

2024-25 WFS Young Artist Competition

Andy Shin, age fifteen, is a sophomore at BASE (Beaverton Academy of Science and Engineering) High School. At age nine, he began his journey with the cello and has been studying with Maria Shim. Andy is a musician of the Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP) Organization, where he has been serving as Co-Principal cellist in both the Portland Youth Philharmonic and Camerata PYP since 2023.

As an active soloist, Andy has made many significant achievements. Most recently, he won the 2024-25 PYP Concerto Competition and will perform the Elgar Cello Concerto in its entirety with the Portland Youth Philharmonic this March. He has also had the opportunity to play concerti with professional orchestras, including members of the Oregon Symphony, Eugene Symphony, and soon with the Jewish Community Orchestra and the Willamette Falls Symphony Orchestra as the result of winning myriads of young artist competitions such as the 2023 MetroArts Young Artist Debut! Competition, the 2024-25 Jewish Community Orchestra Young Artist Competition, the 2024 Willamette Falls Symphony Young Artists Competition, and winning second place in the 2023 Eugene Symphony Guild Young Artists Competition. Andy was also the 2024 OSAA/OMEA state solo music championship winner and was titled Oregon's 2024 cello state champion. In addition, his quartet also placed first place in the 2024 OSAA/OMEA state chamber ensemble contest. Andy has also earned second place in the 2023 American Protégé International Competition, has been a winner of the 2022 Baroque Festival, and was a finalist in the 2022 Oregon Mozart Player soloist competition.

In 2022, Andy was selected to perform at the ASTA National Conference masterclass. He has also performed in masterclasses with guest artists such as Peter Prosser, Ben Hong, Joshua Roman, David Ying, Ian Swensen, Weicong Zhang, Raúl Gómez-Rojas, Ken Finch, Seth Biagini and Ted Nelson. He has been interviewed by All Classical Portland radio station's "On Deck With Young Musicians" program. Andy was also selected to participate in the 2023 OrpheusPDX pathway program and performed Mozart's "The Royal Shepherd" (*Il Re Pastore*) in the summer of 2023 as a member of

the OrpheusPDX company. In the summer of 2024, Andy participated in the 2024 Bowdoin International Music Festival and studied with Jeffrey Zeigler, cello professor at Mannes School of Music.

Andy is an extremely passionate cellist who enjoys spreading happiness through classical music. In his free time, Andy enjoys photography, hiking, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.