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Included Image:

Final Forte 2022 group image. Left to right: Zak Chen, Jane Story, Ellen Zhou and Clark Snively. Individual and high-resolution photos are available upon request.

Bolz Young Artist Competition Finale broadcasts on PBS Wisconsin and Wisconsin Public Radio April 13

PBS Wisconsin and Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) present the final round of the Bolz Young Artist Competition, featuring four of Wisconsin's most talented high school musicians, in ***Wisconsin Young Artists Compete: The Final Forte***.

The program will broadcast live at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 on PBS Wisconsin, with an encore television presentation at 1 a.m. Thursday, April 14. It will also air on The Wisconsin Channel, or PBS Wisconsin-2, 8 p.m. Friday, April 15 and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

The full audio program will also air live on Wisconsin Public Radio's NPR News & Music Network at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, with an encore presentation 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17.

Wisconsin Young Artists Compete: The Final Forte will also air on Milwaukee PBS, or Channel 36 - WMVT, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

Find more information and livestream *Wisconsin Young Artists Compete: The Final Forte* online at pbswisconsin.org/the-final-forte.

Presented at the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison, the concert will be hosted by Lori Skelton, host of WPR's "Afternoon Classics" and "Wisconsin Classical," and Clint Walz, Managing Director of Individual Giving at PBS Wisconsin.

The Bolz Young Artist Competition is a highly regarded statewide competition in which Wisconsin's young musicians compete for scholarships and the opportunity to perform as soloists with the Madison Symphony Orchestra at Overture Hall. The winner receives a \$2,000 scholarship and other awards.

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The finalists in the 2022 *Final Forte* are:

- Violinist **Zak Chen**, a junior at New Berlin Eisenhower High School.
- Violinist **Clark Snavelly**, a home-schooled sophomore from New Berlin.
- Violinist **Jane Story**, a freshman at Academy of Excellence Online in Stevens Point.
- Violinist **Ellen Zhou**, a junior at Middleton High School.

Funding for Wisconsin Young Artists Compete: The Final Forte is provided by Diane Ballweg, W. Jerome Frautschi, Fred and Mary Mohs, Irving and Dorothy Levy Family Foundation, Inc., James Dahlberg and Elsebet Lund, Julie and Larry Midtbo, Elizabeth Olson, Kato Perlman, Cyrena and Lee Pondrom, Sentry Insurance Foundation, Trust Point, Dr. A. Beyer-Mears, Darcy Kind and Marc Vitale, the Focus Fund for the Arts and Friends of PBS Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Young Artists Compete: The Final Forte is a partnership among the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Wisconsin Public Radio and PBS Wisconsin. **Wisconsin Young Artists Compete: The Final Forte** is part of PBS Wisconsin's multiyear Young Performers Initiative, a statewide effort to raise the visibility of the arts, celebrate the creative achievements of Wisconsin's young people and support the arts in education.

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