

UMass Young Artist Award Winners, Spring 2021

Congratulations to all!

VOICE

Category 1 (9th & 10th Grade):

1st place: **Frederic Gondek** (Teacher: Elisabeth Gondek)

2nd place: **Sydney Palmer** (Teacher: Carol Cybulska)

3rd place: **Ilan Balzac** (Teacher: Renée Tatum)

Category 2 (11th & 12th Grade):

1st place: **Sam Higgins** (Teacher: Corey Hart)

2nd place: **Isabelle Bouvier** (Teacher: Marjorie Melnick)

3rd place: **Kelly McMahan** (Teacher: Gina Beck)

Voice Jury: [William Hite](#), [Marjorie Melnick](#), [Jamie-Rose Guarrine](#)

PIANO

1st place: **Gaeun Lee** (Teacher: Niva Fried)

2nd place: **Jason Vu** (Teacher: Victor Cayres)

3rd place: **Benjamin Wolfson** (Teacher: Natalia Harlap)

Honorable Mentions:

Alessandra Mariano, Colby Kramer

Piano Jury: [Christopher Guzman](#), [Alpin Hong](#), [Eric Huebner](#), [Gilles Vonsattel](#)

STRINGS

1st place: **Melanie Chen**, cello (Teacher: Andrew Mark)

2nd place: **John Matters**, violin (Teachers: Lynn Chang, Naoko Tanaka)

3rd place: **Allison Jiang**, violin (Teacher: Desiree Ruhstrat)

Honorable Mentions (Gift certificates from Stamell Strings):

Henry Ayanna, Olga Kaminsky, Xavier Ip

Strings Jury: [Edward Arron](#), [Elizabeth Chang](#), [Kathryn Lockwood](#), [Morihiro Nakahara](#)

WINDS BRASS PERCUSSION

1st prize: **Emily DeNucci**, flute (Teacher: Greig Shearer)

2nd prize: **Alicia Kim**, flute (Teacher: Ann Bobo)

3rd prize: **Yelim Song**, oboe (Teacher: Amanda Hardy)

Finalists: Jasmine Chen, horn; Emily DeNucci, flute; Joseph Iantosca, percussion; Alicia Kim, flute; Sophie Richardson, trombone; Yelim Song, oboe; Joshua Zhang, trombone

Brass area awards:

Sophie Richardson, trombone: Yamaha-Silent Brass, Virtuosity-Gift Certificate, S.E. Shires-Swag Bag

Jasmine Chen, horn: Virtuosity-Gift Certificate

Joshua Zhang, trombone: Virtuosity-Gift Certificate

Sam Bean, horn: Osmun Music-Free consultation and ½ hour of repair

Matthew Beaty, trombone: Gerry's Music Shop-Gift Certificate

Zachary Stowe-Alekman, trumpet: David French Music-Free Ultrasonic Cleaning

Emily Riker, horn: David French Music-Free Ultrasonic Cleaning

Samuel Wilson, trumpet: David French Music-Free Ultrasonic Cleaning

Ryan Fernandes, trumpet: S.E. Shires-Swag Bag

Wind area awards:

Jason Chen, clarinet: Gerry's Music Shop- Gift Certificate

Anna Lin, clarinet: Gerry's Music Shop- Gift Certificate

Kate Park, flute: Gerry's Music Shop- Gift Certificate

Percussion area award:

Joseph Iantosca: two pairs of mallets from Vic Firth, Gerry's Music Shop- Gift Certificate

Winds Brass Percussion Juries:

First Round

Winds: [Fredric Cohen](#), [Cobus du Toit](#), [Romie de Guise-Langlois](#), [Jonathan Hulting-Cohen](#), [Rémy Taghavi](#)

Brass: [Eric Berlin](#), [Joshua Michal](#), [Gregory Spiridopoulos](#), [John Bottomley](#)

Percussion: [Matthew Gold](#), [Ayano Kataoka](#)

Final Round

[Cobus du Toit](#), [Romie de Guise-Langlois](#), [Joshua Michal](#), [Gregory Spiridopoulos](#), [Matthew Westgate](#), [Matthew Gold](#), [Ayano Kataoka](#)