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**Youth Concerto Competition Winners Selected**

**December 8, 2008** – Orchestra Omaha is pleased to announce that the following two students have been selected as the winners of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Concerto Competition.



**Jennifer Ahn, violin**

Jennifer is a sixth grader at Swanson Elementary School in Omaha, and currently studies with Ruth Meints at the Omaha Conservatory of Music. Jennifer will be performing the third movement of the *Violin Concerto No. 2, Op. 22* by Henryk Wieniawski.

**Yuechen Zhao, piano**

Yuechen is a sophomore at Westside High School in Omaha, and is currently a student of Dr. James Johnson at UNO. He will be performing the first movement of the *Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37* by Ludwig van Beethoven.



Each of these winners will receive a \$150 prize, and will perform with the orchestra on our *American Heritage* concert. This performance will take place on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Lutheran Church of the Master West Campus, 1200 N. 181<sup>st</sup> Court, at 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission, and the concert is open to the public. For additional information, please call (402) 681-4791 or visit [www.orchestraomaha.org](http://www.orchestraomaha.org).

The following two students have also been selected as Honorable Mentions:

**Tim Grady, violin** (junior, Millard North High School)

**Grace Lyden, piano** (junior, Westside High School)

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Since 1998, Orchestra Omaha has presented symphony orchestra concerts free of charge to the public. We are recognized as a not-for-profit organization by the State of Nebraska and the Internal Revenue Service. Our mission is to provide greater Omaha area musicians opportunities to perform in a symphony orchestra while offering the community an artistically engaging experience. Performances are presented four times a year at a variety of venues throughout the Omaha metro area. Formerly known as the Omaha Municipal Orchestra, the 2008-09 season marks our tenth anniversary. Pictures provided by Legacy Photography, © 2008.