









2023 GPFS Young Artist Competition Winners

Congratulations to the prize-winning artists and all who participated. Please read below to learn more about these young flutists, the repertoire they performed (wow!), and the adjudicators Adam Eccleston and Gail Gillespie. A huge thank you to adjudicators Adam and Gail as well as GPFS board member Emily Stanek for coordinating the event!

Senior Division		Junior Division	
	First place - Diego Fernandez, teacher Martha Long		First place - Yirhe Ha, teacher Sydney Carlson
	Second place - Victor Ceja, teacher Sandy Norman		Second place - Alaina Goff, teacher Sandy Norman
	Third place - Fedor Chayha, teacher Corrie Cook		Third place - Morgan Tran, teacher Beckie Hocker

Please read on to learn more about all the participants!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTISTS & REPERTOIRE

- Chloe Luo: Grave from Flute Sonata No. 2 in G major by Giovanni Platti, movements 1 and 2
- Yirhe Ha: Suite Modale by Ernest Bloch
- Alaina Goff: Sonata in F major by George Phillip Telemann
- Addison McDonald: Sonata in G by George Phillip Telemann
- Olivia Sun: Reverie by Andre Caplet
- Morgan Tran: Mozart Concerto No. 1 in G Major, K. 313 for flute and piano
- Owen Williams: Bach Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor
- Erin Moriarty: Serenade by A. Woodall

HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS & REPERTOIRE

- Caewithe Miller: Fanmi Imen by Valerie Coleman
- Victor Ceja: Ballade by Frank Martin
- Ayush Wynkoop: Flute Concerto in G Major by Leopold Hofmann, first movement
- Jamie Chen: Fantaisie by Georges Hue
- Fedor Chayha: Mozart Concerto in D Major, 1st movement
- Diego Fernandez: Danza De La Mariposa, by Valerie Coleman

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Fedor Chayka: Fedor has been playing flute for eight years. He started learning in Russia with Tatiana Mozdykova, then with Galina Yaroshevskaya, and now studies with Corrie Cook. Fedor joined PYWE five years ago and is currently playing in the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble and the Portland Youth Philharmonic.

Jamie Chen: Jamie is a freshman at South Salem High School who has been playing flute for five years. She studies with Sandy Duffy Norman.

Luo Chloe: Luo has been playing for about four years. It is her second year in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. She is also in the Sinfonietta Orchestra and studies with Sydney Carlson.

Diego Fernandez: Diego has been playing the flute for six years now and currently go to South Salem High School. He studies with Martha Long and is looking forward to being a music performance major in the fall of 2023. He plays flute and piccolo with the Portland Youth Philharmonic.

Alaina Goff: Alaina has been playing for a little over a year, beginning with 5th grade band. She studies with Jaimie Hall in the Straub Middle School Advanced band and privately with Sandy Duffy Norman. She loves playing the flute and learning new music.

Addison McDonald: Addison is in the 6th grade at Walker Middle School in Salem. She plays with the Advanced Band. She started playing the flute in 5th grade and studies with Sandy Norman.

Caewith Miller: Caewith is a senior at Camas High School and has been playing the flute for nine years. She studies with Rebecca Olson Towers and participates in school symphonic band, wind ensemble, and chamber groups. This is the second year she has qualified for the WA State Solo and Ensemble.

Erin Moriarty: Erin is an 8th grader at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics. She has been playing the flute and taking lessons with Rebecca Towers for four years. She plays in the Junior Symphony of Vancouver and the school's concert band.

Olivia SUN: Olivia goes to Valley Catholic middle school and is the 7th grade. She has studied the flute for five years. Her current teacher is Beckie Hocker. She loves the flute a lot and is very excited to join in for Flute Fair and future events.

Morgan Tran: Morgan is in the 8th grade at Valley Catholic Middle School. Her flute teacher is Beckie Hocker, who started her on the fife and recorder at age five. Morgan started flute in 2nd grade and has been performing with the school orchestra since. She is enjoying her 3rd season with Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. She is also a member of the Valley Catholic Flutissimos, a flute choir that often performs at nursing homes and other community venues. She enjoys practicing piccolo and alto flute, performing with the school pep band, and playing flute/harp duets with her sister.

Victor Ceja: Victor is a senior at McNary High School and avid flute player of Sandy Duffy Norman's studio. During his six years of playing, he has received multiple opportunities: principal player in a plethora of ensembles, and winner of various competitions. He has participated in several honor bands. He describes flute as poetic and a lifelong passion and hopes to continue playing in college, and in different ensembles.

Owen Williams: Owen is a 6th grader at Leslie Middle school and this is my second year playing flute. I'm a member of the Salem Youth Symphony and study with Emily Stanek.

Ayush Wynkoop: Ayush is a junior at Valley Catholic High School. It is his sixth year playing the flute. He started in school band as a sixth grader. He plays in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's Symphony Orchestra, Hillsboro's Westside Community & Youth Orchestra, and Valley Catholic's flute choir "Flutissimos." and studies with Beckie Hocker.

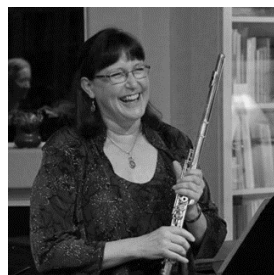
Ha Yirhe: Ha has been playing flute for 2 and a half years and goes to Tumwater Middle School. She studies with Ms. Sydney Carlson and plays in Philharmonic Youth Wind Ensemble.

Adjudicator Adam Eccleston



As a performer, Adam has appeared with orchestras such as the Oregon Symphony. At 19 years old, he made his solo debut in New York performing Borne Carmen Fantasy for Flute and Orchestra. Adam has been awarded top prizes in competitions for which he was featured at Carnegie Hall. He was the Artist in Residence for All Classical Portland radio station for two years and currently sits as Chair of the Recording Inclusivity Initiative, which brings to light music of underrepresented composers. This initiative has been featured on KGW news and the album, AMPLIFY is available on all platforms. A firm supporter of arts education, Adam Eccleston has worked extensively with many social change organizations such as, BRAVO Youth Orchestras, where he is the Program Director. BRAVO is an El Sistema inspired music program based in Portland, Oregon that serves over 600 students. He is a faculty member with the Global Leaders Program that empowers arts changemakers to grow organizations that impact communities. Adam studied with Paula Robison, Tara Helen O'Connor, Eric Lamb and Thaddeus Watson, retired piccolo player of the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra at the Frankfurt Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst. He currently holds two master degrees and enjoys baking. Mr. Eccleston plays on a 14K White Gold Powell flute and a handmade Tigerwood Powell piccolo. www.adamecclestonflute.com

Adjudicator Gail Gillespie



Second flute and piccolo player Gail Gillespie moved to Portland in 2009, shortly after retiring as principal flute of the U.S. Marine Band, “The President’s Own,” in Washington, D.C. During her 30-year tenure there, she served 26 years as principal flute, and was often featured as a soloist with both the band and White House chamber orchestra. Born in Hawaii, Gail received her Bachelor of Music in Performance, with honors, from the New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Her primary flute instructors include Jean Harling, Paula Robison, James Pappoutsakis, and Toshiko Kohno. Since “retiring” to Portland, Gail has been an active freelance musician, subbing with the Oregon, Newport, and Vancouver symphonies, as well as other groups in the area. A member of the Portland Columbia Symphony since 2013, Gail also teaches flute lessons in a studio in NE Portland.

Gail sings alto in the choir at Westminster Presbyterian Church in NE Portland, and often plays flute during services there. The kindness and beauty of Oregon bring her great joy.

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