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Interested in a Leadership Position?

Last year's Nominating Committee put together a great slate of officers for the 2022-23 year, but we were unable to find a volunteer for president-elect. Please consider whether this is a job that you might be interested and if so, contact [Liz Titus](mailto:zeh-t@hotmail.com) at zeh-t@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

Akilan Sankaran, 2021 JMYAC First-Place Winner in Piano, Performs with the 2023 Cliburn Junior Festival Artists

A sophomore at the Albuquerque Academy, Akilan Sankaran is a major award winner across several



Akilan Sankaran, Pianist

disciplines. In piano, he's studied with Lawrence Blind at the New Mexico School of Music for nine years and regularly takes home first prize at state competitions. He has also

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Quick Reminders!

~ Membership Luncheon: September 14th, 11:30am, Site TBD

~ New Board! Board Meetings from August forward will be on the First Tuesday of the month at the North Valley Library (7704 2nd St NW B, 87107), 1:00pm



February Member Luncheon

Focus on Membership

March featured our spring luncheon at Tanoan Country Club, where we enjoyed performances by Rafael Ingliss on the piano (6th grade) and Gabriel Ingliss on the violin (9th grade). These young artists and brothers are so talented; we were privileged to hear them play. Our May 11th membership luncheon was held at El Pinto and the new 2023-2024 board was introduced as follows:

Co-Presidents:	<i>Carol Cooper-Skopil and Teresa Edens</i>
Secretary:	<i>Anne McKinney</i>
Treasurer:	<i>JoAnn Pagliero</i>
Past President:	<i>Liz Titus</i>
Co-VPs of Membership	<i>Dana Wilson and Susan Rogers</i>
VP of Communications	<i>Forrest Courtney</i>
VP of Grant Selections	<i>Gwinn Hall</i>
VP of JMYAC	<i>Karla Bressan</i>
VP of Senioritas	<i>Christy Herbert</i>
VP of Seniorita Ball	<i>Mary Merrell</i>
Member at Large	<i>Sharon Miner</i>
Asst. Treasurer	<i>Sam Sherman</i>
Past Presidents	<i>Julie Silverman and Ginger Grossetete</i>

It was also our pleasure in introducing our 2023 grant recipients:

NM Jazz Workshop: Artha Meadors and Mia Maes

Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program: Norlynn Blocker Price

String Academy of the SW: Priscilla Hallberg

Each grantee spent a few minutes talking about their programs and how our support is used and appreciated.

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performed at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall, the Verbier Festival (which he attended on a full scholarship as the only junior pianist), and Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music. Akilan is equally committed to mathematics: he has conducted two in-depth research projects on undergraduate-level topics in number theory, which won him national and international competitions and a feature on NPR. He has competed on the state level in MathCounts (first prize) and cross country (top 20 runner); is a team member in Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, and Speech and Debate Competitions; and writes for his school newspaper.

2022-2023 JMYAC Wrap-up

The 2023 Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition was dedicated to Everett McGehee

Performance opportunities are an important part of the JMYAC. Due to the Covid shut down, our 2020, 2021, and 2022 winners were unable to perform with the NMPPhilharmonic and we knew we had some catchin' up to do, so we worked to ensure all previous winners would have their solo performances with a professional orchestra. We are pleased to report that the 2020 JMYAC winners performed with the NMPPhilharmonic on February 20, 2022, at the beautiful Rio Rancho Campus Park (right). The performers were:

Lorenzo Gallegos, Jr., a violinist in his third-year at Boston University.

Gabriel Ingliss, a first-year piano student at the Santa Fe Preparatory School.

The 2021 JMYAC winners: Akilan Sankaran is a sophomore at Albuquerque Academy. He plays the piano. Camilo Vasquez is a cellist and is in his second year at the University of North Texas. They performed beautifully with the NMPPhilharmonic on April 30, 2023.

The 2022 JMYAC winners: Pianist Gabriel Higbie and violinist Sahid Palacios - Gabriel is a senior at Albuquerque Academy and Sahid has just completed his first year at Furman University in South Carolina. They performed with enthusiasm on September 3, 2023! The audience and the NMPPhil musicians were on their feet.

The 2023 Competition: This year an interesting situation occurred - the 2023 JMYAC winners are brothers! Rafael Ingliss is an 11-year-old extraordinary pianist who attends La Mariposa Montessori School. His brother Gabriel Ingliss won first-place in violin, oh, and by the way, he also won first-place in piano at the 2020 competition. Gabriel just completed his freshman year at Santa Fe Preparatory School. The brothers performed together at the Music Guild Members Luncheon held in March and will perform with the NMPPhilharmonic in March 2024. The Ingliss family generously donated a performance and gift certificate to the silent auction at the recent 2023 Senorita Ball. Visit musicguildofnewmexico.org for more info about the Guild and JMYAC, as well as [jmyac-youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjmyac) to view all performances.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS will be mailed out mid-June, so look for yours in the mail, or check on our website for on-line renewal. musicguildofnewmexico.org

If you have not been to our website, type in www.musicguildofnewmexico.org. To login to your account, type in your email address where indicated, state that you don't remember your password and an email will be sent to you. Then chose the **RESET** option to create your password. Once you get in, navigation is pretty easy-peesy. Have a look around and check out pictures from the ball, Jackie McGehee Competition, luncheons, and the senorita activities. This is where you will find a **calendar** of future events, our **Bylaws**, **directory of membership**, and more.

Our next Membership Luncheon will be held on September 14th, at 11:30am, with the location yet to be determined.

Have a great, safe summer and we will see you in September!

~Carol Cooper-Skopil and Teresa Edens



NMPPhilharmonic performing at Rio Rancho Campus Park



Rafael Ingliss, 2023 JMYAC First-Place Piano



Gabriel Ingliss, 2023 JMYAC First-Place String



Various members enjoying the camaraderie of the May Membership Luncheon at El Pinto

Where's the MGNM member directory?

Printed copies of the membership directory will be distributed by the board and officers, but the most up-to-date directory is always available online (*Figure 1*). To access this version, you will need to be logged in to your account where you will find a link in the homepage menu and you **must** be signed in to protect the confidentiality of our membership.

How do I log in?

If you are not logged into the site, a **member login** link appears at the top of every page on the site (*Figure 2*). Click that link, enter your email address and password, then click the **LOGIN** button.

What is your password?

While the confidential information used to have only one password (forte or crescendo), the site we have been on for the last four years **requires each user to have their own account**. Your account username is your **email** and **each user sets her or his own password**. When you are on the login page, there is a **RESET PASSWORD** link which can be used if you don't know your password (*Figure 3*).

How to reset your password if you've forgotten it, or create one if you've never had one?

1. Click on **Member Login**, then enter your **email address** and press the **SUBMIT** button (*Figure 4*).
2. Click on the **Reset Your Password** link (*Figure 5*) and you'll receive an email at the email account of the email address you entered (assuming that your account uses that email address)
3. Click the **Log In** button (*Figure 5*) on the Reset password page that loads, then reset your password on the next page (*Figure 6*).

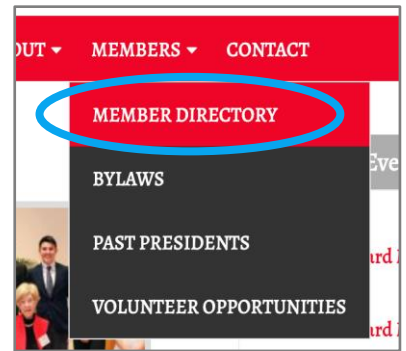


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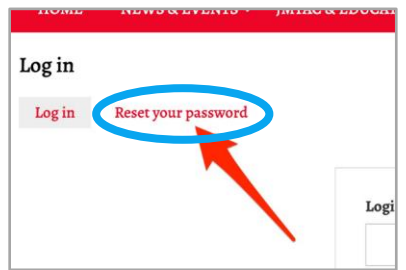


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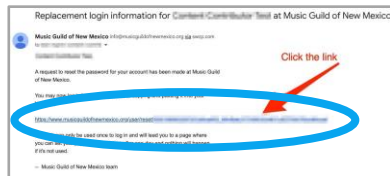


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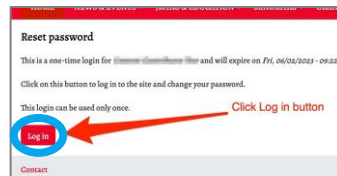


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Kayden Kelly is a 2021 JMYAC second-place piano winner and will perform with the 2023 Cliburn Junior Festival Artists

Kayden studies piano with 1993 Cliburn Finalist Fabio Bidini at the Music Academy of The Colburn School; gave his recital debut at the National Theater of Costa Rica in 2018 and his orchestra debut in Italy three years later; and has given more than 20 public performances in the last seven years. The Santa Fe native currently attends the Albuquerque Academy, where he is on the swim team and in the engineering club. When Kayden was 11 years old, he received an award for his musical talent and dedication from the Secretary for the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. Kayden recently appeared on NPR's *From the Top*.

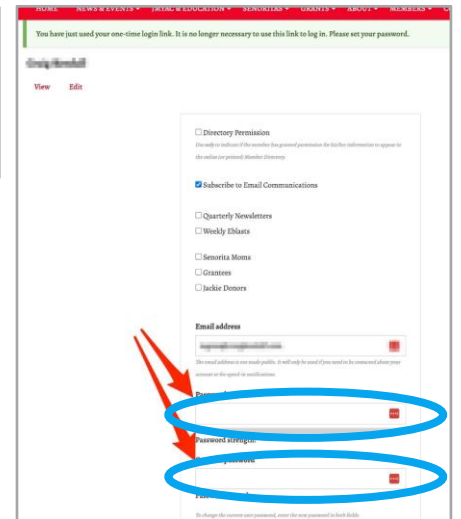


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Thanks to all our dedicated JMYAC volunteers who help make this competition a success!

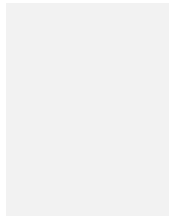
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