

Talent Among Us

Past Grand Prize Winners

- 2017 - **Rachel Hooker** - Clarinet
2016 - **Eva Kathryn Ferguson** - Violin
2015 - **Carol Lisa O'Brien** - Trumpet
2014 - **Jeremy Hommowun** - Timpani
2013 - **Juliana Georges** - Oboe
2012 - **Anna Ferraro** - Piano
2010 - **Fiona Shea** - Violin
2009 - **Mathilda Edge** - Vocal
2008 - **Joel Tinsley-Hall** - Vocal
2007 - **Nathan Peak** - Vocal
2006 - **Madz C. Negro** - Violin
2005 - **Sean Morris** - Piano
2004 - **Pedro Barbosa** - Vocal
2003 - **Clayton Penrose-Whitmore** - Violin

Jacksonville Symphony Society

~ Presents ~



Saturday, February 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Rammelkamp Chapel

Illinois College Campus

Jacksonville, Illinois

Support for The Talent Among Us competition
is provided by:

Jacksonville Symphony Society

Illinois College

Our Volunteers

Audience Admission Fees

The Talent Among Us

Master of Ceremonies– Robert Seufert

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Rammelkamp Chapel, Illinois College

Junior Youth Division * 10-13



Sam Pate– Piano
Springfield, IL

Asymmetry
Wynn-Anne Rossi



Layla Vamos- Violin
Bloomington, IN

Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Accompanist: David Reid

Senior Youth Division * 14-17



Michelle Wu– Piano Andante and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 14
Springfield, IL Felix Mendelssohn

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Talent Among Us competition is to provide a venue for regional emerging musical artists to showcase their talent and encourage them to continue to develop their musical abilities

Objective

The objective is to provide a meaningful and competitive talent contest which will attract a significant local audience, qualified judges, and local/regional business sponsors willing to fund the event. Talent is recruited from area schools and colleges as well as local adult performers.

History

The Talent Among Us contest was organized in 2003 by the Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony Society. Originally envisioned as a fund raising event, to be held every three years, the competition attracted a loyal following of volunteers willing to help organize the event, a constant supply of local individuals interested in showcasing their talent, and significant local business sponsors to help fund the awards and other expenses. The event was well attended by a loyal group of local supporters who appreciate the performing arts as well as attracting families and friends of the competitors. While not a significant fund raiser, the event was able to consistently cover all expenses and provide modest funds to support the Symphony.

Ari Scott– Cello
Bloomington, IL

Sinfonia Concertante in E Minor,
Op, 125, Andante (1st movement)
Sergey Prokofiev

Accompanist: Nancy Pounds



Sean-Edward Hall– Vocal– Bass
Springfield, IL

“No More” from
Into the Woods
Stephen Sondheim

Accompanist: Doug Hahn



Rob Reinbrecht– Cello Cello Concerto in D minor, *Prelude* .
Bloomington, IL Lento - Allegro maestoso (1st movement)
Edouard Lalo

Accompanist: Nancy Pounds



Amanda Ensign– Vocal - Soprano So anch'io la virtu magica
Quincy, IL (Norina's Aria) from Don Pasquale
Gaetano Donizetti

Accompanist: Terri Benz

~Intermission~

Upon completion of the competition,
there will be a 15 minute intermission.

At this time, please write your selection for the People's Choice Award on the back of your admission ticket and turn it in to the volunteer ushers.

Special Guest

Talent Among Us 2017 Grand Prize Winner



Rachel Hooker - Clarinet
Springfield, IL

2018 Talent Among Us Awards Ceremony

Talent Among Us Competition Judges

Garrett Allman — Garrett Allman holds degrees from the University of Iowa, the New England Conservatory of Music and Pacific Lutheran University. He is Associate Professor of Music at Illinois College and Music Director and Conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.

Addie Gramelspacher — Soprano Addie Gramelspacher's currently teaches voice at Blackburn College, and has taught previously at Illinois College and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She holds degrees from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College (B.A., music and theology, *summa cum laude*) and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (M.M., music performance).

Kamen Petkov— Kamen Petkov holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Business from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale as well as Masters of Music in violin performance from the same institution under the guidance of Professor Michael Barta. Mr. Petkov is the President of the Medici Chamber Music Society of Illinois, a newly formed non-for-profit organization established to promote chamber music. Mr. Petkov has served as a Director of Operations and Personnel for the Illinois Symphony and Chamber Orchestra for almost 10 years.