

Junior Philharmonic Society showcases young talent Sunday

Advocate staff report

The Junior Philharmonic Society of New Orleans will showcase the talents of 12 young instrumentalists and dancers from throughout the Greater New Orleans area in a performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Tulane University's Dixon Hall. Admission is free.

Performing students include pianists Daniel Lee, of Kenner, a fourth-grader at St. Ann School; Kevin Kim, of Kenner, a seventh-grader at Haynes Academy; Emily Dong, of New Orleans, a junior at Benjamin Franklin High School; and John Aaron Jovagg, a senior at Tulane University.

The concert will also feature cellist Rachael Levine, of New Orleans, a sophomore at Lusher Charter School, as well as an instrumental duet performed by Tulane University students Rory Loo on violin and Nicole Lim on viola.

Five dancers will also perform: high school junior Madelynn Hampton, of Harvey; Metairie resident Vayle Khalaf, a senior at St. Mary's Dominican High School; Maci Burt, a junior at Mandeville High School; and a duet performed by Aitana Weig-Mondejar, sophomore at Louise S. McGehee, and Vivianne Krug, freshman at Benjamin Franklin High School. These young artists, as well as the 11 students who will perform in the society's May concert, were selected during open auditions 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



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Madelynn Hampton, of Harvey, is one of five high school dancers who will perform on Sunday at the Junior Philharmonic Society showcase at Dixon Hall.



Lim



Loo

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.



Mader

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