

## Level II - Second Place Winner

### Zixuan Chen

Zixuan Chen is a Chinese pianist and composer. Born in Hangzhou, China, he is currently attending high school in San Diego, California. He started to learn the piano at 5 with Haijing Zhang and is currently studying piano with Chetan Tierra and composition with Yihsien Chen and John Rot. He has won several competitions, including first place in the MTAC San Diego Concerto Competition, first place in Costa Rico Piano Festival International Competition, first alternate in MTAC solo concerto competition Southern regional, second place in the Steinway Virtual Piano Competition Southern California Regionals, and first place in Odin International Piano Competition. As a composer, his *Sonatina* won first place in the MTAC Composers Today State Contest, and his piano trio *Ink Splashing* placed second in the Robert Avalon International Competition for Composers. He is a member of the MTAC Composer Guild and a finalist of the ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Awards.