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### **WINNERS NAMED IN CENTRAL IOWA SYMPHONY YOUNG ARTIST AUDITIONS**

AMES, Iowa -- Two 17-year-old violin students received top honors January 13 at the annual Young Artists competition organized by the Central Iowa Symphony.

Daniel Park of Ames and Benjamin Wedeking of Des Moines were selected by judges in two rounds of competition. They will perform in concert with the Central Iowa Symphony on February 24.

Seven musicians performed in a Saturday morning audition and received written critiques from judges. For their auditions, Park performed the first movement of Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3, and Wedeking performed the fourth movement of Max Bruch's Scotch Fantasy.

Other participants were Sofia Kaut of Des Moines, violin; Karen Johnson of Denver, Iowa, violin; Laura Johnson of Denver, Iowa, viola; Wei-Li Suen of Ames, piano; and Raymond Wolt of Ames, cello.

Central Iowa Symphony has a long tradition of showcasing promising young string players during its annual Young Artists Concert. The auditions are organized as part of the symphony's outreach and education mission. Several years ago, it was expanded from string instruments to include performers of wind, brass and percussion instruments, pianists and vocalists.

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