



## **GPFS 2024 Young Artist Competition**

### **Senior Division Winners**

1st Place: Ayush Wynkoop

2nd Place: Emily Wen

3rd Place: Jadelyn Donoho

Honorable Mention: Jaeden Sanchez

### **Junior Division Winners**

1st Place: Owen Williams

2nd Place: Alaina Goff

3rd Place: Marilyn Ruthruff

This is an annual competition for youth held during Flute Fair. There are two competition divisions: Junior Division (middle school) and Senior Division (high school). All competitors receive detailed comments from our adjudicators. This year's adjudicators are [Adam Eccleston](#) and [Anna Conigliari](#).

This year's competition took place on flute fair day, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Winners were announced during Flute Fair.

**Thank you to GPFS volunteers Emily Stanek,  
Sydney Carlson, and Sandy Duffy Norman for coordinating the event.**

## Junior Division Prizes

- First prize: \$200
- Second prize: \$100
- Third prize: \$50 gift certificate from Flute World

## Senior Division Prizes

- First prize: \$250
- Second prize: \$150
- Third prize: \$75 gift certificate from Carolyn Nussbaum Music Company

## Middle School Junior Division 2024 Participants

9:00-9:10	Marilynn Ruthruff - Concerto in G major by J.J. Quantz
9:10-9:20	Arwen Danzmayr – Madrigal by Phillippe Gaubert
9:20-9:30	Jiwon Lee – Fantasie by Gabriel Fauré
9:30-9:40	Owen Willams – Concerto movement 1 by Jacques Ibert
9:40-9:50	Olivia Sun – Valse from Suite, Op. 116 by Benjamin Godard
9:50-10:00	Alaina Goff – La Flute de Pan, movement 1 by Jules Mouquet
10:00-10:10	Ellie Yoon – Romance, Op. 41, by Georges Brun

## 2024 Middle School Division Participants

**Alaina Goff** started playing the flute as a fifth grader in 2021-22, and has been the principal flute in the Straub Middle School Advanced Band since sixth grade. Studying with Sandy Norman in Salem, Oregon, Alaina was selected to the OMEA All-State Middle School Honor Ensemble in 2024. She was chosen for the Salem All-City Middle School Band in 2023 and 2024, the latter as a section leader.

**Arwen Danzmayer** is in 8th grade at West Sylvan middle school. He played flute about a couple years, but stopped for a while. When he moved to Portland about a year ago, he started studying the flute again with Dr. Sydney Carlson. “I’ve been enjoying learning with her. I participated in Oregon all state band last year and it was a fun experience.”

**Owen Williams** is a 7th grader at Leslie Middle School who has been playing flute for two years. He is a member of the Salem youth symphony and studies the flute with Dr. Emily Stanek.

**Lee Jiwon** has been playing flute since the summer of 4th grade, but says she never took it seriously since 6th grade when she started with the band. She studies privately with BoMi Kim who she credits with her increased interest and joy. She goes to Stoller Middle School and has been in the band for two years. She also participates in the orchestra and had her first year with PYWE. Last year she was in the Interlude Orchestra with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

**Ellie Yoon** is a proficient and dedicated flutist who embarked on her musical journey at the age of 9. Possessing a wealth of experience, she contributed to the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Interlude Orchestra during the 2022-2023 season. Currently, Ellie continues to showcase her musical prowess as an integral member of the MYS Sinfonietta Orchestra for the ongoing 2023-2024 season. Her commitment to musical excellence extends to her participation in Skyridge Middle School's Advanced Band. She studies the flute with Dr. Sydney Carlson.

**Marilyn Ruthruff** is an eighth-grade student at Beaumont Middle School. She began playing the flute at age nine, and was self-taught for 18 months before beginning private lessons at age 11. She now studies the flute with Martha Long. Marilyn plays flute, piccolo, and alto flute in the Portland Youth Philharmonic’s Conservatory Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, and saxophone and flute in her school’s jazz ensemble, where she has won four outstanding soloist awards for both instruments at jazz festivals over the past year. In her spare time, Marilyn enjoys reading, swimming, and long outdoor walks with her dog.

**Olivia Sun** has been playing the flute since she was in fourth grade at Valley Catholic Music School. She participates in her school band and Valley Catholic’s Flute Choir. She studies the flute with Beckie Hocker.

## High School Senior Division 2024 Participants

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| 10:30-10:40 | Lilia Niebuhr – Nocturne et Allegro Scherzando by Gaubert     |
| 10:40-10:50 | Morgan Tran – Gounod Concertino                               |
| 10:50-11:00 | Jingtong Yu - Fantasie Op. 79 by Gabriel Fauré                |
| 11:00-11:10 | Jaeden Sanchez – Flute Sonata No. 2 by Samuel Zyman           |
| 11:10-11:20 | Meghan Whitaker – La Flute de Pan movement 1 by Jules Mouquet |
| 11:20-11:30 | Ayush Wynkoop – Ballade by Albert Périlhou                    |

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11:30-11:40 Emma Di - Concerto, movement 3 by Khachaturian  
11:40-11:50 Jadelyn Donoho – Sonata by Henri Dutilleux  
11:50-12:00 Emily Wen – Sicilienne et Burlesque by Alfredo Casella

**Emma Di** is a senior at Crescent Valley high school in Corvallis and has played the flute since fifth grade. She started in elementary school band and quickly began to take lessons from Sue Gillespie, and is currently studying with Sandy Norman. Throughout her high school career, she served as the principal flute of the Corvallis Youth Symphony (CYS) and the Oregon All-State Symphony Orchestra. She has also participated in various honor ensembles, including the Western I Band Clinic Firebird band and the All-Northwest Symphony Orchestra. She was the 2022 CYS concerto competition winner, the Oregon MTNA 2022 and 2023 alternate, and the OMEA district 11 solo flute competition winner for three years in a row.

**Ayush Wynkoop** attends Valley Catholic High School in Beaverton and is in his seventh year playing the flute. He studies the flute with Beckie Hocker. He plays in the Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Wind Ensemble of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. He has played in the Westside Community and Youth Orchestra in Hillsboro and the Valley Catholic Flute Choir Flutissimos. He also plays saxophone. He says - “I am grateful for the human and cultural connections enabled through being involved in music, and I plan to major in music performance.”

**Meghan Whitaker** is a freshman at Grant High School, and has been playing flute for 6 years. She studies the flute Heidi Jones. This is her first year with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. She also enjoys playing the piccolo and alto sax.

**Jaeden Sanchez** has been playing Flute for 7 years and goes to Sheldon High School. He studies the flute with Elizabeth Hoffman and is the Principal Flute of the Eugene Youth Symphony. He also participates in his school’s Wind Ensemble and Marching Band.

**Lilia Niebuhr** has been playing the flute for 6 years, and is a sophomore in Westview high school. She studies the flute with Martha Long. She also plays the oboe for the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

**Jadelyn Donoho** is a high school junior who goes to Arts and Communication Magnet Academy. She started playing flute in sixth grade and studies with Dr. Sydney Carlson and Zach Galatis. She plays the flute and piccolo in the Portland Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and her school’s orchestra.

**Morgan Tran** is in the 9th grade at Valley Catholic High School. She has been studying flute since 2nd grade and studying the flute with Beckie Hocker and Martha Long. She is a member of the Valley Catholic School band, orchestra, and flute choir, and performs with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. This past year, she performed with the Western International Honors Band (Firebird) and the OMEA All State Honors Symphonic Band.

**Emily Wen** is junior at Sherwood High School, the principal flute of the Sherwood High School Wind Ensemble and Portland Youth Conservatory Orchestra, and has been playing the

flute for 6 years. She has played in wind quintets, flute ensembles, and more. Emily studies the flute with Denise Westby.

**Jingtong Yu** is a freshman at Catholic Valley High School. She has been playing the flute for three years and has studied with Beckie Hocker since the seventh grade. She is first-chair flutist in her high school band and plays in the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble. Some of her repertoire has included Ballet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits by Christoph Willibald Gluck, Concerto in C Major for Flute K. 299 by Mozart, and Romance Op. 41 by Georges Brun. Jingtong also played piano for seven years before switching to flute.