



The State Strings and Piano competitions were held at BSU on Nov 19th-20th. The Brass competition was held at BYU on Nov 19th. the piano competition numbers were higher than we've had in a long time with 11 Juniors and 8 Seniors participating. We also had 4 YA Brass and 3 Senior Strings.

Here are the results of the competitions:

Senior String

- Winner - Nicole Oswald:
teacher - Craig Purdy
- Alternate - Katherine Audas:
teacher - Jesus Castro-Balbi
- Honorable Mention - Christa Cole:
teacher - Craig Purdy

YA Brass

- Winner - Jacob Larry Mecham:
teacher - Bryce Mecham
- Alternate - Michael Burger:
teacher - Bryce Mecham

Junior Piano

- Winner - Abriana Church:
teacher - David Tacher
- Alternate - Geneve Lau:
teacher - Marion Corron
- Honorable Mention - Won Young Kim:
teacher - David Tacher
- Honorable Mention - Juliana Zhang:
teacher - Carolyn Beard
- Honorable Mention - Eleanor Straight:
teacher - David Tacher

Senior Piano

- Winner - Matthew Thompson Aue:
teacher - Mark Neiwirth
- Alternate - Jiwon Kim:
teacher - Del Parkinson
- Honorable Mention - Davis Gilton:
teacher - Halimah Brugger
- Honorable Mention - Ghun Woo Kim:
teacher - Halimah Brugger

Uncontested and automatically moving on to the division competition were:

Senior Brass

- Michelle Hendry:
teacher - David Saunders

YA Piano

- Sarah Kim:
teacher - Kori Bond

Junior Strings

- Anna Black:
teacher - Craig Purdy

Senior Voice

- Melanie Ross:
teacher - Diane Mondell

Senior Woodwind

- Hannah Beidenbach:
teacher - Linda Aufderheide

Junior Woodwind

- Colton Beidenbach:
teacher - Linda Aufderheide

These winners will be competing at the Division competition in Missoula, Montana on Jan 13th-15th.

On another note, as many of you already are aware, all competitions except for the piano are going to be eliminated after next year. If you have a concern about this, please email our president David French as he will be on the new board in 2012 and is hoping to have the new board revisit this decision. He will need your emails and support though to help him make his point. His address is id_maestro@yahoo.com.

Another important point to mention is that in the future if we have too many participants for one day we will split into two days as we did this year. If we have to split, the Senior Division will always be on Saturday and the Junior division will go on Sunday. If we don't have to split, the competition will be held all on Saturday. Please let your students know in advance about this possibility before they sign up in the future.

Thanks,
David Tacher
IMTA Competitions Chair