

Level II - First Place Winner

Kyle Soliz

Kyle Soliz is currently a 3rd year Undergraduate studying Saxophone Performance and Music Composition at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His music is a fresh blend of old and new, with musical influences from Reynold Tharp, Stacy Garrop, Jennifer Higdon, Augusta Read Thomas, Ned Rorem, Takashi Yoshimatsu, Mischa Zupko, and Stephen Taylor. Kyle is currently studying saxophone with Debra Richtmeyer, and previous teachers include Wayne Richards, Joseph Connor, and Taimur Sullivan. As for Composition, he is currently studying with Dr. Reynold Tharp, and his previous teacher was Dr. Stephen Taylor. At the moment, Kyle has completed a trio for Flute, Viola, and Cello which will be premiered in October and is currently composing a piece for the Illinois Modern Ensemble's Fall 2022 Concert.

