

Open auditions held each year for artists

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the 11 students who will perform in the society's May concert, were selected during open auditions held in January.

At the end of the concert, four outstanding students who performed during the society's 2014 concerts will be presented special awards. These include: Ben Mader, who will receive the Irving Carr Award, which is given on the basis of potential; Christina Hera, who will receive the Platzer Award for artistic excellence in music; Kristiana Bell, who will receive the John Tobin Award for outstanding performance; and Sarah Weinberg, who will receive the scholarship award to encourage continued studies in the performing arts.

Each year, the Junior Philharmonic Society holds open auditions for young artists under the age of 25 who are studying voice, instrumental music and dance. If selected, the students are presented in one of two concerts sponsored by the society. Following the second performance, the organization determines the winners of up to four special cash awards, which are presented at the first concert



Ben Mader
Ninth-grade student at the Louisiana Connections Academy and the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts



Madelynn Hampton
High school junior is currently studying with Kimberly Matulich Beck at the Myra Mier School of Ballet

held the following year.

The mission of the Junior Philharmonic Society, which is celebrating its 66th year, is to provide gifted young artists an opportunity to perform in a professional setting. Since the recitals are free and open to the public, they provide a great way to introduce children to concert going and a lifetime of music and performing arts.

To learn more about the Junior Philharmonic Society, visit www.jrphilnola.org.