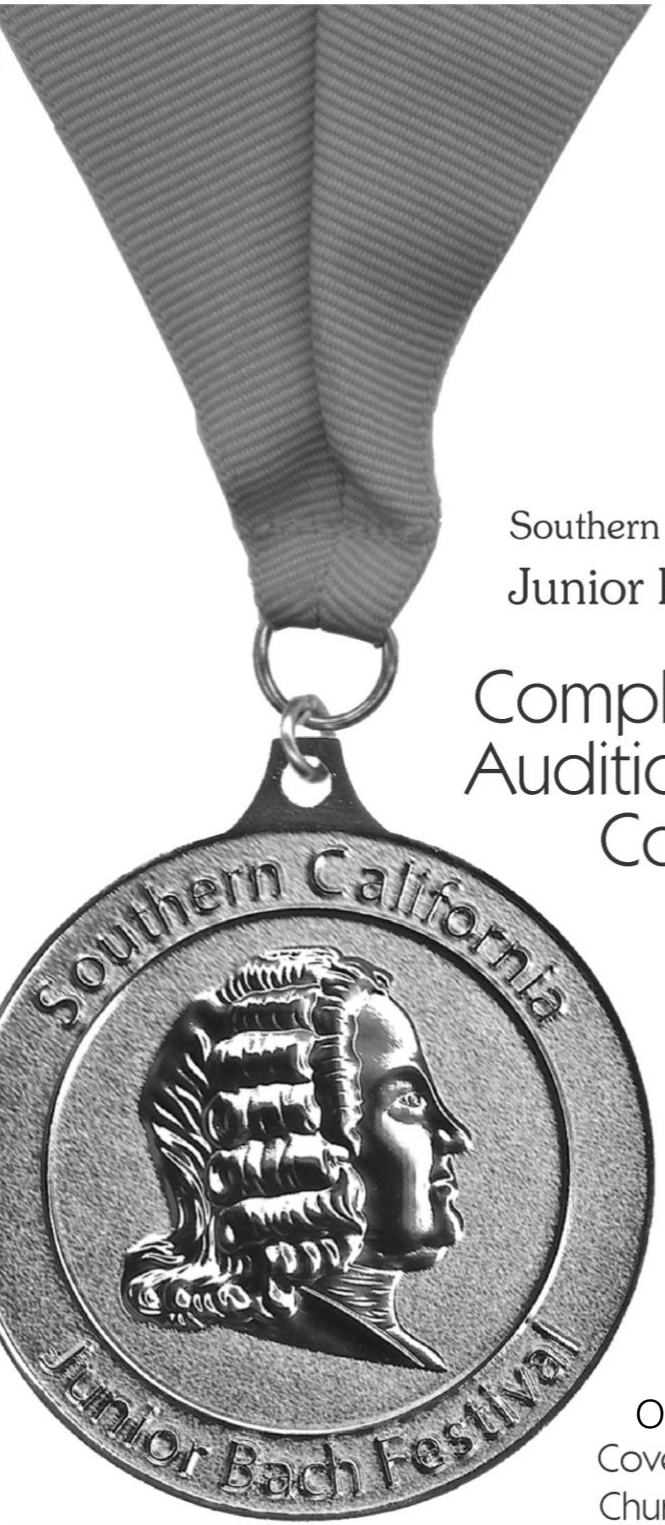


Southern California
Junior Bach Festival

Complete Works Audition Awards Concert

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Established in 1961 by Madame Alice Ehlers of the University of Southern California, the Southern California Junior Bach Festival was founded to stimulate interest in and appreciation for the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Through masterclasses, workshops and seminars by well-known Bach scholars, and with the annual presentation of students in SCJBF programs, the organization promotes high standards in the performance and interpretation of the music of J. S. Bach.

Noted Baroque scholars and music teachers Evelyn Hood, Andrew Clemmons, Yvonne Gordon and Mary Evelyn Golz provided visionary leadership during the critical early years of SCJBF. Mary Evelyn Golz, Andrew Clemmons and Evelyn Hood, a student of Madame Ehlers, all served as General Chairmen. Their dedication provided inspiration and support for the growth of the fledgling organization. The highly-regarded Complete Works Audition, which provides opportunities for the most accomplished students to challenge themselves, was initiated by Yvonne Gordon and Andrew Clemmons in 1977.

During his nine-year tenure as General Chair, Carl Matthes led the Festival's effort to incorporate and also to expand its offerings for string, wind and voice musicians. Under his leadership, the organization broadened a formal collaboration begun by Evelyn Hood with the distinguished Los Angeles Bach Festival.

Serving twelve years as General Chair, Sue Scofield encouraged the expansion of the organ program. Her strong stewardship established a firm financial foundation for the organization's continued success.

In 2006, Dr. Mark Sullivan took over the leadership and served for 12 years as General Chair. He presided over the design and implementation of the SCJBF website which included more efficient on-line student registration for all branch and regional festivals.

Pamela Worcester is the current General Chair serving since 2018. She has worked tirelessly to lead the organization through the ups and downs brought on by the pandemic and has brought many new insights to enhance the organization's programs.

Today, the Southern California Junior Bach Festival involves approximately 950 students from 18 SCJBF Branch Festivals and 4 All-Branch Regional Festivals for Strings, Winds & Voice, Organ and Harpsichord.

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presents

Gold Medal Winners of the 2026 Complete Works Audition Program

Flute Suite/Oboe Concerto

Orchestral (Flute) Suite #2 in B Minor, BWV 1067, *Polonaise & Badinerie* — Shuting William Pan

Silver – Samuel Park

Keyboard Concerti

Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055, *Allegro* — Abigail Jung

Silver – Luke Hsu

String Quartet

Rob Schumitzky – Violin I
Madalyn Parnas Moller - Violin II
Alice Ping – Viola
Erin Breene – Cello

Short Preludes & Fugues (B)

Short Prelude in E Minor, BWV 985 — Miles Yang

Silver – Allison Cai

Silver – Aaron Deng

Bronze – Cristiana Chu

Bronze – Mark Ergenc

Duets

Duet #3 in G Major, BWV 804 — Ellie Chen

Silver – David Hsiung

Bronze – Elijah Robins

Bronze – Jichen Sun

English Suites (A)

English Suite #3 in G Minor, BWV 808, *Prelude* — Noelle Hadsall

Silver – Ryan Lin

Bronze – Evalyn Yu

Violoncello Senior

Cello Suite #5 in C Minor, BWV 1011, *Courante* — Samantha Lam

Silver – Khalil Santiago

Bronze – Danlei Wang

French Suites

French Suite #3 in B Minor, BWV 814, *Allemande* — Alexander Wang
Silver – Lina Toyne
Bronze – Jayson Bordges
Bronze – Amy Zhou

Well-Tempered Clavier I (B)

Fugue #12 in F Minor, WTC I, BWV 857 — Haydn Schlinger
Silver – Astrea Archibald
Silver – Claire Chen
Bronze – Nathan Zhou
Bronze – Kylie Kim

Various Dance Movements

Partita #2 in C Minor, BWV 826, *Rondeau* — Simon Sauk
Silver – Naomi Huang
Silver – Ethan Xiu
Bronze – Emerson Kunnath
Bronze – Chris Cheung

Inventions & Sinfonias (B)

Sinfonia #2 in C Minor, BWV 788 — Diana Gao
Silver – Minghan Chen
Silver – William Wang
Bronze – Flora Wang
Bronze – Xiaoyun Pang

Longer Various Works

Aria Variata alla Maniera Italiano, BWV 989, *Aria & Variations 4,5* — Lauren Chin
Silver – Henry Huang
Silver – Lilian Guo

Well-Tempered Clavier II (B)

Fugue #23 in B Major, WTC II, BWV 892 — Angela Lin
Silver – Sophie Lin
Bronze – Daryn Tarasewicz
Bronze – Ailis Nguyen

Flute & Oboe Junior

(Oboe) Sonata in G Minor, BWV 1020, *Allegro* — Titus Park
Silver – Aidan Ko
Bronze – Qianer Cheng

Partitas

Partita #1 in B-Flat Major, BWV 825, *Corrente* — Ray Fu
Silver – Ang Chen
Bronze – Kaede Hidaka

Short Preludes & Fugues (A)

Short Prelude in D Minor, BWV 940 — Arslan Yahya
Silver – Gracen Lee
Silver – Avral Yahya
Bronze – Kara Cheng
Bronze – Marvin Liang

English Suites (B)

English Suite #4 in F Major, BWV 809, *Prelude* — Demi Zeng
Silver – Qi-Wei Zhu
Silver – Eric Jia
Bronze – Clara Zhang

Well-Tempered Clavier I (A)

Fugue #4 in C-Sharp Minor, WTC I, BWV 849 — Mary Mason
Silver – Joann Xie
Silver – Kaya Baird
Bronze – Clayton Fong
Bronze – Nora Wang

Inventions & Sinfonias (A)

Sinfonia #15 in B Minor, BWV 801 — Daren Ren
Silver – Grace Ruiz
Silver – Kaylee Chien
Bronze – Lena Park
Bronze – Amber Tse

Toccatas

Toccata in C Minor, BWV 911, *Second Fugue* — Andrew Gerhart
Silver – Cecilia Chang
Bronze – Astin Tsai

Violin Senior

Sonata #1 in G Minor, BWV 1001, *Presto* — Arlan Khakimianov
Silver – Olivia Chen
Bronze – Madelynn Carpiuc

Well-Tempered Clavier II (A)

Prelude #1 in C Major, WTC II, BWV 870 — Keanu Zeller
Silver – Kevin Yi
Bronze – Audrey Chin
Bronze – Charlotte Lee

Chromatic Fantasy & Fugue

Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, BWV 903, *Fantasy* — Micah Antonio
Silver – Stanley Wang
Silver – Hannah Huang
Bronze – Avery Yu

Also receiving medals:

Short Various Works
Gold – Gregory Shechter
Silver – Brandon Chen
Silver – Shawn Du

Goldberg Variations
Gold – Winston You
Silver – Mana Asaka
Silver – Berkeley Chau

Italian Concerto
Silver – Ayaka Yamanoshita
Silver – Qianer Cheng
Bronze – Minghao Guo
Bronze – Isabel Pang

Organ
Gold – Benjamin Fries
Silver – Serra Kim
Bronze – Phillip Dinh Hoang

Violin Junior
Gold – Jacob Sun
Silver – Olivia Hsu

Violoncello Junior
Gold – Zachary Gerhart
Silver – Eamon Quinlan
Bronze – Wharton Huang
Bronze – Riley Yang

Flute & Oboe Senior
Gold – Ziling Cheng
Silver – Aurora Zajac
Bronze – Angela Wang
Bronze – Evolet Yi-Han Sun

Voice Senior
Silver - Klara Erasmus

Violin Concerti
Gold – Coco Sakuma
Silver – Vela Khov
Bronze – Allen Liu & Lucas Tzeng

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