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YOUNG ARTISTS AUDITIONS WINNERS

1940 Larra Browning, voice
Friends University

1941 Minas Christian, violin
Wichita State University

1942 Orcenith Smith, voice
Friends University

1943 Weldon Wilbur, French horn
Wichita State University

1944 James Could, trombone
Wichita State University

1945 No records

1946 Olen Ross Gowens, voice
Friends University

1947 Mary Frances Oliver, voice
Juilliard School of Music

1948 Dorothy Merriam, violin
Eastman School of Music

1949 Esther Lee Titus, violin
Tie Wichita State University
Donna MacLean, flute
Eastman School of Music

1950 Achilles Balabanis, cello
Wichita State University

1951 Elna Claire Valine, violin
Wichita State University

1952 No records

1953 Olya Zilboorg, cello
University of Kansas

1954 Carol Ann Calkins, violin
Wichita State University

1955 Jay Decker, cello
Wichita State University

1956 Jerry Garfield, piano
Wichita State University

1957 Blanca Uribe, piano
University of Missouri-Kansas City

1958 James Dick, piano
University of Texas

1959 Mary Lee Scott, violin
Wichita State University

1960 Esther Stoneking, violin
Wichita State University

1961 Ginni Eldred, violin
Wichita State University

1962 Lee Robert, viola
Wichita State University

1963 George Pro, piano
University of Kansas

1964 Nathan Goldblatt, piano
University of Kansas

1965 Gwin Gassity, piano
Wichita State University

1966 Patricia Wise, voice
University of Kansas

1967 Nancy Border, violin
Wichita State University

1968 Ada McKinney, piano
Southwestern College

1969 David Murrow, clarinet
University of Kansas

1970 Virginia Belwood, piano
University of Missouri-Kansas City

1971 Rebecca McCord, piano
Oklahoma City University

1972 Joseph Rics, piano
University of Tulsa

1973 David Hickman, trumpet
Wichita State University

1974 John Aley, trumpet
Wichita State University

1975 Ted Lane, clarinet
Juilliard School of Music

1976 Rick Rowley, piano
Washburn University

1977 David Wehr, piano
University of Kansas

1978 Louis B. Cady, piano
University of Missouri-Kansas City

1979 Lisa E. Braden, voice
Juilliard School of Music

1980 Kevin Oldham, piano
Northwestern University

1981 Laura Seaton, violin
University of Missouri-Kansas City

1982 William Price, piano
University of Kansas

1983 Stephanie Humes, soprano
University of Kansas

1984 No competition held due to
re-organization of program

1985 Meredity Mizell, soprano
Oklahoma City University

1986 Christopher Komer, French horn
Cleveland Institute

1987 John J. Huges, violin
Indiana University

1988 Yolanda Kondonassis, harp
Cleveland Institute

1989 Patricia Johnson, soprano
University of Missouri-Kansas City

1990 Sasha Starcevick, piano
St. Louis Conservatory

1991 Gregory Varner, piano
University of Missouri-Kansas City

1992 No winner-finals canceled due
to power outage

1993 Slawomir Dobrzanski, piano
University of Kansas

1994 Orieta Dado, violin
Fort Hays State University

1995 Chad Burrow, clarinet
Eastman School of Music

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1996   Kyle Lombard, violin
        Indiana University

1997   Kristin Taylor, piano
        University of Missouri-Kansas City

1998   Maxim Shagdaron, piano
        University of Kansas

1999   Melanie Hadley, piano
        University of Missouri-St. Louis

2000   Amir Khosrowpur, piano
        University of Kansas

2001   Eric Nowlin, viola
        Juilliard School of Music

2002   Kristina Yoder, violin
        Juilliard School of Music

2003   Bel Lin Han, piano
        University of Kansas

2004   Svetlana Kosakovskaya, violin
        Kansas State University

2005   Graciella Kowalczyk, piano
        Park University

2006   Valerii Titishev, violin
        Park University

2007   Angie Solomon, soprano
        University of Kansas

2008   James Daniel Cockman III, piano
        University of Kansas

2009   Julie Davis, soprano
        University of Oklahoma

2010   Jeffrey Gates, baritone
        Oklahoma City University

2011   Eric Umble, clarinet
        University of Kansas

2012   Crystal Lam, piano
        University of Kansas

2013   Inge Buniardi, piano
        University of Kansas

2014   Mansur Kadirov, cello
        Park University

2015   Ying Tang, piano
        University of Kansas

2016   Artem Kuznetsov, piano
        Park University

2017   Benjamin Dominguez, piano
        University of Kansas