

THE ROBERT AVALON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR COMPOSERS PAST WINNERS AND JUDGES

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 – *Solitudine* 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 and tape

Distinctive Mention

Arsentiy Kharitonov – *Four Vignettes*, Op. 49 for four violins

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 trumpet, 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 two clarinets, two percussionists, 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 León

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*