

## LMTA Students play compositions in 2025 Winners Recital

The Lincoln Music Teachers Association (LMTA) hosted its eleventh Composition Contest in partnership with Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra. Thirty-three students entered in five levels ranging from early elementary to teacher. All participants received written comments from a judge and a certificate from LMTA. First, second, third place and honorable mention compositions were performed at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on April 26, 2025. LMTA provided First, Second and Third Place "Monetary Awards" and Dietze Music donated gift certificates for Honorable Mention prizes.

Marcia Wiebers, Chair, Marina Fabrikant and Jo Riecker-Karl served as the committee with the assistance of LMTA President Lindsay Bartlett and Bookkeeper/Administrator Petra Wahlqvist. Dr. Elena Ruehr, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra Composer-in-Residence, served as adjudicator.

For more information regarding the Lincoln Music Teachers Association, visit [www.LMTA.info](http://www.LMTA.info). Individuals who are not members of LMTA are welcome to attend a meeting as a guest before becoming a member. Supporting members are welcome.

### Winners and participating teachers

Pictures by AV Dude Michael Reinmiller



Group Picture Front Row L to R: Harrison Bisbee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, LE; Mariah Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, EE; Parker Jack, HM, EE; Rachel Moody, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, EE; Gideon Moody, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, EE; Second Row L to R: Marina Fabrikant, Master of Ceremonies; Catherine Friesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Senior; Evangeline Swartz, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Senior; Erik Swartz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Junior; Soren Handley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Junior; Hannah Shoemaker, HM, Junior; Harper Shoemaker, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Junior; Ethan Hsu, HM, LE; Jo Riecker-Karl, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Teacher Division; Back Row L to R: Alex Delgado, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Senior; Krista Hafez Clark, teacher accepting for Will Orton, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, LE; Dr. Elena Ruehr, Adjudicator, LMTA President Lindsay Bartlett, Joshua Shulte, HM, Senior; Marcia Wiebers, teacher, Nancy Schoen, teacher, Joanna Moody, teacher, accepting on behalf of Mercy Marble; not pictured, Myra Nguyen, HM, Junior; Cindy Matz, teacher



**Early Elementary Division.** Front Row L to R Gideon Moody, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Parker Jack, HM; Mariah Jack, 2<sup>st</sup> Place; Rachel Moody, 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Second Row L to R: Joann Moody, teacher; Dr. Elena Ruehr, Adjudicator; Lindsay Bartlett, LMTA President



**Late Elementary Division**  
L to R Joanna Moody, teacher accepting on behalf of Mercy Marble, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Krista Hafez Clark, teacher accepting on behalf of Will Orton, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Dr. Elena Ruehr, Adjudicator; Ethan Hsu, HM; Harrison Bisbee 2<sup>nd</sup> Place





#### Junior Division

L to R: Soren Handley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Nancy Schoen, teacher; Erik Swartz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place;  
Dr Elena Ruehr, Adjudicator; Myra Nguyen, HM;  
Lindsay Bartlett, LMTA President; Harper Schoemaker, HM;  
Hannah Shoemaker, 1<sup>st</sup> Place



#### Senior Division

L to R: Joshua Shulte, HM; Cindy Matz, teacher; Evangeline Swartz, 1<sup>st</sup> Place;  
Dr. Elena Ruehr, Adjudicator; Catherine Friesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Lindsay Bartlett, LMTA  
President; Alex Delgado, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Marcia Wiebers, teacher; Nancy Schoen, teacher



Teacher Division  
L to R: Dr. Elena Ruehr, Adjudicator; Jo Riecker-Karl, 1<sup>st</sup> Place;  
LMTA President Lindsay Bartlett



Dr. Marina Fabrikant, Master of Ceremonies  
She also played three pieces from Dr. Ruehr's  
piano cycle "Album for Sophie" "Just Stumming",  
"A Slow Day", and "Boogie Board"



Dr. Dennis Plutalov played Dr. Ruehr's



composition "Fizz"  
Composition Committee with Dr. Elena Ruehr at  
World Premiere of Tightrope Across America  
4.25.25.

L to R: Jo Riecker-Karl, Dr. Marina Fabrikant,  
Dr. Elena Ruehr, Marcia Wiebers.  
Photo by Sarah Draper