

**2020**  
**CELEBRATION  
OF EXCELLENCE**  
**NORTH CENTRAL REGION**

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# 2020 CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE RECITAL

## North Central Region

### Program

#### **Welcome**

#### **Address to Award Winners**

Elaine Rusk Vice President, Academics and Publishing  
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#### **Recital**

#### **Presentation of Teacher of Distinction**

Recipient: Dr. Marie Alatalo

#### **Closing Remarks**

#### **Presentation of Awards**

# Recital Program

## **Sonatina in C Major, op. 34, no. 1: II**

Johann Anton André  
Logan Bontrager – Piano

## **Sonatina in A Minor**

George Anton Benda  
Anjali Kambhampati – Piano

## **Polonaise in G Minor, op. posth., B 1**

Frédéric Chopin  
Rudradip Ray – Piano

## **The Tired Turtle Express**

Christine Donkin  
Emma Briggs – Piano

## **Andantino, op. 240, no. 5**

Ferdinando Carulli  
Rosemary Galvin – Guitar

## **The Rising Sun**

Nancy Telfer  
Drew Noah – Piano

## **Distant Chimes**

Jon George  
Aernestine Daeuber – Piano

## **The Swing**

Chee-Hwa Tan  
Nyala Cypress Ahmadiyeh Starr – Piano

## **A Song, op. 36, no. 3**

Alexander Gedike  
Gowri Pillai – Piano

## **Shadows**

Dennis Alexander and Martha Mier  
Effie Cincotta – Piano

## **The Song of Twilight**

Yoshinao Nakada  
Natasha Jose – Piano

## **Dream Journey**

Christine Donkin  
Philomena-Olga Odonkor – Piano

**Haunted Harp**

Christine Donkin  
Zeta Paradis – Piano

**Sherlock Holmes**

Mike Schoenmehl  
Andy Gritton – Piano

**The Tired Turtle Express**

Christine Donkin  
Marc Townsend – Piano

**The Spider Hunter**

William Henry Anderson  
Nithya Gandhi – Voice

**Burlesque in G Major, in Notebook for Wolfgang**

Anonymous  
Amelia Polito – Piano

**German Dance in D Major, Hob. IX:22, no. 2**

Franz Joseph Haydn  
Tessa Bontrager – Piano

**Red Satin Jazz**

Martha Mier  
Sophia Hazzi – Piano

**Romanze**

Johann Kaspar Mertz  
Nishant Sadangi – Guitar

**Etude in D Major, op. 37, no. 17**

Henry Lemoine  
Natsuko Kuroda – Piano

**Etude in D Minor, op. 261, no. 53**

Carl Czerny  
Jack Koebbe – Piano

**Musette in D Major, BWV Anh. 126**

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Seamus Smith – Piano

**On a Quiet Lake**

William Gillock  
Annabelle Alanen – Piano

**The Silent Moon**

Nancy Telfer

Raziah-Alessandra Go – Piano

**Atacama Desert**

Wynn-Anne Rossi

Dominik Bontrager – Piano

**The Song of Twilight**

Yoshinao Nakada

Isabella Weir – Piano

**Ejercicio no. 9**

José Ferrer

Rishabhakrishna Narendranath – Guitar

**Wild Mignonette, op. 205, no. 1**

Cornelius Gurlitt

Whitney Beck – Piano

**Arctic Voices**

Susan Griesdale

Vanessa Burkholder – Piano

**Reflections**

Dennis Alexander

Ishaan Pydimarri – Piano

**Gavotte in G Minor, from Suite in G Minor for Harpsichord, BWV 822**

Johann Sebastian Bach

Matias Sarkanen – Violin

**Sonatina in G Major, op. 151, no. 1: III**

Anton Diabelli

Evan Gao – Piano

**Sonatina in A Minor**

George Anton Benda

Nicholas Langen – Piano

**Dreamcatcher**

Anne Crosby Gaudet

Nithya Kothnur – Piano

**Melancholy Reflections**

Mike Schoenmehl

Daniel Gibson – Piano

**When Rivers Flowed on Mars**

Nancy Telfer  
Yuriy Rogachev – Piano

**The Somersault King**

Mike Schoenmehl  
Richard Chen – Piano

**Sonatina in F Major, op. 168, no. 1: I**

Anton Diabelli  
Anika Nawar – Piano

**Sonatina in F Major, op. 168, no. 1: III**

Anton Diabelli  
Gabriella Geer – Piano

**Siciliano, op. 68, no. 11**

Robert Schumann  
Sahana Srikanth – Piano

**Waltz in A Minor, op. posth., B 150**

Frédéric Chopin  
Christian Garner – Piano

**Andante sostenuto, op. 72, no. 2**

Felix Mendelssohn  
Hui Zhen Lim – Piano

**Polonaise in G Minor, op. posth., B 1**

Frédéric Chopin  
Angela Zheng – Piano

**Ringing Changes**

Christopher Norton  
Montgomery Moore – Piano

**Mixed-up Rag**

Tony Caramia  
Leart Shabani – Piano

**Consolation No.3**

Franz Liszt  
Emma Yu – Piano

**Toccata, op. 1**

John La Montaine  
Aidan Feeney – Piano

**Étude, op. 10, no. 12**

Frédéric Chopin  
Aidan Li – Piano

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION TEACHER OF DISTINCTION



**Dr. Marie Alatalo** has appeared in concerts throughout the United States and Japan, capturing attention with a repertoire embracing both classical and contemporary literature. Her involvement with 20/21st century music is broad. Her performance of George Crumb's *Makrokosmos*, Book 1, at the Music Institute of Chicago received critical acclaim, holding the audience "at rapt attention". Alatalo was raised in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy and the University of Michigan, and earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music, where she was Teaching Assistant to Rebecca Penneys. She is a former faculty member of the Interlochen Arts Camp. She currently is on the Artist Faculty at the Music Institute of Chicago, and the Director of its Chicago campus. Alatalo is a member of the College of Examiners at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

## NORTH CENTRAL AWARD WINNERS

| Name                         | Instrument | Level         | Award   |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|---|
| Keira Denker                 | Voice      | Level 6       | National & Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate |
| Benjamin Seguin              | Brass      | Level 2       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Rosemary Galvin              | Guitar     | Preparatory   | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Nishant Sadangi              | Guitar     | Level 1       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Rishabhakrishna Narendranath | Guitar     | Level 2       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Kunal Ponskshe               | Guitar     | Level 4       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Andrew Wang                  | Percussion | Level 4       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Philomena-Olga Odonkor       | Piano      | Preparatory A | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Nyala Starr                  | Piano      | Preparatory A | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Marc Townsend                | Piano      | Preparatory B | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Natasha Jose                 | Piano      | Level 1       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Jack Koebbe                  | Piano      | Level 2       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Natsuko Kuroda               | Piano      | Level 2       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Isabella Weir                | Piano      | Level 2       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Daniel Gibson                | Piano      | Level 3       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Evan Gao                     | Piano      | Level 4       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Jacob Matten                 | Piano      | Level 4       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Yuriy Rogachev               | Piano      | Level 4       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Gabriella Geer               | Piano      | Level 5       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Montgomery Moore             | Piano      | Level 6       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Luke Hennebury               | Piano      | Level 7       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Yuanxu Wang                  | Piano      | Level 7       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |
| Emma Yu                      | Piano      | Level 8       | Regional Gold Medal, State Certificate            |



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| Aidan Feeney         | Piano   | Level 9       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Aidan Li             | Piano   | Level 10      | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Katie McCartin       | Strings | Preparatory   | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Andrea Bell          | Strings | Level 1       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Anthony Schoultz     | Strings | Level 2       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Vaibhav Sampath      | Strings | Level 3       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Shriya Parthasarathi | Strings | Level 4       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Nithya Gandhi        | Voice   | Level 1       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Hayley Giancaterino  | Voice   | Level 3       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Renee Van Dorpe      | Voice   | Level 3       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Natalie Van Dorpe    | Voice   | Level 4       | Regional Gold Medal,<br>State Certificate |
| Akhil Ponna          | Guitar  | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Effie Cincotta       | Piano   | Preparatory A | State Certificate                         |
| Drew Noah            | Piano   | Preparatory A | State Certificate                         |
| Zeta Paradis         | Piano   | Preparatory A | State Certificate                         |
| Aleah Schmidt        | Piano   | Preparatory A | State Certificate                         |
| Tessa Bontrager      | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Emma Briggs          | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Aernestine Daeuber   | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Andy Gritton         | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Isla Kerr            | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Suha Muqet           | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Gowri Pillai         | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Amelia Polito        | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Senali Silva         | Piano   | Preparatory B | State Certificate                         |
| Annabelle Alanen     | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Dominick Bontrager   | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Angelo DeSoto        | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Raziah-Alessandra Go | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Sophia Hazzi         | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Helen Karas          | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Alison Kwan          | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Vidyaa Lav           | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Teresa Xu            | Piano   | Level 1       | State Certificate                         |
| Vanessa Burkholder   | Piano   | Level 2       | State Certificate                         |
| Treva Dodd           | Piano   | Level 2       | State Certificate                         |
| Saaransh Mishra      | Piano   | Level 2       | State Certificate                         |
| Autumn Momsen        | Piano   | Level 2       | State Certificate                         |
| Ishaan Pydimarri     | Piano   | Level 2       | State Certificate                         |

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| Isha Verma          | Piano   | Level 2 | State Certificate |
| Whitney Beck        | Piano   | Level 3 | State Certificate |
| Logan Bontrager     | Piano   | Level 3 | State Certificate |
| Kenneth Burke       | Piano   | Level 3 | State Certificate |
| Saran Kalaiyarasan  | Piano   | Level 3 | State Certificate |
| Evelyn Ostergren    | Piano   | Level 3 | State Certificate |
| Raj Singhal         | Piano   | Level 3 | State Certificate |
| Seamus Smith        | Piano   | Level 3 | State Certificate |
| Richard Chen        | Piano   | Level 4 | State Certificate |
| Christian Garner    | Piano   | Level 4 | State Certificate |
| Nithya Kothnur      | Piano   | Level 4 | State Certificate |
| Anika Nawar         | Piano   | Level 4 | State Certificate |
| Sola Peters         | Piano   | Level 4 | State Certificate |
| Alissa Rochwerger   | Piano   | Level 4 | State Certificate |
| Sahana Srikanth     | Piano   | Level 4 | State Certificate |
| Pallas Chan         | Piano   | Level 5 | State Certificate |
| Gabriella Geer      | Piano   | Level 5 | State Certificate |
| Anjali Kambhampati  | Piano   | Level 5 | State Certificate |
| Nicholas Langen     | Piano   | Level 5 | State Certificate |
| Anita Mojeluk       | Piano   | Level 5 | State Certificate |
| Adeline Tan         | Piano   | Level 5 | State Certificate |
| Nicholas Langen     | Piano   | Level 6 | State Certificate |
| Rudradip Ray        | Piano   | Level 6 | State Certificate |
| Leart Shabani       | Piano   | Level 6 | State Certificate |
| Angela Zheng        | Piano   | Level 6 | State Certificate |
| Kioni Bush          | Piano   | Level 7 | State Certificate |
| Krishiv Sreejith    | Piano   | Level 7 | State Certificate |
| Hui Zhen Lim        | Piano   | Level 8 | State Certificate |
| Tina Wang           | Piano   | Level 8 | State Certificate |
| Giuliana Bartolomeo | Strings | Level 2 | State Certificate |
| Matias Sarkanen     | Strings | Level 2 | State Certificate |
| Frances McDonald    | Strings | Level 3 | State Certificate |

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Julie Adams  
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Aurelien Boccard  
Donald Broerman  
Kyu Butler  
Linda Chen  
Yuking Chou Brandenburg  
Luke Coan  
Jeremy Collins  
Rachel Common  
Melissa Coppola  
Katherine Cosgrove  
Drew Donica  
Ellen Figueira  
Bernadette Garza  
Sharon Goessner  
Tamara Gonzalez  
Suzanne Greer  
Laura Harding  
Dawn D Harkins  
Aya Higuchi Hagelthorn  
Emily Hooley  
Michael Hull  
Amy Immerman  
Kari Johnson  
Tatiana Kats  
Paige Keiser-Rezac  
Lois Kim  
Joann Koh-Baker  
Doris Lam

Joseph Lecher  
Nicole Lee  
Valerie Letenyei  
Huiyun Liang  
Olena Mladenova  
Anne Morris  
Miryana Moteva  
Emi Murata  
Kaoru Nir  
Peter Oehrtman  
Aeron Ogden  
Natasa Radulovic  
Ceren Su Sahin  
Sarah Schroeder  
Afrim Shabani  
Faye Smith  
Ron Stark  
Evelyn Stichter  
Alison Tatum  
David W Tauscher  
Kimberly Taylor  
Saori Tomura  
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