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5TH MANOLOV COMPETITION

NEW YORK, 2026

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FIFTH MANOLOV INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION NEW YORK MAY 9, 2026

PROGRAM

1.00PM - 2.30PM

Final Round Session I

3.00PM - 5.30PM

Final Round Session II

6.00PM - 7.00PM

Open Talk with Prof. Yi-Yang Chen from the University of Kansas

7.30PM - 8.30PM

Award Ceremony and Winners Concert

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VIOLIN FINALISTS

AGE GROUP B (11-14) & AGE GROUP C (15-18)



Liam Zhu

Glen Head, New York

Program:

- D. Kabalevsky - Violin Concerto in C major op.48, Third mov.
 - E. Lalo - Symphony Espagnole, Fourth mov.
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Kai Lin

Forest Hills, New York

Program:

- G. B. Pergolesi - Violin Concerto in B-flat Major, First mov.
 - N. Paganini - Moto Perpetuo op.11
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Nathan Tan

Albertson, New York

Program:

- M. Burch - Violin Concerto no.1, Third mov.
 - E. Morricone/H. Walker - "Love Theme" from Cinema Paradiso
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Gillian Vit

Canandaigua, New York

Program:

- S. Barber - Violin Concerto op.14, First mov.
 - C. Saint-Saëns - Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso op. 28
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Kornii Sheldunov

Kharkiv, Ukraine/United Kingdom

Program:

- J.S. Bach - Srabande from Violin Partita in d minor
 - H. Wieniawski - Variations on an Original Theme op.15
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PIANO FINALISTS
AGE GROUP B (11-14) &
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Aaron Pang

Jericho, New York

Program:

- F. Chopin - Waltz in e minor, op. posth.
 - E. Cheshmedzhiev - Sunrise
 - K. Miletkov - Inside the Cave
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Andy Yan

Syosset, New York

Program:

- J. Haydn - Piano Sonata in D major Hob. XVI 37, First mov.
 - JianZhong Wang - Colorful Clouds Chasing the Moon
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Joshua Greene

Elmont, New York

Program:

- I. Albeniz - 'Granada' from Suite Española op.47
 - J. S. Bach - Prelude in c minor BWV 934
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Marcello Damiano

Garden City, New York

Program:

- G. Gershwin - Preludes no. 1 & no.2
 - E. Grieg - March of the Dwarfs op. 54 no.3
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Milan Laud

Manhasset, New York

Program:

- B. Bartok - Sonatina sz.55, First & Second mov.
 - F. Chopin - Polonaise in g minor, op. posth.
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Rachel Lim

Syosset, New York

Program:

- F. Liszt - Consolation no.2 in E major
 - S. Joplin - Maple Leaf Rag
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Reymundo Ayala

Wyandanch, New York

Program:

- Bach - Minuet in G major
 - F. Chopin - Nocturne in E-flat Major op.9 no.2
 - S. Obretenov - Rachenitsa
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Prabhpreet Kaur

Valley Stream, New York

Program:

- I. Albeniz - 'Asturias' from Suite Española op.47
 - H. Lichner - On the Meadow op. 92 no.5
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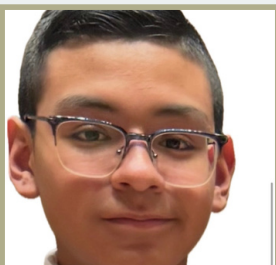


Riko Asada

Port Washington, New York/ Japan

Program:

- D. Nenov - Prelude, Pastoral & Bagpipe from Miniatures
 - C Debussy - Prelude from Pour le Piano L.95
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Oscar Ayala

Wyandanch, New York

Program:

- S. Obretenov - Paydushka
 - Mozart - Piano Sonata no.11 in A major, Third mov.
 - F. Liszt/ Jinnie J. - La Campanella
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Skylar Leung

Jericho, New York

Program:

- F. Chopin - Nocturne in g minor op.37 no.1
 - B. Bartok - Bulgarian Dance no.2
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Boris Dimitrov

Burgas, Bulgaria

Program:

- Beethoven - Piano Sonata no.8 in c minor op.13, Third mov.
 - J. S. Bach - Prelude and Fugue in d minor WTC Book II
 - P. Vladigerov - Chant op. 21 no.2
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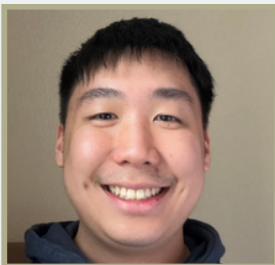


Christian Hsieh

Old Brookville, New York

Program:

- J. Haydn - Piano Sonata in c minor Hob. XVI:20, First mov.
 - F. Chopin - Ballade no. 1 in g minor op.23
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Darren Leung

Syosset, New York

Program:

- A. Khachaturian - Toccata
 - V. Stoyanov - Chant
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Felicia Garramone

Levittown, New York

Program:

- L. Pipkov - Ancient Dance
 - Beethoven - Piano Sonata no. 21 in C major op.53, Third mov.
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Grace Lan

Hanover, New Hampshire

Program:

- F. Chopin - Ballade no.2 in F Major op.38
 - A. Ginastera - Danza del gaucho matrero op.2 no.3
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Jan von Styp Rekowski

Berlin, Germany

Program:

- J. S. Bach - Sinfonia, Allemande, and Courante from Partita no.2
 - F. Chopin - Étude in a minor op.25 no.11
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Nathan Tan

Albertson, New York

Program:

- Beethoven - Piano Sonata no.8 in c minor op.13, First mov.
 - R. Schumann - Aufschwung from Fantasiestücke op.12
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Pascal Iossifov

Syosset, New York

Program:

- Glinka/Balakirev - The Lark
 - P. Vladigerov - Prelude from Piano Pieces op.15 no.1
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Sathvik Subramanian

Short Hills, New Jersey

Program:

- J. Haydn - Piano Sonata in c minor Hob. XVI:20, First mov.
 - E. Granados - Allegro de Concierto
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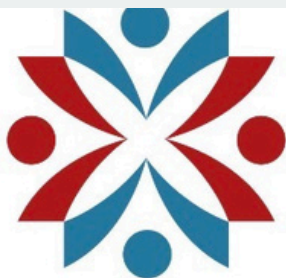
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