age 13, La Porte, IN  
Student of Dr. Geena Kam

Annabelle Huebner, Age 12, Granger, IN  
Student of Linda Witchie

Wilson Ye, Age 12, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

Ella Yu, Age 12, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

### **DIVISION V (ages 14 & 15)**

#### **Winners**

Yuxuan Lin, Age 15, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

Alice Zhang, Age 15, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Geena Kam

#### **Honorable Mention**

Alice Enyi Zhang, Age 14, Granger, IN  
Student of Dr. Patricia Collins-Jones

### **DIVISION VI (ages 16, 17 & 18)**

#### **Winners**

John Miller, Age 18, South Bend, IN  
Student of Dr. Geena Kam

Kenny Wang, Age 17, Fort Wayne, IN  
Student of Hamilton Tescarollo

#### **Honorable Mention**

Ignatius Caro, Age 17, South Bend, IN  
Student of John Blacklow

Xinlang Fan, Age 17, Plymouth, IN  
Student of Clara Woolley

Mario Ruiz, Age 18, South Bend, IN  
Student of Kathleen Keasey