

COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

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Five Up-and-Comers Signed to Young Concert Artists

Young Concert Artists on Sunday named five winners of its annual auditions: violinists Randall Goosby and Risa Hokamura, pianists Maxim Lando and Aristo Sham, and cellist Jonathan Swensen. They will join the YCA's roster, which includes three years of management and promotion services and YCA-presented recitals in New York and Washington, D.C.

In the ceremony, which was live-streamed, several impresarios took the stage to make verbal offers of recital dates to the musicians. A particular favorite was Swensen, a 22-year-old Danish cellist, who gave sensitive readings of Bach, Ligeti, and a cello-piano arrangement of Dvorak's Cello Concerto.

Open to instrumentalists ages 16-26 and singers ages 20-28, the competition had 12 finalists in the final heat; YCA Founder/Director Susan Wadsworth chaired a ten-member jury that included conductor Gerard Schwarz, violinist Chee-Yun, pianist Jerome Lowenthal, and cellist Fred Sherry.

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