



Richelle Shi

Richelle Shi, a high school freshman from Illinois, studies piano with Mrs. Brenda Huang. A passionate performer since a young age, Richelle has won Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) piano competition in three consecutive years (2018-2020). She was East Central Division Alternate winner & Illinois State winner for both 2018 and 2019 Junior Piano Performance. This year she became the youngest prize winner of 2020 Illinois State MTNA Senior Piano Performance. In addition, Richelle is also a frequent award winner in many other music events – Ohio University High School Concerto Competition (Overall Junior winner), DuPage Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Auditions, Walgreens National Concerto Competition (Senior Piano Open Division & Junior Piano Open Division), Emilio Del Rosario Concerto Competition, Society of American Musicians Piano Competition (Elementary Division & Junior Division), Illinois State Music Teachers Association competition, Sejong Music Competition, Chinese Fine Arts Society Competition, to name a few. Besides piano, Richelle is also an accomplished oboist. She was a MTNA woodwind performance National Competition finalist/East Central Division winner/Illinois state winner and Walgreens National Concerto Competition Woodwind category prize winner. During her spare time, Richelle enjoys working with living composer on performing winning contemporary music, performing at retirement homes regularly, as well as mentoring students from groups underrepresented in the classical orchestral field.