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First Junior Philharmonic Concert Set for Saturday

Three dancers, two pianists and one violinist will be featured Saturday morning as the Junior Philharmonic Society presents the first of this season's four concerts.

All winners of last year's auditions, the six performers will entertain local youngsters at the 10:45 a.m. concert which will be held at Dixon Hall on the Newcomb College Campus.

Eleven-year-old Brigid Hoag will be first on the program. A previous Junior Philharmonic winner, the seventh grade McMair student will dance "Bluebird Variation" from "Sleeping Beauty" ballet by Tchaikovsky. Brigid is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hoag.

Joanne Jannetta, the 12-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Jannetta, will be second on the program as she plays six pieces from "Suite for the Young" by Norman Young. An accomplished pianist, Joanne has received superior ratings from the National Federation of Music Clubs and the National Music Teacher's Guild. She is a seventh-grader at Edna Karr

Junior High.

At age 12, Gilo Kawasaki is already a veteran with the Junior Philharmonic group. The seventh-grader, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Kawasaki of Slidell, was a recipient of the Irving Carr award which is given to the most outstanding performer at the end of the concert series each year. Saturday the young violinist will play "Song Without Words," by Mendelssohn; "Allegro" by Fiocco; and "Tambourin," by Gentry.

Another pianist, 13-year-old Diana Meyer, will play the first movement of a Haydn sonata and "Rondo on Argentine Folk Tunes" by Ginastera. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer, Diana has been five times first place winner in the Sonata Contest, three times first place winner in the Bach Contest, three times a soloist for the New Orleans Philharmonic-Symphony Youth Concerts, winner of the NORD Concerto Contest, and a three-time winner in the Junior Philharmonic auditions. She is a ninth-grader at Gregory Junior High.

Denton, a dancing duo, will conclude this program by dancing "Musette" by Gluck. Thirteen-year-old Craig, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Franko, and an eighth-grader at McMair Junior High, has been studying dancing for a year and a half.

Rebecca has studied dancing for three years, and this past summer the 11-year-old attended the American Dance Camp. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Denton is a seventh-grader at St. Martin's Protestant Episcopal School.

Craig Franko and Rebecca



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DANCERS AND PIANISTS AMONG THOSE ON FIRST PROGRAM

Among the young performers appearing Saturday in the Junior Philharmonic Society's concert, are (seated, from left) Diana Meyer,

Joanne Jannetta (standing, from left) Brigid Hoag, Rebecca Denton and Craig Franko. Missing from the picture is Gilo Kawasaki.