

2018 CalASTA State Solo Competition

The 2018 CalASTA State Solo Competition was held on Saturday, October 20 at the Ann E. Pitzer Center on the UC Davis campus. There were 43 competitors from throughout California, representing Novice, Junior, and Senior Divisions. Winners were chosen by the judges in the following categories:

Novice Violin:	Amaryn Olmeda (William Barbini, teacher)
Novice Viola:	Sharani Bhattacharya (Michael Larco, teacher)
Novice Cello:	Starla Breshears (Jean-Michel Fonteneau, teacher)
Novice Harp:	Joshua H. Ho (Hee Jin Yoon, teacher)
Junior Violin:	Megan Chang (Elmer Su, teacher)
Junior Viola:	Sophia Inés Valenti (Dimitri Murrath, teacher)
Junior Cello:	Abigail Leong (Jonathan Koh, teacher)
Junior Harp:	Carter Williams (Laura Porter, teacher)
Junior Guitar:	Conor Padmanabhan (Scott Cmiel, teacher)
Senior Violin:	Jeongwon An (Fung Ho, teacher)
Senior Cello:	Emma Hill (Thomas Loewenheim, teacher)

The caliber of performance was highly competitive in each Division and, on behalf of CalASTA, I would like to applaud each of the participants for the extraordinary level that they exhibited in their auditions.

The judges' evaluation sheets will be mailed to each participant using the return envelopes that were provided at the competition.

Respectfully submitted by

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