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2017 Artist of the Year: Instrumental and Vocal Music Top 10s

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This week, Varsity Arts presents the Top 10 students vying for Artist of the Year in the categories of instrumental and vocal music. Instrumental musicians include those who perform in classical groups (orchestras, concert bands and chamber groups), marching bands, jazz ensembles and contemporary groups (pop, rock, folk, etc.). Vocal musicians include those who perform in the styles of classical, musical theater, jazz, and pop/rock/folk.

The students were chosen by a panel of teachers from among 125 applicants - 59 in the vocal category and 66 in instrumental - based on applications, performance videos and artistic résumés.

The final round of adjudication will take place over the next few weeks, during which the students will be interviewed by a panel of distinguished artistic professionals and faculty members from Southern California universities as well as a few representative high school teachers.

Interviews will include a live presentation by the students followed by a question-and answer-session. One student from each of the seven disciplines - theater, dance, instrumental music, vocal music, film, 2D visual art and 3D visual art - will then be named a 2017 Artist of the Year.

Click on the links below to see the photos and lists for the instrumental and vocal music Top 10s.

[Instrumental Music Top 10](#)

[Vocal Music Top 10](#)

The Artists of the Year will be announced online on Thursday evening, April 20, with full profiles appearing Sunday, April 23, in The Orange County Register.

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From a list of 66 nominees, the following 10 students have been named finalists for the 2017 Artist of the Year in instrumental music. The students were chosen by a panel of teachers from based on applications, performance videos and artistic résumés.

Included are links to their work, the styles of music they sing and quotes about how they relate to their craft.

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[Aileen Chung](#), senior, Crean Lutheran High School, *violin*

“As a student of the Colburn Music Academy, a pre-college music school, I have the opportunity to participate in a community outreach program. With this program, I am able to show students how classical music can affect their world view. From teaching the basics of a quarter note, an eighth note, drawing bow on the string, students have expressed amazement at every point taught, because it is something they never experienced before. Ashley is a community outreach student of mine. Her eyes lit up the first time the bow touched upon the G string. Whenever I demonstrate for her, she shows excitement and is eager to learn more. I realized that impacting people with my music is my passion.”



[Emma Lee](#), senior, Crean Lutheran High School

cello, piano

“A perfect musical career for myself would include a seat in a major orchestra, a chamber group family, recording for movie soundtracks, teaching in a music conservatory and many solo performance opportunities. I would also like to emulate Pacific Symphony’s Maestro Carl St.Clair’s passion for exposing the community to classical music through a fusion of modern interpretations and collaborations with artists around the world.”