PREVIOUS YOUNG ARTIST WINNERS

1983 COLUMBUS, OHIO
PIANO: David Allen Wehr, CA
VIOLIN: Ming-Feng Hsin, PA
MANS VOICE: Richard Lalit, CT

1985 WICHITA, KANSAS
PIANO: Jody (Gibbons) Delalvo, CT
WOMANS VOICE: Donna Zapola, PA
MANS VOICE: William Doyle Riley, NJ

1987 MIAMI, FLORIDA
PIANO: Thomas Otten, CA
VIOLIN: Michael Ludwig, PA
WOMANS VOICE: Kitt Foss, WI
MANS VOICE: John M. Koch, OH

1989 FORT WORTH, TEXAS
PIANO: Andrew Cooperstock, AR
VIOLIN: Alexander Kerr, VA
WOMANS VOICE: Linda Keith, OH

1991 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
PIANO: Richard Glazer, IN
CELLO: Zuill Bailey, VA
MANS VOICE: Steven Rushing, LA
ELLIS PIANO DUO: Thomas Hecht and Sandra Shapiro, OH

1993 BUFFALO, NEW YORK
PIANO: Andrew Armstrong, CT
VIOLIN: Emil Israel Chudnovsky, NY
WOMANS VOICE: Lorie Gratias, PA
MANS VOICE: Anthony Turner, OH

1995 WICHITA, KANSAS
PIANO: Mia Kim, NY
WOMANS VOICE: Jane Ohnes, MO
MANS VOICE: Allen Henderson, TN

1997 MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
PIANO: Marina Lomazov, NY
VIOLIN: Linda Wang, NY
WOMANS VOICE: Mary Kania, PA
MANS VOICE: Kenneth Robertson, IL
ELLIS PIANO DUO: Beatrice and Christina Long, Taiwan

1999 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
PIANO: Inna Faliks, MD
CELLIST: Clancy Newman, NY
WOMANS VOICE: Mary Wilson
MANS VOICE: Daniel Weeks, KY
ELLIS DUO PIANO: Amy and Sara Hamann, MN

2001 ATLANTA, GEORGIA
PIANO: David Shimoni, NY
VIOLIN: Carrie Kennedy, CA

2003 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
PIANO: Zarina Melik-Stepanovna, NY
VIOLIN: Christina Castelli, NY
WOMANS VOICE: Amy Grable MO
MANS VOICE: Woodrow Bynum, AR
ELLIS DUO PIANO: Roo Duo: Janet Petetman and Nathan Smith, MO

2005 AUSTIN, TEXAS
PIANO: Dr. Christopher Atzinger, MI
WOMAN’S VOICE: Mela Dailey, TX
ELLIS DUO PIANO: Pas De Duo: Naomi Sanchez and Stephen Varney, CA

2007 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
PIANO: Nathan Knutsen, MN
VIOLIN: Jo Young Oh, NY
WOMAN’S VOICE: Rayanne Gonzales, VA
MANS VOICE: Jesse Blumberg, OH

2009 ORLANDO, FLORIDA
PIANO: James Cockman III, KS
CELLO: Angela Park, PA
WOMAN’S VOICE: Kay Welch, IL
MANS VOICE: Daniel Seigle, AL
ELLIS DUO PIANO: #8 Squared: Drs Jeffrey and Karen Savage, WA

2011 MCLEAN, VIRGINIA
PIANO: Kwan Y, MD
CELLO: Matthew Allen, OH
WOMAN’S VOICE: Maria McDaniel, GA
MANS VOICE: Nicholas Falas, VA

2013 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
PIANO: Olga Krayterman, NY
CELLO: Tavi Ungerleider, MA
WOMAN’S VOICE: Courtney Miller, WI
MANS VOICE: Mark Gardner, MI
ELLIS DUO PIANO: Tiffany Delgado and Hilary Mauer, CA

2015 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
PIANO: Nicholas Sisi, MO
VIOLIN: Matthew Lipman, IL
WOMAN’S VOICE: Christie Conover, MT

2017 DAYTON, OH
PIANO: Kevin Abbat, NY
CELLO: Su Jin Lee, MA
WOMAN’S VOICE: Natalie Conte, VA
MANS VOICE: Andre Chuang, AL
ELLIS DUO PIANO: Happy Dog Duo: Eric Tran and Nathan Cheung, CA

2019 JACKSONVILLE, FL
PIANO: Susan Yang, TN
CELLO: Alexander Hersh, IL
WOMAN’S VOICE: Natalie Conte, VA
MANS VOICE: Paul Wolf, AL
ELLIS DUO PIANO: Carney-Terrall Duo: Colleen Carney and Melissa Terrall, OR

2021 (VIRTUAL)
PIANO: Rachel Breen, CA
STRINGS: John-Henry Crawford, LA
WOMAN’S VOICE: Shaina Martinez, NY
ELLIS DUO PIANO: Rector-Hong Duo, OH
2021

Ellis Duo

S Y L V I A H O N G A N D M I C H A E L R E C T O R P I A N O D U O

Pianists SYLVIA HONG and MICHAEL RECTOR began performing together as a duo shortly after being married in 2011. They have played recitals at the Kennedy Center in Washington and the Lotte Concert Hall in Seoul. In April 2014, they toured in Eastern Europe, performing with the Georgian Sinfonietta and Black Sea Symphony. Highlights of their numerous tours in Korea include playing two sold-out concerts on the same day in Busan, and an invitation to perform with the orchestra in the Olympic city of Gangneung during the 2018 winter games. Avid proponents of American music, Sylvia and Michael presented a lecture-recital on the music of Morton Feldman at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz, Austria, in 2019. Following extensive research at the Library of Congress, their current project is a recital program and recording of rediscovered 19th-century American compositions for four hands.

Sylvia Hong is known to audiences worldwide as a pianist of imagination and virtuosity. As a concerto soloist, Sylvia has played in Korea with the KBS Orchestra, Mokpo Symphony, Busan Symphony and Suwon Symphony. In her native United States, she has performed with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic and Mt. Vernon Symphony Orchestra. She made her debut in the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall at the age of 16 as the 1st prize winner of the National Russian Competition. Sylvia's three commercial recordings, all live performances, were produced by the Far East Broadcasting Corporation. She was the Korea Times "Musician of the Year" for 2012. Sylvia credits much of her success to her principal teachers-Lydia Frumkin of Oberlin Conservatory, Lee Kum-Sing of the Vancouver Academy of Music, and Benjamin Pasternak of the Peabody Conservatory where she received her Performer's Diploma in 2012. She is currently Associate Lecture at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Michael graduated from the doctoral program at Manhattan School of Music in 2012, where his teacher was Philip Kawin. He also earned a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College, where he majored in comparative literature. Michael has presented lecture-recitals and masterclasses both at home and abroad, including at China Conservatory in Beijing, the University of Kassel in Germany, and numerous universities and music schools in Korea. His academic research focuses on performance practice and style change, with forthcoming articles in the journals Empirical Musicology Review and Perspectives of New Music. He has also written about piano pedagogy for American Music Teacher, Clavier Companion, and the MTNA e-Journal. He is currently Associate Professor of Music at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

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