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Baltimore County Public Schools' Virtual Young Soloist winners announced

Performance videos available for online viewing

Towson, Md. – The Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Music and Dance has announced the six winners of the 2022 BCPS Virtual Young Soloist program.

"In its second year, the BCPS Young Soloist Program is a result of reimagined opportunities to showcase the amazing talents of BCPS music students," said Dr. Brian K. Schneckenburger, BCPS supervisor of music and dance education. "This program offers students the opportunities to hone important performing skills while gaining valuable real-world experience in a professional recording studio."

The 2022 winners and links to their performances follow:

Middle School

Rashaud Lawrence, cello, Catonsville Middle School

Aria McCloskey, piano, Dumbarton Middle School

High School

Helia Hung, piano, Dulaney High School
Henry Hung, viola, Dulaney High School
Eden McPherson, violin, Catonsville High School
Ying Meng, flute, Dulaney High School

To participate in the program, students submitted videos of themselves performing music on their instruments. These performances were adjudicated by three music professors: Dr. Christopher Cicconi and Dr. Kathryn Evans, both of Towson University; and Dr. William Lake of the Crane School of Music in

Potsdam, N.Y. Student submissions were judged on tone, intonation, technique, technical and rhythmic facility, musical effect, and other factors (e.g., choice of music, stage presence, etc.).

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