

## STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS '14 – '15

### NATS/SEP

#### **Classical - Grades 1-5**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mia Baron  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Zoë Martinez

#### **Musical Theater – Grades 1-5**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mia Baron

#### **Classical – Grade 6**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mia Mancera  
Honorable Mention – Michele Zheng

#### **Classical – Grades 7 – 8 (13 yrs -)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Valentina Lin  
Honorable Mention – Lauren Dong

#### **Musical Theater – Grades 7 – 8 (13 yrs-)**

Honorable Mention – Valentina Lin

#### **Classical – Grades 8 – 9 (14+)**

Niko Mancera - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Honorable Mention – Jeannine Bauer

#### **Musical Theater – Grades 8 – 9 (14+)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Niko Mancera  
Honorable Mention – Jeannine Bauer

Honorable Mention – Ryan Rupp

#### **Classical - Grade 10 (Female)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Katie Minerman

#### **Musical Theater - Grade 10 (Female)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Emma Will  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Katie Minerman

#### **Classical - Grade 11 (Female)**

Honorable Mention – Claire Dwyer  
Honorable Mention – Dana Kadifa

#### **Classical – Grade 12 (Female)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katie Ahmann

#### **Musical Theater – Grade 12 (Female)**

Honorable Mention – Lena Gottner

#### **Classical – Grades 10 – 12 (Male)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ryan Melosini  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jason Risdana  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Yilan Dai

Honorable Mention – Christiaan Westerkamp

#### **Musical Theater – Grades 10-12 (Male)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ryan Melosini

#### **Musical Arts Competition**

##### **Classical 1 – (10 and under)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mia Baron  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Allen Cai

##### **Musical Theater 1 (10 and under)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Danielle Davis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mia Baron  
Honorable Mention – Allen Cai

##### **Classical 2 (11-12)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Danielle Davis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tawnie Shorter  
Honorable Mention – Binyamin Stivi  
Honorable Mention – Michele Zheng

##### **Musical Theater 2 (11)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tawnie Shorter

##### **Musical Theater 2 (12)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Valentina Lin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lauren Dong  
Honorable Mention – Binyamin Stivi

##### **Classical 3 (13-14)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lauren Dong  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ellie Minerman

### NFAA-Young Arts (National – over 3,000 contestants)

Honorable Mention – Katie Ahmann, Sydney Dardis  
Merit – Alex Granito

#### South Coast Symphony “Stars of Tomorrow”

Semi-Finalists – Katie Ahmann, Sydney Dardis, Lauren Dong, Katie Minerman,  
Jason Risdana

Winner – (Sing with Orchestra) – Sydney Dardis

#### LA Music Center SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

Spotlight Promise Award \$100 – Niko Mancera  
Semi-Finalists \$300– Katie Ahmann, Sydney Dardis, Alex Granito, Jason Risdana  
Honorable Mention \$1,000 – Sydney Dardis

#### NATS Cal-Western Regional Auditions (CA, NV, UT, HI, AZ)

##### **Pre HS Classical Girls**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Valentina Lin

##### **HS Classical Women**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jeannine Bauer

##### **HS Classical Men**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Niko Mancera  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Yilan Dai

##### **HS Musical Theater Men**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Niko Mancera  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Yilan Dai

#### NATS National Finals(US,territories, Canada) in Greensborough, North Carolina

HS Classical Men – Niko Mancera  
MT Musical Theater Men – Niko Mancera

#### VOICE (Regional)

1<sup>st</sup> Place (Tie) – Sydney Dardis & Ryan Melosini  
1<sup>st</sup> Place alternate – Jeannine Bauer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Niko Mancera  
Honorable Mention – Lauren Dong

#### VOICE (State)

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ryan Melosini  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sydney Dardis

#### South Coast Singers “Stars of Tomorrow” Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Place Classical – Katie Minerman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Classical – Sydney Dardis

#### Cultural Arts @ Presentation Day 4H

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Catherine Canann

#### Rotary Club Competition

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Classical – Jennings Gardner

#### Hal Leonard Vocal Competition – 1000+ entrants in US and Canada

##### **Art Song (12 and under)**

Finalist – Mia Mancera, Zoe Martinez  
Semi-Finalist – Mia Baron, Allen Cai, Sasha Chow, Tawnie Shorter

##### **Musical Theater (12 and under)**

Semi-Finalist – Mia Baron, Zoe Martinez

##### **Art Song (13-15)**

Honorable Mention – Niko Mancera  
Semi-Finalist – Maisy Ma

##### **Musical Theater (13-15)**

Finalist – Niko Mancera

##### **Art Song (16-18)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sidney Dardis  
Honorable Mention – Alex Granito  
Finalist – Katie Ahmann, Jennings Gardner  
Semi-Finalist – Christiaan Westerkamp

#### CLASSICAL SINGER

**Regional Winners** -Katie Ahmann, Jeni Bauer, Yilan Dai, Sydney Dardis, Jason Risdana,  
Jennings Gardner, Niko Mancera, Ryan Melosini, Katie Minerman, Emma Will

##### **National Winners -**

**Semi-Finalists** – Jeni Bauer, Sydney Dardis, Niko Mancera, Katie Minerman, Jason Risdana  
**National Finalist** – Jason Risdana

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**Musical Theater 3 (13-14)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ellie Minerman

**Classical 4 (15)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jeni Bauer

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Emma Will

Honorable Mention – Niko Mancera

**Classical 4 (16)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place (tie \$50) – Sydney Dardis

1<sup>st</sup> Place (tie \$50) – Katie Minerman

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dana Kadifa

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nathan Vasquez

**Musical Theater 4 (15)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$100)– Cami Wilson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Niko Mancera

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Emma Will

Honorable Mention – Jeni Bauer

**Musical Theater 4 (16)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Katie Minerman

Honorable Mention –

Michael DiCamillo, Ethan Leahy

**Classical 5/6 (17-19)**

Honorable Mention –

Jennings Gardner, Ryan Melosini

**Musical Theater 5 (17-18)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$100)– Ryan Melosini

Honorable Mention – Yilan Dai

**Classics Alive Young Artist Competition**

Finalist – Niko Mancera

**Classics Alive Finals Section B (HS)**

Honorable Mention – Niko Mancera

(only voice student to receive a prize)

**POSA**

**Level I (11 and under)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$75) – Allen Cai

Honorable Mention (\$25 each)– Danielle Davis, Zoe Martinez

Encouragement Award – Mia Baron

**Level II (12 - 14)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$100) - Jeannine Bauer

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$75) – Ellie Minerman

Honorable Mention (\$25 each) – Valentina Lin, Lauren Dong

Encouragement Award – Ryan Rupp

**Level III (15 - 18)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$200) – Katie Ahmann

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$100) – Sydney Dardis

Honorable Mention (\$50 each) – Claire Dwyer, Ryan Melosini, Katie Minerman

Encouragement Award– Nathan Vasquez, Yilan Dai

Robert E. Young Award (\$250)– Niko Mancera

LaDean & Carl Maxwell Awards (\$150 each) - Jeannie Bauer, Ryan Melosi

Robin Follman Young Artist Award (\$100) – Ellie Minerman

**Schmidt Vocal Competition Washington D.C. (USA and territories)**

Finalist – Jason Risdana

**American Protégé International (Performance in Carnegie Hall, 12/2015)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place (11-14 MT) – Mia Mancera

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (11-14 Classical) – Zoë Martinez

1<sup>st</sup> Place (15 – 17 Opera Aria) – Niko Mancera

**OC Register Artist of the Year Nominees**

Alex Granito, Ryan Melosini

**Top Ten Winners**– Ryan Melosini