

THE ROBERT AVALON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR COMPOSERS PAST WINNERS AND JUDGES

2022-23

JR HIGH:

1st – Brannon Warn-Johnston – *Seascape* for Two violins and Cello

2nd – Alejandro Belgique – *Conundrum* for String Quintet

Distinctive Mentions

Jeanne Park – *Storms in Spring* for String Quintet

Taige Wang – *Toothbrush Rhapsody* for Piano Trio

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Evan Kessler – *Dimension* for Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet

2nd – Elaina Stuppler – *Quarantine Rhapsody* for Piano and Violin

Distinctive Mention – Capp Gordon – *Magnum Reginae* for Piano Trio

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st – Kian Ravaei – *Family Photos* for String Quartet

2nd – Adam Haz-Zvi – *Sonata* for Cello and Piano

Distinctive Mention – Ryne Siesky – *HUMAN* for Saxophone Quartet

PROFESSIONAL:

1st – Timothy Roy – *Dans Les Dents De la Guire* for Harp and Electronics

2nd – Sami Seif – *Miniatures from Phoenicia* for Solo Flute

3rd – Robert Melbourne – *Constellations* for Solo Piano

Distinctive Mentions

Tom Nazziola – *Garbage Plate* for Alto Saxophone, Bass Clarinet, Electric Guitar, Upright Bass, Piano, Drum Set

Minato Sakamoto – *Climbing High* for Soprano and Piano

JUDGES:

Dr. Stephen Gryc

Dr. Tawnie Olson

2020-21

JR HIGH:

1st – Chia Ren Cher – *String Quartet No. 2*

2nd – Alejandro Belgique – *Split Phrygian* for string trio and percussion

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Jonah Coehn – *the ground develops a taste for it* for Low Brass

Trio 2nd – Zixuan Chen – *Ink Splashing* for Piano Trio

Distinctive Mention – Aaron Nichols – *Solitude* for Wind Quintet

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st – Sami Seif – *Orientalism* for String Quartet
2nd – Gabriel Stossel– *Four Fractals* for Solo Violin
Distinctive Mention
Ryne Siesky – *Art Miniatures* for Solo Piano

PROFESSIONAL:

1st – Stephen Ferre – String Quartet No. 5
2nd – Ted Moore – *triangle* for String Quartet, Tape
Distinctive Mention
Arsentiy Kharitonov – *Four Vignettes*, Op. 49 for Four Violins

JUDGES:

Dr. John Cornelius
Dr. Anna Rubin

2019-20

JR HIGH:

1st – Chia Ren Cher – *String Quartet No. 1: Colour*
2nd – Abby Harris – *Theme and Disagreements* for String Quartet

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Carolina Bragg – *Disquiet* for String Quintet
2nd – Madeline Clara Cheng – *Where Before was Gray* for String Quartet
3rd – Aaron Nichols – *Seven Ages* for Trumpets, Horn, Trombone, and Bass Trombone

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st – Kai-Young Chen – *In a Bamboo Grove* for String Quartet

2nd – José Hernandez – *Naves de estrellas* for Guitar, Bass Clarinet, Cello, and Piano

3rd – Yi-Ning Lo – *Intertwined* for String Quartet

Honorable Mention

Ryne Siesky – *lips evaporate* for Double Bass and Piano

PROFESSIONAL:

1st – Bryan Stanley – *Three Sandburg Songs* for Tenor and Piano

2nd – Jacob Dalager – *Suite Analogique* for Brass Quintet

3rd – Jee Seo – *On Fever II* for Solo Violin

Honorable Mentions

Amy Stephens Chen – *Becoming Suite*, Solo Piano

Charles Corey – *Courtship Dance of the Jungftak* for Clarinet, Violin, Guitar, Percussion, and Piano

FILM SCORE:

University, 1st – José Luis Hernandez – *Foxy's Style* for Voice, Clarinet, Virtual Instruments

JUDGES:

Daniel Binelli

Dr. Mary Carol Warwick

2018-19

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Charles Meehaghan, *fantasia on rain* for Flute, Viola, and Percussion

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st (Arthur Gottschalk Award) – Wesley Richmond, Suite for String Quartet

2nd – Max Friedman, *Dress British, Think Yiddish* for Viola, Harp, and Percussion

PROFESSIONAL:

1st (Berry Bowen Award) – Charles Peck, *Sunburst* for String Quartet

2nd – David Colson, *The wind is rising, the Earth lets itself be inhaled* for Bassoon and Percussion

JUDGES:

Brian Herrington

Michael Remson

2017-18

JR HIGH:

1st – Anika Fuloria, *Nature's Dance* for Piano

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st (tie) – Caroline Bragg, *Melting Glaciers* for Cello and Piano

Sammy Sussman – *Eyrie* for String Quartet and Tape

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st (Arthur Gottschalk Award) – Julián Fueyo, *Zafiro* for Piano and Violin

2nd – Neal Warner, *El Amor de la Madre* for Flute and Guitar

PROFESSIONAL:

1st (Berry Bowen Award) – Brooke Joyce, *Rubha Hunish* for Alto Flute

2nd – Ingrid Stölzel, *The Gorgeous Nothings* for Soprano, Flute, Oboe, and Piano

FILM SCORE:

High School – Sammy Sussman, *Chain Reaction*

University – Timothy Gargiulo, *Warm Winter*

JUDGES:

Colin Eatock

Barbara White

2016

JR HIGH:

1st – Caroline Bragg, *The Lake* for two cellos

2nd – Caroline Bragg, *Iredescent Storm* for two cellos, vibraphone, and gong

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Avik Sarkar, *A Separate Unity* for clarinet, viola, and piano

2nd – Valerie Narumi, *Requiems* for two cellos and piano

Honorable Mentions:

William Zhang, *Nebula* for solo piano

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st (Arthur Gottschalk Award) – Paolo do Nascimento Brito, *10 Episodes from the Legend of the White Snake* for solo piano

2nd – Jung Yoon Wie, *Whimsical Sketches* for Clarinets, Percussion, and Piano

Honorable Mentions:

Julian Fueyo, *Zafiro* for Violin and Piano

PROFESSIONAL:

1st (Berry Bowen Award) – Lansing McLoskey, *Discipline* for Oboe and Piano

2nd – Alejandro Basulto-Martínez, *Migraciones Nocturnas* for Clarinet and Piano

JUDGES:

Edmund Cionek

Arthur Gottschalk

2015

JR HIGH:

1st – Sydney Wang, *A Storm at Sea* for Solo Piano

2nd – Michelle Zhu, *Habanera* for Oboe, Cello, and Piano

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Sharon Hurvitz, *Caprice* for Clarinet and Piano

2nd – SiHyun Uhm, *Stirring of a Sparkle* for Violin and Piano

Honorable Mentions:

Antonia Bentel, *Anamnesis* for Solo Piano

Bosbapan “Bosba” Panhm, *They Say it’s Spring* for String Quartet

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st (Arthur Gottschalk Award) – Colin Kemper, *Stream* for Flute, Violin, Soprano, Cello, and Piano

2nd – Jean-Patrick Besingrand, *Mimétisme* for Violin and Vibraphone

Honorable Mentions:

Andrew Baldwin, *Dawn: May 11, 1915* for Baritone, Violin, and Piano

Neal Warner, *Day at the Bazaar* for Violin and Piano

PROFESSIONAL:

1st (Berry Bowen Award) – Roger Briggs, *Friction* for String Quartet

2nd – YoungWoo Yoo, *Nivārana* for String Quartet

Honorable Mentions:

Christian Alberto Restrepo Sanchez, *Poema Nocturno* for Alto Saxophone and Piano

JUDGES:

Gabriela Frank

Laura Jackson

2014

JR HIGH:

1st – Avik Sarkar, *Polarity* for String Quartet

2nd – William Zhang, *Legend of the Sea* for Solo Piano

3rd – Julian Falco, *Winter Skies* for Saxophone Quartet

Honorable Mentions:

Berit Doolittle, *One* for Solo Piano

Leonard Gao, *The Night Hunt* for String Quartet or Orchestra

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Michael Cheng, *The Four Elements* for Piano Trio

2nd – Logan Nelson, *Collaborative Intrusion* for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano

3rd – Antonia Rhys Bentel, *Alluvion* for Clarinet in A, Violin, and Double Bass

Honorable Mentions:

Lev Roshal, *Viola Fantasy* for Viola and Piano

Gareth Haynes, *Serenade* for Solo Piano

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st – Inae Lee, String Quartet

2nd – Daniel Tacke, *musica ricercata/musica poetica* for Clarinet, Viola, and Vibraphone

3rd – Matthew Ricketts, *Women Well Met* for Vocal Ensemble

Honorable Mentions:

Jean-Patrick Besingrand, *Et le vent murmura le nom de Sarah* for Saxophone Quartet

Chin Ting Chan, *re[sou]nding* for Marimba (+Crotales) and Piano

Jonathan Booker, *Slow Movement* for String Quartet

PROFESSIONAL:

1st – José Beviá Cantó, *Cenizas y fuego* for Electronics, Percussion and Harp

2nd – Andrew Sigler, *finding the air up there* for Violin and Piano

3rd – Greg A. Steinke, *Random Blackouts I (Image Music XXXIII)* for Baritone Voice and Piano

Honorable Mentions:

Young Woo Yoo, *Piece for Solo Violin*

James C. Danly, *Fantasia for Saxophones (Quartet)*

Ed Neumeister, *Seven Vignettes* for Violin and Piano

Alberto E. Colla, *Abaculi* for String Quartet

JUDGES:

Anne LeBaron

Carman Moore

2013

JR HIGH:

1st – Christina Xiao, *Winter* for Violin and Cello

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Michael Cheng, *Eka* for String Quartet

2nd – Max Friedman, *Mnemiopsis* for Bass Clarinet, Horn, and Piano

3rd – Dylan Hunn, *Color of the Sky* for Solo Piano

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st – Matthew Entwistle, *Return to Venezia* for Viola and Piano

2nd – Roydon Tse, *Rondo* for Piano Trio and Flute

3rd – Shuying Li, *More Than Five* for Six-hand Piano and Backstage Piano

PROFESSIONAL:

1st (tie) – Forrest Pierce, *Bison Circles* for Flute and Piano

1st (tie) – Greg Danner, *Suite for Brass Quintet*

2nd – Stephen Yip, *Yugen* for Flute/Piccolo, Bass Clarinet, Violin, Cello, and Piano

3rd – Andrew Sigler, *Imaginary Choreography* for Violin, Cello, and Piano

JUDGES:

Tania Léon

Juan Trigos

2012

JR HIGH:

1st – Zachery Detrick, *Pulsations – A Rondo in F*

2nd – Dara Li, *Le Voyage*

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Miles Friday, *Call to Mind*

2nd – Daniel Karcher, *Gift for the Darkness*

3rd – Christopher Poovey, *Μοιχεία*

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st – Ka Chun Ng, *Grand Jeté on a Violin*

2nd – Alexander Winkler, *That Which Was Not There Before*

3rd – Youn-Jae Ok, *Anticipation*

PROFESSIONAL:

1st – Matthew Tommasini, *Awaken This Feeling*

2nd – Greg A. Steinke, *Expressions III, Image Music XXIX*
3rd – Geoffrey Gordon, *Immanuel (from Reliquary)*

JUDGES:

Daron Hagen
Kyong Mee Choi

2011

HIGH SCHOOL:

1st – Daniel Karcher, *Sonata for Flute and Oboe*
2nd – Emily Elizabeth Brown, *Nocturne*

UNIVERSITY/EMERGING ARTIST:

1st – Bret Bohman, *String Quartet No. 1*
2nd – Charles Halka, *Fantasy*

PROFESSIONAL:

1st – Jin Nam, *There is Someone in the Woods*
2nd – Christopher Walczak, *Night Spiral*

JUDGES:

William Bolcom
Christopher Theofanidis

2010

HIGH SCHOOL:

Andrew Hsu, *Piano Trio*
Jeremiah Klarman, *Three Love Songs Without Words*

COLLEGIATE:

Alexandra T. Bryant, *The Still Point*, for String Quartet
Wenhui Xie, *Sonnetti a Orfeo I, No. IX*

PROFESSIONAL:

Takuma Tanikawa, *Midair*, for Clarinet Quintet

JUDGES:

Carlisle Floyd
Ted Hearne

2009

Matthew O'Neill, *Despedida* and *While She's Sleeping Soundly*
Felix Peña, *Ecco Dite*
Alexandra T. Bryant, *The Still Point*, for String Quartet
Christopher Goddard, *Piano Trio*

JUDGES:

Mary Carol Warwick
Robert Nelson

2007

1st – Jordan Kuspa, *String Quartet No. 2*
2nd – Matthew Kline, *Quartet for Strings*
Rebecca Jensen, *Misty Castle*
Jonathan Kraft, *Dreams, Yearning*

2006

1st – Elliot Cole, *Birds*