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Julia Li, violinist from Dulaney High School, named 2024 BCPS Young Soloist winner

Towson, Md. – The Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Performing Arts has selected Julia Li, a violinist and Grade 11 student at Dulaney High School, as the winner of the 2024 BCPS Young Soloist program.

As the BCPS Young Soloist, Li will perform Camille Saint-Saens’ “Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso,” accompanied by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, at the annual BCPS Side by Side Concert. The 2024 Side by Side Concert will take place at Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on Friday, April 16.

The selection process for BCPS Young Soloist begins with music teachers nominating students. Those students then audition onstage at Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in partnership with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Li began studying the violin at age five with Dr. Swiatoslaw Kuznik of the Maryland String Academy. Li currently studies with Amy Beth Horman of the San Francisco Academy of Music and James Stern, a professor at the University of Maryland School of Music. She has been a member of the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra for eight years, and she has been a part of Dulaney High’s orchestra program, under the direction of Barry Chesky, since Grade 9. During the summers of 2022 and 2023, she was accepted into Sounding Point Academy at Colburn School and studied under Simon James, professor of violin at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Among her many honors, Li won the 2017 and 2020 Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra’s Concerto Competitions, the junior category of the National Philharmonic 2020 Virtual Solo Bach

Competition, and the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra's 2022 Youth Concerto Competition. She has participated in the 2022 Maryland All State Junior Orchestra (as concertmaster) and the 2023 Maryland All State Senior Orchestra, which she was selected for again in 2024.

In 2021, Li was invited to perform "Winter" from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra as the guest soloist for their Winter Family Concert. In 2022, she performed the first movement of Saint-Saëns' "Violin Concerto No.3" with the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra.

(Editor's note: [A photo of Li](#) can be found in a BCPS Flickr album.)

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