

All Classical Portland special broadcast:
23rd Young Artists Debut! Van Buren Concerto Competition

PORTLAND, OR. – All Classical Portland enjoys a sixth continuous year of collaboration with MetroArts Inc. in airing its 23rd annual *Young Artists Debut! Van Buren Concerto Competition*. Tune in to All Classical Portland for radio broadcasts of the performance, hosted by Christa Wessel and Robert McBride, on Saturday, May 13 at 5pm and on Thursday, May 18 at 7pm. Broadcasts are also available to stream worldwide at allclassical.org, and will be archived for two weeks following the May 13 broadcast in the [All Classical Portland Audio Archive](#).

The performance will feature the talented young winners of the 2017 *Van Buren Concerto Competition* who range in age from 12 to 19 years old and consist of three pianists, three violinists, and three vocalists. MetroArts Inc. Artistic Director Niel DePonte will lead an orchestra whose members are drawn from the ranks of the Oregon Symphony and Oregon Ballet Theatre orchestras.

Between now and the concert on May 9th, Christa Wessel will feature each of the nine soloists on the program "On Deck With Young Musicians." Wonderfully enlightening and entertaining, this weekly program airing every Saturday at 5pm offers insight and conversation to further illuminate the personalities of these young artists. Segments with these finalists will also be available to stream after they air, at allclassical.org/programs/on-deck-with-young-musicians

"It is an absolute pleasure to profile these artists on our program On Deck with Young Musicians. Their stories are inspiring, and bring joy to music lovers of any age. Additionally, All Classical Portland's broadcast of the concert gives these kids an amazing platform – a worldwide stage! – upon which to share their talent and enthusiasm for classical music." – Christa Wessel, on-air host

To purchase tickets for the 23rd *Young Artists Debut! Van Buren Concerto Concert* on May 9th, and for additional information about MetroArts Inc., please visit www.metroartsinc.org.

All Classical Portland is Portland, Oregon's classical radio station. Established in 1983, our mission is to advance knowledge of and appreciation for classical music; to build and sustain culturally vibrant local and global communities around this art form; to reflect the spirit of the Pacific Northwest; and to foster integrity, quality, and innovation in all that we do. For more information, visit www.allclassical.org.

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