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### Hochstein Ensemble Wins at Chamber Music Competition

*Lilac Quartet named "Best Ensemble" by Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Congratulations to the Lilac Quartet, part of Hochstein's Chamber Music Connection, on being named "Best Ensemble" after performing selections by Barber and Beethoven at the Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music competition on April 14. One of the judges wrote, "You all play so beautifully together. It was a pleasure to listen to you today." They have been invited back to perform on May 19, opening for the Miró Quartet.

Coached by Shannon Nance, the quartet features:

- **Jessica Zhuang**, violin (Webster; junior at the Charles Finney School in Penfield and an exchange student from China; studies with Bin Huang at Eastman School of Music);
- **Yawen Ding**, violin (Pittsford; junior at Pittsford Sutherland; studies with private teacher Ginny Wenzel);
- **Erin Allen**, viola (Pittsford; junior at Harley School; studies with Olita Povero at Hochstein);
- **Jackie Hager** (Brighton; junior at Brighton High School; studies with Kathleen Murphy Kemp at Hochstein).

Hochstein's Chamber Music Connection Program offers fun and challenging opportunities to learn the art of chamber music and connect with other musicians in a small group setting. Ensembles of three or more are formed throughout the year for players of compatible ages and abilities. The program features weekly coachings with a faculty member and an extensive schedule of opportunities to participate in workshops, masterclasses, and performances.

The Lilac Quartet is also part of the Scholarship Chamber Ensemble Program, which receives generous support from the Rochester Area Community Foundation, Society for Chamber Music in Rochester, and ACMP Associated Chamber Music Players.

**About Hochstein:** The Hochstein School celebrates 97 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level

of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, Hochstein continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.hochstein.org](http://www.hochstein.org).



**The Lilac Quartet: Erin Allen, Yawen Ding, Jessica Zhuang, and Jackie Hager**



**The Lilac Quartet at the Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music competition**  
*(photo by Richard Moseson)*

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