



54th Annual
Senior Honor Recital

**John Michael
Kohler Arts Center**

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center Presents

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Sunday, May 5, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Senior Honor Recital showcases the talented winners of the prestigious annual music competition for high school seniors who perform selections from their award-winning repertoires. Now in its fifty-fourth year, the program is open to students residing in Sheboygan County and to students of Michibago Music Teachers Association members.

The students performing in this event were chosen from a field of talented musicians by judges Anthony Bauer, who teaches band and orchestra in the Manitowoc Public School District; Jennifer Clippert, who teaches woodwinds, brass, and percussion at the University of Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts; and Marie Zellmer, who is a retired vocal music educator. Contestants were evaluated for musicianship, rhythm, style, tone quality, interpretation, and stage presence. The Arts Center is pleased to offer this opportunity to young musicians and hopes this experience will motivate them to continue to excel in music.

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center thanks the **Michibago Music Teachers Association, Barry and Tricia Marton, and Lakeland University** for their interest in this event and the generous awards given in support of it.

IN ORDER OF PERFORMANCE

Paolo González

Piano

Sheboygan North High School

Sonata no. 8 in C Minor, Movement II by Ludwig Van Beethoven

Etude op. 25, no. 2 “*The Bees*” by Frederic Chopin

Liebestraum no. 3 in A-flat Major by Franz Liszt

Glassy Sky by Yutaka Yamada

Sidney Straley

Soprano

Oostburg High School

Accompanied by Karen Christopherson

“O Mio Babbino Caro” from *Gianni Schicchi*
by Giacomo Puccini, Key: A

Lauretta is pleading with her father. She wants to go with Rinuccio and states that, if she should love in vain, she would throw herself off the Ponte Vecchio, a bridge over the river Arno, a river in Florence.

“V'adoro Puppale” from *Guilio Cesare (Julius Ceasar)*
by George Frideric Handel, Key: F

As part of her plan to captivate Caesar, Cleopatra arranges a tableau representing Mount Parnassus and appears as Virtue surrounded by the Muses. The eyes speak of adoration.

Se Tu Ma'ami by Alessandro Parisotti, Key: F

Poetic Translation: “Yes, I love you, but I love other men, too!”

"I'm Going Back" from *Bells Are Ringing*
by Jule Styne, Betty Comden and Adolph Green

Ella Peterson is an operator at Susanswerphone telephone answering service. She becomes involved in her client's lives. At this point she has become dejected and exclaims that she is going back to her former job at the switchboard of the Bonjour Tristesse Brassiere Company in upstate New York.

"Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again"
from *The Phantom of the Opera* by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Christine falls under the spell of a disfigured musical genius who haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera House. The spell is broken by a young man who vies with the Phantom for Christine's affections. This piece is Christine's plea at her father's grave.

The Girl In 14 G by Jeanine Tesori and Dick Scanlan

This piece is not from a show but is a character song and theatrical in nature. This became signature literature for Kristen Chenoweth.

Benjamin Beumler

Bassoon

Sheboygan South High School

Accompanied by Karen Christopherson

Sonate für Fagott und Klavier by Paul Hindemith

Concerto in F Major, op. 75 for bassoon and piano by Carl Maria von Weber, adagio and rondo

George Phillips

Jazz Piano Improv

Sheboygan North High School

Nardis by Bill Evans

Misty by Erroll Garner

All the Things You Are by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II

'Round Midnight by Thelonious Monk

Moanin' by Bobby Timmons

St. Thomas by Sonny Rollins

Benjamin Beumler

Benjamin started playing bassoon at the age of 10 and is now in his ninth year of studying the instrument. He attended Lakeland University's Music Camp for many summers during middle and high school and has participated in their jazz ensembles and concert bands. Benjamin has been a member of the Sheboygan Symphony Youth Orchestra. In his junior year, he joined the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra's Senior Symphony, their flagship orchestra of over 100 musicians from around southeast Wisconsin. Bassoon is his favorite and primary instrument, but he also plays the baritone saxophone under the direction of Mr. Wade Heinen in Sheboygan South High's Jazz Ensemble for the past three years while also participating in drumline since his freshman year. Benjamin has been dedicated to the South High Band program participating in Redwing band his freshman year, concert band his sophomore year, and symphonic band his junior and senior years.



Honors and awards include Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Honors Project 2021-23.

Benjamin plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to study music education in the fall of 2024.

Benjamin's hobbies include golfing with extended family, playing tennis with the South High School boys' tennis team, and hunting with his dad in the fall. Ending on a music-related note, last year Benjamin joined the South High show choir ensemble and concert choir, in which he found himself becoming a better musician not only in vocal endeavors, but also in instrumental playing.

"I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone for attending the recital this afternoon! I would also like to personally thank my private music teacher, Ms. Patty Milsted, for all of her time and guidance to help me grow as a musician over the years. I would also like to thank my middle and high school band directors, Mrs. Carra Lyn Conger and Mr. Wade Heinen for their time and encouragement. Finally, to thank all of my family and close friends for their continued support of music in my life!"

Paolo González

Paolo started playing piano in third grade, and has now been playing for nine years. He attended the Wisconsin State Honors Orchestra and Eastman Summer Classical Studies camps.

Honors and awards include Exemplary Performance Award, Wisconsin State Honors Orchestra, National Honors Society, and Eagle Scout.

Paolo plans to either become a concert pianist or clinical therapist.

Paolo's hobbies and interests include board and card games, napping, and movies.

"I would like to thank piano teacher Jim Wilsing and violin teacher Dan Ognavic for showing me the passion and beauty of music. I would also like to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my music career."



George Phillips

George's music studies include classical piano with Ms. Tricia Marton from age 6 to 16; percussion lessons with Mr. Glenn Zeinemann from age 10 to age 16; and jazz piano lessons from Mr. Mark Davis from age 14 to present. George studied at Interlochen Summer Arts Camp Jazz Piano Intensive during the summers of 2021 and 2022. He played percussion with the Sheboygan Area Youth Symphony Sinfonia and Concert Orchestra groups from 2017 to 2021. He has been a pianist for the Milwaukee Jazz Institute Youth Ensemble since September 2020. As part of an Innovator Fellowship Project at North High, George created Sheboogie.org, an organization which expands the Sheboygan jazz scene by providing free jazz education and community jazz jams. He has also performed on accordion with the Rhythm Rascals, a revival of a local polka band in 2023.



Honors and awards include Young Musical Stars; Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Solo and Ensemble Competition Regional First Place for Jazz Piano Improvisation Solo, Piano Composition, Piano Duet, and Snare Drum Solo, April 2021; WSMA Solo and Ensemble Competition State Firsts for Jazz Piano Improvisation Solo; Piano Composition, and Parade Drum Solo, April 2022; WSMA Solo and Ensemble Competition State Firsts for Jazz Piano Improvisation Solo and Accordion/Polka Band, April 2023; WSMA Solo and Ensemble Competition Regional Firsts for Jazz Piano, April 2024; National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest Superior Rating and Certificate of Merit 2022 and 2023; Michigano Music Teachers Association Composition Contests Honorable Mentions 2019, 2020, and 2022.

George plans to study chemical biology at Cornell University in the fall and minor in jazz. He also plans on organizing free jazz jams during and after college, just as he does now for Sheboogie.

George's hobbies and interests include cross-country running and skiing, tennis, riding his bike, playing Minecraft, escape rooms, and climbing around in the woods with a compass and a paper map (orienteering).

"Thank you to Ms. Tricia Marton, Mr. Mark Davis, and Mr. Glenn Zeinemann for giving me a great idea of what it means to be a musician. Thank you to the Michigano Music Teachers Association, Barry and Tricia Marton, and Lakeland University for providing generous awards to the musicians. Thank you to my parents for paying for my music lessons and transporting me."

Sidney Straley

Sidney has been singing since the age of 4 but really started to focus on music in sixth grade at Oostburg Middle School. She has studied privately with Mrs. Karen Christopherson for the last three years and this year is the president of Oostburg High School choirs. Sidney has participated in numerous honor choirs and select concerts. This is her fourth year of being in Oostburg High Schools Voice Choir and second year of taking AP Voice. This year she will be going to State Solo Ensemble and competing for seven different categories. Sidney enjoys singing classical and Christian music and has developed a love for jazz singing with some teacher influence.



Honors and awards include Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Honors Project (middle school); Choral Leadership Award (freshman year); University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Vocal Arts Festival (sophomore, junior, senior years); Lawrence University Wisconsin Choral Directors Association Honors Choir (junior year); Big East Honors Choir (junior and senior year); District and State Solo Ensemble Competitions (freshman, sophomore, junior and senior year); and President of Voice/Oostburg Choir Department (senior year). She has collected a total of thirty-one gold medals and two silver medals.

Sidney plans on receiving a bachelor's degree in management with a concentration in leadership and organization management at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She will be on the university swim team and plans to sing in the UW-Whitewater Chamber Choir next year. She is excited to see what her major and music have in store for her future.

Sidney's hobbies and interests include choir, archery, track and field, forensics, dance team, and swim team.

"I am very excited to continue my journey with music while I am at UW-Whitewater. Music is something that stays with you for a lifetime and I am so excited where it will take me in my future. I owe a huge thank you to my family for always supporting me with my vocal events and I would like to thank my kind-hearted teachers Mrs. Karen Christopherson and Mrs. Abigail Mazza. Finally thank you to the John Michael Kohler Arts Center for giving me this amazing opportunity to sing for everyone at the recital."



Post-performance interview by Tricia Marton, president of Michibago Music Teachers Association, Associate Lecturer at Lakeland University and owner of Marton Music Studio.

Thank you to Michibago Music Teachers Association (MMTA).

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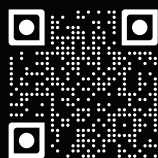
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Right: Work by Arts/Industry artist-in-residence Salvador Jiménez-Flores, 2019. Photos: Kohler Co.