

2025 SDMTA Competition Winners

Elementary Piano – Age 10

1st Place – Noah Qi - Mary Ermel, Teacher

2nd Place – Tie – Josephine Anderson – Mary Ermel, Teacher and Oliver Meier – Kathy Sneen, Teacher

Elementary Piano – Age 11

1st Place – Gloria Liu – Susan Gray, Teacher

2nd Place – Emily Shuman – Matthew Murphy, Teacher

Junior Piano – Age 12

1st Place – Arpineh Anderson – Mary Ermel, Teacher

2nd Place – Tie – Liam Diercks – Deb Kalsbeck, Teacher and Alex Liu – Xuan Kuang, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Nils Lund – Shu Li, Teacher

Junior Piano Distinguished Performance Award

Gloria Liu – Susan Gray, Teacher

Senior Piano – Age 14

1st Place – Tessa Letham – Sue Sidoti, Teacher

2nd Place – Yiwen Jiang – Susan Gray, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Maxwell Wang – Yun Xian Chen, Teacher

Senior Piano – Age 15

1st Place – Kevin Huang – Mark Stevens, Teacher

2nd Place – Lucy Liu – Susan Gray, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Louis Liu - Xuan Kuang, Teacher; Emelia Stanek – Christina Humpal, Teacher

Senior Piano – Age 16

1st Place – John McGrath – Diane Ketel, Teacher

2nd Place – Isaac Toronto – Mary Ermel, Teacher

Senior Piano – Age 17-18

1st Place – Kiersten Bjordahl – Marilyn Schempp, Teacher

Senior Piano Distinguished Performance Award

Lucy Liu – Susan Gray, Teacher

Collegiate Piano

1st Place – Brogan McGrath – Diane Ketel, Teacher

Junior Piano Duet – Age 12-13

1st Place – Arpina Anderson/Josephine Anderson – Mary Ermel, Teacher

2nd Place – Xiochi Markel, Elise Ulvestad – Deb Kalsbeck, Teacher

Senior Piano Duet – Age 14-15

Honorable Mention – Soren Lindquist/Ella Schoolcraft – Matthew Murphy, Teacher

Senior Piano Duet – Age 16-18

1st Place – Clara Delbridge/Emily Hagedorn – Mary Ermel, Teacher

Collegiate Piano Duet

1st Place – Megan Sandison/Jenna Soine – Mark Stevens, Teacher

Collegiate Piano Distinguished Performance Award – Duet

Megan Sandison/Jenna Soine – Mark Stevens, Teacher

Junior String

1st Place – Daniella Salem - Katie Smirnova, Teacher

Senior String

1st Place – Sophia Lynn – Katie Smirnova, Teacher

Collegiate String

1st Place – Abigail Stevens – Sonja Kraus, Teacher

2nd Place – Henry Jones – Sonja Kraus, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Michael A. Johnson – Sonja Kraus

Senior Voice

1st Place – Gabriel Mattson – Emily Toronto, Teacher

Collegiate Voice I

1st Place – Grace Fromknecht – Emily Toronto, Teacher

2nd Place – Max Brugier – Tracelyn Gesteland

Honorable Mention – Keaton Koski – Emily Toronto, Teacher; Trayden Goodman – Tracelyn Gesteland, Teacher; Ava Gibbs – Anna DeGraff, Teacher

Collegiate Voice II

1st Place – Steiger Manson – Laura Diddle, Teacher

2nd Place – Milaana Wollman – Emily Toronto, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Brooke Hilding – Tracelyn Gesteland, Teacher; Kalli Barnhart – Emily Toronto, Teacher; Michael Arriaza – Tracelyn Gesteland, Teacher; Jacob Olson – Tracelyn Gesteland, Teacher; Jake Holforty – Anna DeGraff, Teacher

SDMTA Young Artist Voice

1st Place – Cadie Logston – Tracelyn Gesteland, Teacher

2nd Place – Tie – Emma Jensen – Anna DeGraff, Teacher; Clara Norell – Tracelyn Gesteland, Teacher

Senior Woodwind

1st Place – Robert Powell – Tylar Dormeier, Teacher

Collegiate Brass

1st Place – Rebecca Strong – David Reynolds, Teacher

Collegiate Woodwind

1st Place – Emily Hofer – Elizabeth Robinson, Teacher

2nd Place – Dylan Hartman – Yi Chen, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Carson Cannon – Yi Chen, Teacher

2025 MTNA State Competition Winners

Junior Piano

Winner – Langxi Yu – Eun-Hee Park, Teacher

Junior String

Winner – Dylan Xian – Doosook Kim, Teacher

Senior String

Winner – Eva Hernandez – Doosook Kim, Teacher

Alternate – Oliver van Ruler – Magdalena Modzelewska, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Lily Yan – Doosook Kim, Teacher; Evita Coleman – Katie Smirnova, Teacher

Senior Woodwind

Winner – Henry Oppenheimer – Beverly Gibson, Teacher

Alternate – Isaac Petersen – Beverly Gibson, Teacher

Young Artist String

Winner – William Brenden – Sonja Kraus, Teacher

Alternate – Sarah Rosales – Sonja Kraus, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Manasseh Etienne – Katie Smirnova, Teacher; Cesar Hernandez – Sonja Kraus, Teacher

Young Artist Woodwind

Winner – Masyn Schutter – Christopher Kocher, Teacher

Alternate – Anna Peterson – Beverly Gibson, Teacher

Honorable Mention – Zoey Snyder – Mary Garnett, Teacher