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2022 Walgreens National Concerto Competition MYAC Senior Winner, Miriam Kessler



Miriam Kessler began studying music at the age of six. She is an accomplished harpist, pianist and composer, and enjoys playing solo, orchestral and chamber music. In addition to playing harp and piano for MYAC's Symphony Orchestra, she has also performed with many area orchestras including the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and Youth Symphony of DuPage. Miriam has been recognized in numerous regional and national concerto competitions, as well as winning honorable mentions in past Walgreens Concerto Competitions. She has been selected as a participant in the American Harp Society's Young Composers Project, was a finalist in ASCAP's Morton Gould Young Composer Awards, and placed first in the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Harp Society's scholarship competition (Junior Division). Her former chamber group, The Golden Trio, has also been successful in many competitions. Miriam is especially thankful to all those who have helped her develop musically.

Miriam, as well as other winners of the Walgreens Concerto Competition, will be performing at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on February 25th, 2023 with the Midwest Young Artists Conservatory's Symphony and Concert Orchestras. Miriam will be performing Reinhold Gliere's Harp Concerto. Other works to be performed will also include Haydn's Violin Concerto, Sir William Walton's Viola Concerto, and Saint Saens' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso. Winners will also be performing in MYAC's Music at the Fort Recital on February 12th, 2023 at the MYAC Center in Fort Sheridan, Highwood, IL. Tickets will be sold at the door, as well as on our website at <https://mya.org/> or call us at (847) 926-9898.