2015 MSBOA/MYAF Concerto Soloist Finalists

These 14 talented young soloists were selected from a series of auditions comprised of adjudicator nominated musicians attending the 2015 MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival. These students then performed for a panel of adjudicators that selected the final four Concerto Soloists. They will perform on Friday May 8 in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Gala Concert at Miller Auditorium on the campus of Western Michigan University. They will be accompanied by the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony under the direction of John Varineau.

Front row L to R: Zachary Johnson, String Bass, Chelsea HS, Jeremy Moore, Piano, Midland Dow HS, Mickenna Keller, Oboe, L’Anse Creuse North HS, Daniel Parrish, Trombone, Grand Haven HS.

Second row: Nik Buchholz, Trumpet, Haslett HS, Calvin VanZytveld, Cello, Hudsonville Unity Christian HS, Nora Kuo, Violin, Okemos HS.

Third row: Oliver Xu, Marimba, Livonia Churchill HS, Arun Mangulkar, Horn, Detroit Catholic Central HS, Hunter O’Brien, Flute, Shepherd HS.

Fourth row: Bum Namkoong, Clarinet, Ann Arbor HS, Diego Kieliszewski, Alto Saxophone, Traverse City West HS, Stephanie Long, Timpani, Traverse City West HS. Missing from photo: Mollie Weber, Euphonium, Big Rapids HS.

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Sara Jager, Director