



### *Avery Hsieh, soloist*

Avery is a junior in the dual immersion program at Corvallis High School. She began her piano studies at the age of five with Dr. Bonnie Esbensen. She later studied with Mary Ann Guenther and is currently a student of Dr. Alexandre Dossin at the University of Oregon. She has participated in many musical activities including various Oregon Music Teachers Association festivals, fundraising events, community services, summer camps, and chamber music programs. She was the 1st place winner in the Chamber Music Society of Oregon Competition in 2018 and the 1st place winner of the Oregon Mozart Players Young Soloist Competition in 2017, that included a solo performance on stage with the Oregon Mozart Players conducted by Director Kelly Kuo. In 2018, she and her brother represented Oregon to compete in the Music Teachers National Association Northwest Division as a piano duet team. In addition, Avery also studies violin with Kathryn Gray. She placed 2nd in the Vernon L. Wiscarson Competition in 2019, was the 1st place winner in the Eugene Symphony Young Artist Competition in 2018, and placed 2nd in the Oregon School Activities Association Solo Music State Championships in 2018. She has played in master classes taught by Philip Setzer of the Emerson String Quartet, Charles Castleman, Janet Sung at DePaul University, and by violinist Ryu Goto. She is currently leading a project working with a local Latino organization to involve more Latino students in music beyond the elementary string programs. Besides music, Avery enjoys reading, film making, and playing ping pong with her younger brother.