

Hello Friends!

We have made it to February, a month filled with a Seattle Seahawks Super Bowl victory, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and so much more! Whatever you have going on this month, we are excited to share it as a community as we continue along with our 81st Season: Resound—Together in Action, United in Sound!

## **YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION WINNERS**

We are so excited to announce the winners of our Young Artist Competition! Overall winners will perform their solos with the Mid-Columbia Symphony at our season finale on March 28th at Richland High School auditorium.

### Overall Winners

- Lydia Goins, cello, will present the first movement of Elgar's Cello Concerto
- Eden Roskelley, violin, will play the opening movement of Bruch's Concerto #1 for Violin

### Divisional Winners

- Max Maldonado, (Piano): Senior Piano Division
- Erik Kowashi, (French Horn): Senior Brass Division
- Darin Choi, (Cello): Senior Strings Division
- Jason Li, (Cello): Intermediate Strings Division

We are so proud of every young musician who participated in our Young Artist Competition! If you know a young musician who would like to compete next year, we encourage you to talk with their private teacher or visit our website for more information. It's never too early to start practicing!

<https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/young-artist-competition/>

## **WHAT IS MCAF?**

We know you've seen it swirling around on social media. Perhaps you've heard people talking about it. But...what IS MCAF?

Each year, the Mid-Columbia Symphony, Mid-Columbia Musical Theater, Mid-Columbia Mastersingers and (new this year!) Art Without Borders combine our talents to host a gala to dazzle the senses! This is the Mid-Columbia Arts Fundraiser, or MCAF for short. There is amazing entertainment, food, desserts, silent & live auctions, fun, and did I mention the amazing entertainment? This year, we are giving you a one-night only License to Thrill, taking over the Toyota Center on March 14th @ 7pm at **the** Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 W Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick WA.

Beyond a fantastically fun evening, MCAF is the single largest fundraiser for each organization. Frankly, none of us could present the concerts, shows and events we do

each year without it. So beyond a fun evening, we are extremely grateful for your attendance! If you would like to be even further involved, donate auction items or events, or lend your talents before or behind the scenes, please visit the MCAF website: <https://www.mcaf-tc.org/> or reach out via email to [info@mcaf-tc.org](mailto:info@mcaf-tc.org).

## **ADVERTISER SHOUT-OUT**

This month, we are highlighting Nutrien!

Nutrien works to help farmers around the world produce enough food for a growing population. They strive to grow our world from the ground up, and are planting the seeds that hold potential for people, communities and businesses around the globe. For more information, visit their website at [nutrien.com](http://nutrien.com)

We are grateful for all of our sponsors and supporters! For a full list, visit our site: <https://tinyurl.com/mwryh3ae>

## **VALIANT RESILIENCE**

Make sure you mark your calendars for Valiant Resilience, taking the Richland High School Auditorium stage on March 28, 2026! Featuring the Young Artist Competition Winners, Florence Price's 4th Symphony, Dvorak's Carnival Overture and more, it promises to be a season finale brimming with energy and emotion that will resonate long after the last note!

Want to be a part of the finale magic? An Ovation! to a special person placed in our concert program hits all the right notes! Email [office@midcolumbiasymphony.org](mailto:office@midcolumbiasymphony.org) for easy ordering!

For more information about the Mid-Columbia Symphony visit:  
<https://midcolumbiasymphony.org>

As always, thank you for being a part of our musical family! May the music continue to inspire and connect us all!

Yours in Music & Friendship,

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