

2009 NSSO Young Artist Competition Winners:



Lukas Bentel, cello

1st Place Winner of the 2009 NSSO Young Artists Award Competition

Lukas Bentel is a 16-year-old cellist who studies with Yale Professor Ole Akahoshi at the Pre-College Program at the Manhattan School of Music. He previously studied with Andre Emelianoff (Pre-College Juilliard) as a private student and with Dr. Diliانا Momtchilova from the Children's Orchestra Society (COS). He is a junior at Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY where he is the principal cellist in the school orchestra. As a member of the COS Orchestra for eight years he performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

Lukas has attended the C.W. Post Chamber Music Festival, the Luzerne Music Center in New York where he won a solo prize, the Bowdoin International Music Festival in Maine, and the International Music Festival in Lucca, Italy which was conducted in Italian.

Lukas has performed as a soloist at numerous public libraries, at the Morgan Park Summer Festival in Glen Cove, and at Bailey's Arboretum on Long Island. He was the featured young artist twice for the Island Chamber Symphony. His composed music was the focus of Cable Channel 29 (Telecare) and was performed by the Bentel Trio (Lukas and two siblings) at Flushing Town Hall. The Bentel Trio recently had a joint sculpture show and composed music performance at the Locust Valley Library. Lukas was selected as one of four finalists for the LI Symphony Young Performers Award. He is a resident of Locust Valley, NY.



Moriah Son, violin

2nd Place Winner of the 2009 NSSO Young Artists Award Competition

Moriah Son was born in the United States, began her violin studies at the age of eight. She had begun the piano at the age of four, but focused on the violin to continue her musical studies. In 2003, she was accepted into the Pre-College Division of The Juilliard School. Moriah is currently studying with Mr. Stephen Clapp. Moriah has won prizes in competitions including the YWCA Competition, the Mozart Competition, and an honorable mention in the Flushing Young Artist Competition. She has performed solo recitals at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Paul Hall at The Juilliard School and at other venues. She is currently a junior at the Manhasset Senior High School.