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Hochstein Announces David Hochstein Recital Competition Winners *Annual Competition Honors and Celebrates Outstanding Student Musicians*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Since 1991, The Hochstein School has commemorated the life of David Hochstein – Rochester native and gifted violinist and composer – with a yearly competition for local upper-level high school students. The **2022 David Hochstein Recital Competition** winners are **Michael Ortiz**, clarinet; **Elizabeth Norris**, cello; and **Maxwell Sun**, piano. They will perform a free concert on **Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm**. The program includes music by Bach, Dvořák, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn, among others, and will be recorded for later broadcast on WXXI Classical. ***See below for the winners' bios.***

The David Hochstein Recital Competition is open to advanced students in grades 10-12 in the nine-county region surrounding Rochester. In order to compete, these talented young musicians were required to prepare challenging music in varied styles and perform for juries of noted professional artists. Judges included: Jeanine Beahan, flute; Kamalia Frehling, clarinet; Nikolette LaBonte, horn; Jennifer Carpenter, cello; An-Chi Lin, violin; Ellen Rathjen, violin; Jacob Ertl, piano; Elinor Freer, piano; and Doleen Hood, piano. Winners of the 2021 David Hochstein Recital Competition are honored for their achievement with a \$500 prize.

Additionally, the David Hochstein Recital Competition selected as runners-up: Daniel Kinney, percussion; Catalina Wooldridge, cello; Sean Li, piano; and Lilah Costanzo, piano. Honorable mention went to Allie Schultz, flute, and Rebecca Lee, violin. The Hochstein School is proud to continue the legacy of its namesake by celebrating and encouraging these talented young musicians.

The 2022 David Hochstein Recital Competition is sponsored by Paul and Marie Nasipak, in memory of Shirley Oliver Nasipak.

Michael Ortiz, a junior at Williamson Senior High, has been playing the clarinet since fourth grade, having only recently begun private lessons two years ago. He currently studies with Andy Brown and has been playing with the RPYO for two seasons. Michael also plays with the Eastman

Honor Wind Quintet and has served as principal clarinet for both the Nazareth Honor Band and the Wayne County Senior High All-County Band. This past summer, Michael was accepted into Luzerne Music Center with a scholarship and was awarded a spot in their Solo Recital Showcase. He was also accepted into NYSSMA Conference All-State and recently won Runner-Up in the Rochester Philharmonic League's Instrumental Category. In Williamson, Michael is in both Jazz and Concert Band and has also served as an interim conductor. He was also the winner of several music scholarships at both his home school and at Eastman Community Music School, where he is currently completing his diploma studies in clarinet performance.

A junior at Brighton High School, **Elizabeth Norris** first started cello at age 6 with Keiko Ying. She now studies with David Ying at the Eastman Community Music School. She joined the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (RPYO) as an eighth grader and has been principal cellist since her sophomore year. In 2021, she won the RPYO concerto competition. She has also been principal cellist in MCSMA High School All-County and Area All-State Orchestras. As cellist in the Telos Quartet, Elizabeth shared best ensemble at the 2022 Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music Youth Chamber Music Competition with other members Rebecca Lee, Noor Rouhana, and Ren Taguchi. In the summer, she has attended the Bowdoin International Music Festival, Boston University Tanglewood Institute, and Kinhaven Summer Music Program. Elizabeth shares her love for music with amazing students at the ROCmusic Collaborative, where she volunteers to teach cello. Outside of music, you can find her on ski trails or on the tennis courts, competing for her school's varsity teams.

Maxwell Sun is a senior at The Harley School. He started studying piano at age 6 with Karen Hagberg and currently studies with Elier Suárez. In 2018, Maxwell won the Junior Division of the Nazareth Piano Competition. In 2019, he won the Senior Division and the Junior All-Star Piano Competition Level IV. In both 2020 and 2021, Maxwell was a runner-up for the piano division of the Hochstein Recital Competition. In 2021, he was the runner-up for the Mildred and Julius Ness Award for Piano of the RPO Young Artist Auditions. Maxwell is a winner of the Howard Hanson Award and won second prize in the senior division of the 2022 Vince Lenti piano competition. In 2019 and 2021, Maxwell was a winner of the HYSO and RPYO concerto competitions on piano. In addition to piano, Maxwell enjoys playing percussion. He studies privately with Jim Tiller and has participated in various ensembles such as HYSO, RPYO, Hochstein Percussion Ensemble, Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, FLX Honor Band, and various All-County and Area All-State band and orchestras. In 2021, he was selected as an alternate for the NYSSMA Conference All-State Concert Band. Maxwell has participated in the United States of America Mathematics Olympiad and is also on the varsity boys cross-country and tennis teams at his school. He plans to continue pursuing his academic interests, like mathematics, and playing music at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Photographs of the performers are available in this folder on Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4gOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?resourcekey=0-fgqftceHiuNfAXp1Ly0PFQ>

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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein’s vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

David Hochstein Recital Competition Winners 2022

Wednesday, May 11, 2022; 7:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

Please note that masks are now optional at Hochstein. Distancing is encouraged.

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