

# 2018 MTNA Competition Results for Illinois

## Illinois Elementary Composition – 1 entry

Representative: Dhruv Moorthy, student of Natalia Cernaianu

**Judges:** Seth Boustead  
Stephen Buzard  
Amy Wurtz

## Illinois Junior Composition – 4 entries

Winner: Joshua Wolford, student of Matthew Hagle  
Honorable Mention: Zachary Randall, student of Bonnie Johansen-Werner

**Judges:** Seth Boustead  
Stephen Buzard  
Amy Wurtz

## Illinois Junior Performance Piano – 8 entries

Winner: Richelle Shi, student of Brenda Huang  
Alternate: Angela Qian, student of Sueanne Metz  
Honorable Mention: Kimiko Darcy, student of Matthew Hagle

**Judges:** Dr. Sung Hoon Mo, Wheaton College  
Dr. Louise Chan, Music Institute of Chicago  
Dr. So Jung Kwak, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

## Illinois Junior Performance String – 8 entries

Winner: William Tan, Cello, student of Hans Jensen  
Alternate: Bianca Ciubancan, Violin, student of Corina Lobont  
Honorable Mention: Jonathan Miller, Cello, student of Tanya Carey

**Judges:** Mr. John Floeter, Bass, Northern Illinois University  
Ms. Micehele Lekas, Violin, Concertmaster, Rockford and Indiana Symphonies  
Ms. Sara Sitzler, Cello, New World Symphony

## Illinois Senior Composition – 5 entries

Winner: Holden Mui, student of Matthew Hagle  
Honorable Mention: Oscar Basza, student of Matthew Hagle

**Judges:** Seth Boustead  
Stephen Buzard  
Amy Wurtz

## Illinois Senior Brass – 1 entry

Representative: Stefan Filip, Trumpet, student of Matthew Baker

## Illinois Senior Performance Piano – 14 entries

Winner: Kimberly Han, student of Brenda Huang  
Alternate: Julian Quall, student of Eun-Jin Lee  
Honorable Mentions: Justin Chang, student of Sunghoon Mo

Jeremy Nohel, student of Toshiko Suzuki

**Judges:** Dr. William Goldenberg, Northern Illinois University  
Dr. Jason Terry, Bradley University  
Dr. Daniel Pesca, University of Chicago

**Illinois Senior Performance String – 3 entries**

Winner: Irina Casanovas, Violin, student of Almita Vamos  
Alternate: Nicholas Boettcher, String Bass, student of Andy Anderson  
Honorable Mention: Olivia Bolles, Violin, student of Sarah Gentry

**Judge:** Dr. Lee Joiner, Violin, Wheaton College

**Illinois Senior Performance Voice – 1 entry**

Representative: John Cao, Tenor, student of Sylvia Wang

**Illinois Senior Performance Woodwind – 1 entry**

Representative: Leo Schlaifer, Saxophone, student of Taimur Sullivan

**Illinois Young Artist Performance Piano – 4 entries**

Winner: Sin Lei Pui, student of Sylvia Wang  
Alternate: Muzi Zhao, student of James Giles  
Honorable Mentions: Kyoko Kohno, student of James Giles

**Judge:** Dr. William Goldenberg, Northern Illinois University

**Illinois Young Artist Performance String – 1 entry**

Representative: Erik Ghukasyan, Violin, student of Julieta Mihai

**Illinois Young Artist Performance Voice – 1 entry**

Representative: Elena Stavropoulos, Soprano, student of JeongSooKim

**Illinois Young Artist Performance Woodwind – 1 entry**

Representative: Leonardo Aguilar, Saxophone, student of Taimur Sullivan

**Illinois Chamber Music Wind – 2 entries**

Winner: **Fuse Quartet**, students of Taimur Sullivan  
Julian Velasco, Soprano Saxophone  
Joseph Connor, Alto Saxophone  
Christopher Forbes, Tenor Saxophone  
Caleb Carpenter, Baritone Saxophone  
Alternate: **Khroma Quartet**, students of Debra Richtmeyer  
Anne Kunkle, Soprano Saxophone  
Scott Augustine, Alto Saxophone  
Wilson Poffenberger, Tenor Saxophone  
Michael Chapa, Baritone Saxophone

**Judge:** Mr. Michael Bazan, Saxophone, Wheaton College