



## Youth Concerto Competition Past Winners

### 2006-2007 Season

#### Clark Ikezu, violin

Clark won while in the sixth grade at Alice Buffett Middle School in Omaha. He began studying the violin at age 5, and is currently a student of Anne Nagosky. He has participated in numerous Suzuki camps and workshops in Omaha, Lincoln, and Madison, WI. Clark is a member of the OAYO Youth Philharmonic, where he serves as the Concertmaster. In addition to violin, Clark also plays piano and french horn. Clark performed the first movement of the *Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21* by Edouard Lalo.



#### Yasmeen Bora, violin

Yasmeen won while in the sixth grade at Millard North Middle School in Omaha. She began studying the violin at age 3, and studies with William Wolcott at the Omaha Conservatory of Music. Yasmeen participated in the Lincoln Suzuki Institute for several years, and has performed solos at three of their workshops. She is also a member of the OAYO Youth Philharmonic. Yasmeen performed the second movement of the *Concerto in D Minor, Op. 22* by Henryk Wieniawski.



### 2007-2008 Season

#### Arthur Masyuk, violin

Arthur was selected as a winner while a freshman at Milard West High School in Omaha. He studies violin with Ms. Anne Nagosky of the Omaha Symphony. Arthur participated in the UNO String Olympics, and attended the Rocky Mountain Summer Conservatory for four years. Arthur participates in the OAYO Youth Symphony, where he is a member of the first violin section. He has also been involved in a number of community theatre productions in both Omaha and Papillion. Arthur performed the first movement of the *Violin Concerto, Op. 48* by Dmitri Kabalevsky.



#### Izayah Dutcher, violin

Izayah was selected as a winner while a sixth grader at Rosehill Elementary School in Omaha. He studies violin with William Wolcott at the Omaha Conservatory of Music. Izayah is a member of the Frontier String Ensemble, and has performed solos in recitals at the Omaha Conservatory of Music. He also plays violin in the OAYO Youth Philharmonic. Outside of the playing violin, Izayah enjoys video games and appreciates a good game of chess. Izayah performed the first movement of the *Violin Concerto in D Major, K. 418* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.



## O! What a Sound!

## 2008-2009 Season



### **Junior Division: Jennifer Ahn, violin**

Jennifer is the daughter of Jongsam and Jiyoun Ahn of Omaha. She won while a sixth grader at Swanson Elementary School in Omaha. Jennifer started playing violin at age six, and currently studies with Ruth Meints at the Omaha Conservatory of Music. She is a member of the Frontier String Ensemble and participates in the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra program. When she is not playing the violin, Jennifer enjoys ballet, playing the flute in her school band, reading, and spending time with her family. When Jennifer was asked about her future career plans, she stated that she hopes to become a concert violinist or a doctor. Jennifer performed the 3<sup>rd</sup> movement of the *Violin Concerto No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 22* by Henryk Wieniawski.

### **Senior Division: Yuechen Zhao, piano**

Yuechen is the son of Yingchun Zhao and Lina Jin of Omaha. A sophomore at Westside High School, Yuechen started playing piano at age ten. He studies with Dr. James Johnson at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Yuechen participates in Math, Chess, French and Writers Clubs at Westside, and is also a member of the Student Leadership Council. In addition to playing piano, he is a percussionist in the Westside Band. In his spare time, Yuechen enjoys programming, web design, working with computers, reading, and spending time with his family. He would like to attend college at either Harvard or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and plans to major in computer science or engineering. Yuechen performed the 1<sup>st</sup> movement of the *Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37* by Ludwig van Beethoven.



## 2009-2010 Season



### **Junior Division: Nadia Maudhoo, violin**

Nadia is the daughter of Subash and Megumi Maudhoo of Omaha. She began studying the violin at age seven and has performed with a variety of musical groups throughout the Omaha area – the Omaha Symphony, Blue Barn Music Festival, and the OAYO Youth Philharmonic, just to name a few. In 2008, Nadia was selected as the winner of both the OAYO Youth Concerto Competition and the Lucy Weed String Competition. An eighth grader at Russell Middle School in Millard, Nadia studies violin with Anne Nagosky. In addition to music, Nadia is active in Omaha's Japanese and Indian communities, learning and performing traditional Indian dances. Nadia performed the *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* by Camille Saint-Saens.

### **Senior Division: Yuechen Zhao, piano**

Luke Witchger is the son of John Witchger and Maria Teresa Gaston of Omaha. Music has always been a passion for Luke since he began taking violin lessons at the age of three. He is a senior at Creighton Prep, and studies violin with Anne Nagosky. He was the 2007 winner of the OAYO Youth Concerto Competition. Luke is a member of Trio DePaz, an Omaha based piano trio that performs concerts throughout Nebraska. He has attended several summer music institutes, including the Rocky Mountain Summer Conservatory, the National High School Music Institute at Northwestern University, and the Meadowmount School of Music. In 2008-2009, Luke was an exchange student in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Luke performed the first movement of the *Concerto No. 2 in D Minor* by Henryk Wieniawski.



## 2010-2011 Season



### **Junior Division: Arjun Maudhoo, violin**

Arjun is the son of Subash and Megumi Maudhoo of Omaha. He began studying the violin at age five and has won several medals in the UNO String Olympics. Arjun is a current participant in the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra program, and currently serves as principal second violin in the Youth Philharmonic. He has performed with the Omaha Symphony in its “Symphony Spooktacular” and “Christmas with the Symphony” concerts. A fifth grader at Rohwer Elementary School, Arjun studies violin with Anne Nagosky and piano with Dr. Momoro Ono. Arjun is active in the Omaha Japanese School and enjoys reading books from the *Ranger Apprentice* series by John Flanagan. Arjun performed the first movement of the *Violin Concerto, Op. 48*, by Dmitri Kabalevsky.

### **Senior Division: Jehong Ahn, viola**

Jehong is the son of Jongsam and Jiyoun Ahn of Omaha. Music has always been a part his life since taking violin/viola lessons at the age nine. A sophomore at Westside High School, Jehong studies viola with Ruth Meints. He was the winner of the 2010 Lucy Weed String Competition, and was also chosen as a semi-finalist in the 2010 ASTA National Solo Competition. He is a member of the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra’s Youth Symphony and plays viola in the Frontier String Ensemble. Outside of music, Jehong is a member of the Math Club and participates on the Track and Cross Country teams at Westside High School. When asked about his future plans, Jehong stated that he wants to play music in college, but is undecided on a major. Jehong performed the first movement of *Der Schwanendreher* by Paul Hindemith.

