

Violinist **Jenna Son**, 15, is a junior at Davis Senior High School and Moon J. Song scholarship recipient in the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-College division under the instruction of Elbert Tsai. Jenna started violin lessons at the age of six with Heather Powell and continued her studies with Dr. Christine Choi. Jenna is a violinist in the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and Young Chamber Musicians in addition to the DHS Symphony Orchestra.

Jenna has served as concertmaster in the Holmes Junior High Advanced Orchestra (2022-2023) and Intermediate Orchestra (2020-2021), Davis All-City Elementary Orchestra (2019-2020), Sacramento Youth Symphony Academic Orchestra (2019-2020), and SYS Vivace Strings Orchestra (2016-2017) and was a first violinist in the SYS Premier Orchestra (2020-2022) until she joined the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra in the fall of 2022. As a member of the Davis school orchestra program, Jenna was a first violinist in the California All-State Junior High String Orchestra (2022) and California High School All-State Symphony Orchestra (2023, 2024).

Jenna made her orchestral debut with the Solano Symphony Orchestra in March 2024 as the string division first place winner of the 2023 Solano Symphony Young Artists Competition. In April 2024, Jenna was a featured soloist with the DHS Symphony Orchestra in the Wennberg Orchestra Festival at the Mondavi Center after winning the 2024 DHS Concerto Competition. Jenna also won first place in the 2024 Korean-American Music Supporters' Association (KAMSA) Music Competition violin senior division, first place in the 2024 Diablo Valley College (DVC) Young Artist String Competition violin junior division, and grand prize in the 2024 Auburn Symphony Young Artists Competition. In previous years, Jenna won first place in the 2022 and 2020 American String Teachers Association (ASTA) Sacramento Solo Competitions, first place in the 2022 California Association of Professional Music Teachers (CAPMT) Sacramento Music Competition, first place in the 2016 Crescendo International Music Competition, first place in the 2022 Best Bach Performance at the Great Composers Competition Series, and was named a finalist in the 2023 Sejong Music Competition. Most recently, Jenna performed the Sibelius Violin Concerto at Carnegie Hall in June 2024 with the accompaniment of the DHS Symphony Orchestra, led by her older sister, concertmaster Sarah Son.

An avid chamber musician, Jenna has been the violinist of the Borealis Trio at SFCM Pre-College coached by SFCM violin faculty Doris Fukawa and the DHS Symphony Piano Quintet under Angelo Moreno. Since 2018, Jenna has participated in summer and winter chamber music

workshops coached by Susan Lamb Cook. As part of the VITA Academy Great Composers Series Rising Stars Program, Jenna has performed in various piano trios and string quartets at the Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College and the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis. In 2024, Jenna joined Young Chamber Musicians under the direction of Susan Bates for intensive chamber music studies. Jenna also loves to share her musical experiences with children and patients in the local community through Lifting Spirits with Music, the DHS Strings Tutoring Program, and the Back To Bach Project Davis, CA region where she serves as Co-Regional Director.

Besides violin, Jenna has studied piano with Akiko Gaffney and received the MTAC Certificate of Merit Advanced Level with State Honor (2023) and top prizes in the Classical Masters Music Competition (2015, 2016, 2017), Japanese Piano Teachers Association of the Greater Sacramento (JPTAG) Piano Competition (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), California Association of Professional Music Teachers (CAPMT) Go for the Gold Music Competition (2016, 2018, 2019), and CAPMT Honors Competition (2021). Jenna was invited to perform unaccompanied works by Johann Sebastian Bach at the Junior Bach Festival in Berkeley on both violin and piano in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

In the summer of 2022, Jenna attended the Heifetz International Music Institute where she studied with Jennifer Liu and Chloe Kiffer and played masterclasses for violinists Shannon Lee and Luosha Fang. In the summer of 2024, Jenna was invited to the Online Solo Strings Intensive (OSSI) in the studio of Arnaud Sussmann. As the Grand Prize Winner of the Auburn Symphony Young Artist Competition, Jenna is honored to play with the Auburn Symphony under the baton of maestro Ryan Murray.