

The Howard Hanson Certificate of Merit is awarded annually by the Rochester Piano Teachers' Guild to high school seniors who exhibit excellence in piano performance. This prestigious award is named in honor of Dr. Howard Hanson, renowned American composer, conductor, educator, and director of the Eastman School of Music from 1924 to 1964.

The Winners Recital will take place at Nazareth University's Wilmot Recital Hall on Sunday evening, March 22nd, 2026, at 7:00.

*The 2026 Winners of the 56th Annual
Howard Hanson Certificate of Merit*

(in alphabetical order)

Milo Anderson
Oscar Bernfield
Madeline Kimmell
Walter Marshall
Albert Keiann Zhang