

Finalists, 2025 – March 23, Macalester College

Brass & Woodwinds Level II (grades 7-12)- No Preliminary Round

Brass & Woodwinds Level III (college freshman- age 28)

Emily Paul, BW301
Cedar Falls, IA
University of Northern Iowa
Hannah Porter Occena

Sofia Sena Ferreira, BW309
Iowa City, IA
University of Iowa
Kenneth Tse

Yang Zhou, BW306
Iowa City, IA
University of Iowa
Kenneth Tse

Kalina Lee, BW311
Eden Prairie, MN
Oberlin Conservatory
Robert Walters

Garrett Meyers, BW308
Princeton, MN
Lawrence University
Joseph Connor

Guitar Level II (grades 7-12)- No Preliminary Round

Guitar Level III (college freshman- age 28)- No Preliminary Round

Piano Level I (grades 7-9)

Ella Wan, P103
North Oaks, MN
Mounds View High School
Alexander Braginsky

Emma Lu, P109
Shoreview, MN
Minnetonka Middle School West
Alexander Braginsky

Minh Le, P106
Woodbury, MN
Lake Middle School
Oleg Levin

Cecila Taggart, P110
Blaine, MN
Homeschool
Paul Wirth

Tucker Kase, P107
Saint Paul, MN
All Saints Catholic School
Paul Wirth

Piano Level II (grades 10-12)

Thomas Stang, P204
St. Joseph, MN
Homeschool
Paul Wirth

Gaia Daniel, P207
Minneapolis, MN
Homeschool
Ksenia Nosikova & Paul Wirth

Andre Peck, P208
La Crosse, WI
Logan High School
Joseph Zins

Alex Rodriguez, P213
Alexandria, MN
Alexandria Area High School
Paul Wirth

William Feng, P216
Plymouth, MN
Wayzata High School
Richard Tostenson

Kento Sugiyama, P218
Iowa City, IA
Iowa City West High School
Jack Winerock

Piano Level III (college freshman – age 23)

Jonathan Stoker, P302
Ames, IA
Iowa State University
Mei-Hsuan Huang

Gideon Scheeler, P304
Saint Paul, MN
University of Minnesota
Alexander Braginsky

Calvin Kotrba, P305
Eagan, MN
Longy School of Music of Bard College
Gila Goldstein

Oliver Chen, P307
Evanston, IL
Northwestern University
Christiane Karajev

Timothy Berry, P310
Coralville, IA
University of Iowa
Ksenia Nosikova

Piano Level IV (age 24-28)- No Preliminary Round

Strings Level I (grades 7-9)

Lucy Zhang, S102
Edina, MN
The Blake School
Susan Crawford

Anahit Bashir, S104
Eden Prairie, MN
Stanford Online High School
David Holmes

Josie Snaza, S105
Lakeville, MN
Aaron Janse
Lakeville North High School

Samuel Dangerfield, S106
Mendota Heights, MN
Homeschool
Mina Fisher

Ariella Kim, S109
Saint Paul, MN
Saint Paul Academy & Summit School
Natsuki Kumagai

Strings Level II (grades 10-12)

Anna Pitsavas Wakely, S202
Northfield, MN
Homeschool
Francesca Anderegg

Noah Scharback, S204
Eden Prairie, MN
Minnetonka High School
David Holmes

Lucy Wu, S208
Whitefish Bay, WI
Whitefish Bay High School
Stefan Kartman

Jason Chang, S209
Shoreview, MN
Mounds View High School
Stephanie Arado

Vladimir Tsiper, S210
Eagan, MN
Breck School
Lucinda Marvin

Strings Level III (college freshman – age 23)

Gerrit Vanderschoot, S303
Wheaton, IL
St. Olaf College
David Carter

Ashley Springer, S308
Stevens Point, WI
University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point
Anna Cromwell

Dante Carlson, S304
Woodbury, MN
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Silver Ainomae

Grace Weitzel, S310
Woodbury, MN
Indiana University
Grigory Kalinovsky

Lukas Oddsson, S305
Edina, MN
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Stephanie Arado

Timothy Pinkerton, S311
Bemidji, MN
Cleveland Institute of Music
Stephen Rose

Strings Level IV (age 24-28)- No Preliminary Round

Voice Level I (age 18-21)

Sofia LoConte, V101
Madison, WI
DePaul University
Jeffrey Ray

Svea Hagen, V113
Moorhead, MN
Concordia College at Moorhead
Anne Jennifer Nash

Arianna Rice, V106
Brookings, SD
South Dakota State University
Laura Diddle

Zicheng He, V115
Chaska, MN
Bemidji State University
Cory Renbarger

Helen Bartlett, V110
Bemidji, MN
Bemidji State University
Jennifer Olson

Carson Binkley, V117
Puposky, MN
Bemidji State University
Cory Renbarger

Cadie Logston, V112
Saint Paul, MN
Bethel University
Merrin Guice Gill

Voice Level II (age 22-25)

Sarah Rosales, V203
Cedar Rapids, IA
Tim Bostwick

Scotlyn Haverkorn, V206
De Pere, WI
Shallece Peters

Ellyn Werner, V211
La Crosse, WI
Viterbo University
Daniel Johnson-Wilmot

Emilia Perrotta, V214
Apple Valley, MN
Catherine Cook

William Jacobson, V215
Moorhead, MN
Concordia College at Moorhead
Anne Jennifer Nash

Yige Tang, V216
Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Jane Giering de Haan

Voice Level III (age 26-30)

Miranda Kettlewell, V301
Saint Paul, MN
Craig Fields

Ziwan Nie, V305
Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
John DeHaan

Margaret Matejcek, V306
Roseville, MN
Victoria Vargas

Yuwen Sun, V307
Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Victoria Vargas

Christina O'Malley, V313
New Brighton, MN
Elizabeth Futral

Yuran Liu, V314
Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Victoria Vargas