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FISCHOFF COMPETITION ANNOUNCES 2025 WINNERS

Notre Dame, IN - May 13, 2025 - The Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association is pleased to announce the winners of the 52nd Annual Fischhoff Competition, which took place May 8-11, 2025.

Out of 59 competing ensembles from around the world, **Katarina String Quartet** from the Juilliard School in New York City, NY, captured the Grand Prize Medal (\$15,000 award). They also won the Gold Medal in the Senior String Division. **Cerus Quartet**, a saxophone quartet from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI, won the Gold Medal in the Senior Wind Division.

In addition to prize money, Katarina String Quartet and Cerus Quartet will participate in the Fischhoff Double Gold Tour of the Midwestern United States this fall, performing concerts and outreach. Katarina String Quartet's Grand Prize win also includes an invitation to become a Showcase Ensemble at the Chamber Music America (CMA) Annual Conference; performances at the prestigious Emilia Romagna Festival in Italy; and participation in residencies with Friends of Chamber Music of Troy, New York, and the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.



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Final results of the 2025 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition:

Senior String Division

Grand Prize (\$15,000) & Gold Medal (\$5,000 & Double Gold Tour)

Katarina String Quartet - The Juilliard School, New York City, New York

Jeanel Liang (violin), Jérôme Chiasson (violin), Celia Morin (viola), Maya Enstad (cello)

Silver Medal (\$4,000)

Trio Eris - New England Conservatory, Boston, Massachusetts

J. McDonald (violin), Annie SeEun Hyung (cello), Andrew Jun Chen (piano)

Bronze Medal (\$3,000)

Trio Timia - Schulich School of Music of McGill University, Montreal, Canada

June Lee (violin), François Lamontagne (cello), Itamar Prag (piano)

Lift Every Voice Prize (\$1,500)

Best performance of a work by a historically underrepresented composer within the chamber music world.

Trio Unio - Seoul, South Korea

Young Sun Choi (piano), Eunji Kim (violin), Ah-Yeon Nam (cello)

Horszowski Trio Prize for String Division Piano Ensemble (\$1,000)

Sponsored by the Horszowski Trio, awarded to the highest-ranking piano ensemble. In addition to the cash prize, the winner will be invited to the Mimir Festival to work with the Horszowski Trio and other distinguished faculty members.

Trio Eris - New England Conservatory, Boston, Massachusetts

J. McDonald (violin), Annie SeEun Hyung (cello), Andrew Jun Chen (piano)

Senior Wind Division

Gold Medal (\$5,000 & Double Gold Tour \$5,000)

Cerus Quartet - University of Michigan, School of Music, Theatre and Dance, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Roberto Campa (soprano saxophone), Laura Ramsay (alto saxophone), Kyle Kato (tenor saxophone), Samuel Dishon (baritone saxophone)

Silver Medal (\$4,000)

Blitz - Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Jake Simons (soprano saxophone), Johann Koh (alto saxophone), Matthew Hrinda (tenor saxophone), Wesley Taylor (baritone saxophone)

Bronze Medal (\$3,000)

Halite Quartet - Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Parker Fritz (soprano saxophone), Jacob Nance (alto saxophone), Ethan Roberts (tenor saxophone), Alex Lee (baritone saxophone)

Lift Every Voice Prize (\$1,500)

Best performance of a work by a historically underrepresented composer within the chamber music world.

Blitz - Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Jake Simons (soprano saxophone), Johann Koh (alto saxophone), Matthew Hrinda (tenor saxophone), Wesley Taylor (baritone saxophone)

Junior String Division

Gold Medal (\$2,500)

Aves Trio - Young Chamber Musicians, Burlingame, California
Euisun Hong (violin), Huisun Hong (cello), Jacob Rockower (piano)

Silver Medal (\$2,000)

Doxa Quartet - The Colburn School, Los Angeles, California
Lena Kim (violin), Jiyu Lee (violin), Kayla Kim (viola), Noah Choi (cello)

Bronze Medal (\$1,500)

Quartetto Speranza - Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, Highwood, Illinois
Cecilia O'Malley (violin), Alison Chung (violin), Callia Murray (viola), Diego Dahle (cello)

Horszowski Trio Prize for String Division Piano Ensemble (\$500)

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Aves Trio, Young Chamber Musicians, Burlingame, California
Euisun Hong (violin), Huisun Hong (cello), Jacob Rockower (piano)

Junior Wind Division

Gold Medal (\$2,500)

Arcturus Quartet - Independence High School, Frisco, Texas
Darshan Senthil Kumar (soprano saxophone), Alex Walker (alto saxophone), Sahishnu Sathish (tenor saxophone), Stephen Choy (baritone saxophone)

Silver Medal (\$2,000)

Astraea Quartet - Lake Travis High School & James Bowie High School, Austin, Texas
Jacob Ittycheria (soprano saxophone), Sayaka Nabeshima (alto saxophone), Eli Ward (tenor saxophone), Paige Chirempes (baritone saxophone)

Bronze Medal (\$1,500)

Reinecke Trio - National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship Program, Washington, D.C.
Donovan Holt-Harrington (clarinet), Ian T. Lander (French horn), Evelina Kleczek (piano)

American Brass Quintet Brass Ensemble Prize (\$500)

Sponsored by the American Brass Quintet, this award honors the most outstanding brass ensemble in the Junior Wind Division.

The Bone Rangers - Merit School of Music, Chicago, IL
Padric Sullivan (trombone), Christopher Ripley (trombone), Patrick Spera (trombone), Calleigh Riordan (bass trombone)

Kenneth Geoffroy Memorial Award (\$800)

To encourage the participation of local chamber music ensembles in the Fischhoff Competition, a special prize is awarded to the highest-ranking Junior Division applicant from the Michiana region (60-mile radius of South Bend).

Benediction Trio - St. Joseph High School, South Bend, IN; Penn High School, Mishawaka, IN; Kolbe Academy, South Bend, IN
Catherine Lutz (violin), Jonathan Aizigov (cello), Ignatius Caro (piano)

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ABOUT FISCHOFF

Founded in South Bend, IN, in 1973, the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association hosts the Fischhoff Competition, the largest and longest-running chamber music competition in the nation. More than 8,400 musicians have participated, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in music performance and education.

This unique arts organization has secured its place as the nation's premier educational chamber music competition because of the caliber of its jurors, performance venues, and well-known alumni. It is also known for extensive outreach programming during the competition and throughout the year. The Fischhoff uniquely partners with competition alumni to bring free, innovative music programs directly to children in their own schools and community centers. Since 1995, these programs have served more than 104,000 community children, reaching more than 4,000 underserved youth annually.