# Washington Music Teachers Association

# **Modern Piano Music Celebration**

Calvary Lutheran Church, Silver Spring MD, November 18, 2023

Nancy Breth & Laura Marchisotto Bogart, co-chairs of WMTA's Modern Piano Music Celebration, hosted 57 pianists from 7 studios at Calvary Lutheran Church on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023. In the competitive division, Judges Eric Ruple and Paulo Steinberg awarded the following honors:

Benford Award for Best Performance of a Living Composer, Olivia Baek (Blazquez)

# Level 1

First Place, Seren Shen (Bogart) Second Place, Hanke Kang (Bogart) Third Place, Daniel Liu (Blazquez) Honorable Mention, Penelope Liu (Jaeweon Lee)

## Level 2A

First Place, Elsa Tseng (Blazquez) Second Place, Louis Xie (Bogart) Third Place, Grace Zhuang (Huff-Palumbo) Honorable Mention, Amelia Barry (Huff-Palumbo)

#### Level 2B

First Place, Sophia Lee (Bogart) Second Place Tie, Bowen Wu (Marjorie Lee) and Megan Lai (Breth) Third Place Tie, Sarah Shen (Blazquez) and Sophie Zhang (Breth) Honorable Mention, Rose Li (Huff-Palumbo)

### Level 3

First Place, Olivia Baek (Blazquez) Second Place Tie, Ellie Nguyen (Marjorie Lee) and Jonathan Shan-Zheng (Breth) Third Place, Jasmine Mai (Blazquez) Honorable Mention, Brandon Zhang (Breth)

### Level 4

First Place, Dylan Schenker (Kading) Second Place, Zak Lam (Marjorie Lee) Third Place, Audrey Wandow (Bogart)