



Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra

Past Winners of the

Young Artist's Concerto Competition

2007-2008 Winners

College Category: Margaret Townsend, violinist
Khachaturian Violin Concerto

Margaret Townsend currently studies violin with Ioana Galu at Heidelberg College. She serves as co-concertmaster under the baton of Dr. Barbara Specht in the Heidelberg College-Community Orchestra and also participates in several regional orchestras including the Lima Symphony, Southern Great Lakes Symphony, Firelands Symphony and the Ohio Northern University Orchestra. Her hometown is Olympia, Washington.

High School Category: Annie Liu, pianist
Kabalevsky Piano Concerto No. 3

Annie Liu has been playing piano since age five and considers it an important part of her life. Annie began her musical studies in China and continued when she moved to the United States. A junior at Maumee Valley Country Day School, she's participated in OMEA Competition for both piano and violin, receiving all Superiors. Annie's also participated at the BGSU Summer Piano Camp, which is where she met her current instructor, Anne Weaver. The past summer Annie attended the Piano Academy at Indiana University.

Although she enjoys almost all classical music, some of her favorite composers are Chopin, Brahms, and Debussy.

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Winner: Patrick Sulken-Piano

2005-2006 Winner and 1st runner up

Winner: Philip Dupont - Piano

I've been studying piano for the last 10 years, and with my current teacher, Dr. Laura Melton, for the last 7. While I've always been enthusiastic about my classical training, I've developed other musical interests over the years as well. With my father's help, I

taught myself to read jazz chord changes at a young age. This led to an interest in improvisation and jazz music in general. In 8th grade, I was the pianist for my school's jazz band, and under the conductor's teachings, I enjoyed it very much. Nowadays however, I get my improvisatory kicks as keyboardist for a recently formed metal band, Hailstone.

I've spent the last three summers at Interlochen Arts Camp, an experience that's greatly shaped my musical development. Last summer in particular I developed an interest in composition taking classes with student composers also studying there. Interlochen was also where I first performed the Muczynski concerto I'll be playing with the PSO. Studying with Dr. Donna Lee while there has also broadened my musical experience, giving me more than one view of how to approach a piece. This summer, I hope to continue to attend a music camp – not Interlochen, but hopefully Eastern Music Festival in North Carolina .

As for the future, I hope to pursue a career in music – although what type of career, I haven't decided yet. There are so many options, but composition and theory are two fields that have a large appeal to me. In any case, music has always been a part of my life, and will continue to be always.

First Runner-up: Anne Lake - Flute

At age 17, Anne Lake is a junior at Bowling Green High School. She has studied flute for over six years with Katie Jones. Anne is currently a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra and her high school symphonic band. Her most recent accomplishments include third place in the Mid-South Flute Festival High School Soloist Competition, first place in the Heidelberg College Performance Pacesetter Competition (senior division), and participation in the OMEA All-State Band. In May 2005 she won first place in the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs Agnes Fowler Competition. She soloed with both the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and the Toledo Youth Orchestra in April of 2005. In 2004, she placed second in both the Bluffton College Young Artists Competition and the Heidelberg College Performance Pacesetter Competition (junior division). She has also soloed with the Prague Radio Symphony on tour in Europe.