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Highhill Scholarship Winners Announced

MIDLAND - The Midland Symphony League of Midland Center for the Arts announced the three recipients of the 2011 Clara Highhill Memorial Scholarship at the Midland Symphony Orchestra's April 16 concert. The winners, Elizabeth Goff, Daniel Schindler, and Morgan Wynne, were awarded a combined \$1,200 in scholarship funds to be applied to further their studies in music, and will be recognized at an upcoming Symphony League luncheon.

The Clara Highhill Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of a longtime Symphony League volunteer. Eligible students must be in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade and either a resident of Midland County or studying with a Midland County teacher. In addition to an application form, students submitted recommendations from both school and private music teachers and an audition recording. The selection process also included a review of both recorded and live audition performances. Seven total applicants applied this year.

Elizabeth Goff, first place

Elizabeth Goff is the daughter of Charlie and Susan Goff of Midland. She studies violin privately under Heather DeGroot. Elizabeth is a junior at Midland High School where she is a member of the Symphonic Orchestra and participates in annual Solo & Ensemble competitions. She is also a member of the Three Rivers Fiddle Club, is active in area pit orchestras and in the bell choir at her church. Elizabeth will use her scholarship money for music study. Elizabeth's college interests include study in the areas of music, music education, and chemistry.

Morgan Wynne, second place

Morgan Wynne is the daughter of Brian and Mary Wynne of Midland. She studies French horn privately under Bruce Bonnell at Central Michigan University. Morgan is a junior at H.H. Dow High School where she is a member of the Marching Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Symphony Orchestra. She also plays the piano and sings in Dow High's Jazz Band, and plays with the Midland Concert Band. Morgan will use her scholarship award for private lessons and summer music camp. Morgan's college plans include studying music and psychology.

Daniel Schindler, third place

Daniel Schindler is the son of Brent and Julie Schindler of Auburn. He studies trombone under Susan Gessford. Daniel is a junior at Bay City Western High School where he is a member of the Symphonic, Jazz, and Marching Bands, and served as a drum major. He is also a member of the "JustTrombones" group based in Midland. Daniel's scholarship will help defray expenses for his participation in the "All-Nation Band," which performs in Washington, DC, this summer. His future plans include studying music and physics, and a 2-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Midland Symphony Orchestra (MSO) has provided mid-Michigan with continuous symphonic music since 1936. Along with concerts featuring renowned guest artists, the MSO also provides educational opportunities through its touring ensembles in the schools, Community Orchestra, chamber concerts, Tunes for Tots, prelude lectures, scholarships, music appreciation programs and guest artist master classes and residencies.

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