

## Joseph Gallwas

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**Joseph Gallwas**, a 16-year-old pianist from Elmhurst, Illinois, is currently a sophomore at York Community High School. He is dedicated to honing his piano skills under the guidance of Jeffrey Panko and Mary Sauer at the New Music School. At just 12, Joseph marked a significant milestone with his performance of Chopin's Piano Concerto No.1 in E minor with the Chicago Arts Orchestra, featured on WFMT's "Introductions" radio program.

He has excelled in competitions such as the Walgreen Concerto Competition, SeJong Music Competition, Minnesota Concerto Competition, and Charleston International Piano Competition. Notably, he received an honorable mention in the Crain-Maling Foundation Chicago Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition and was a semi-finalist in the International Young Artist Concerto Competition, performing Rachmaninoff's Concerto No.3 with the SEEN Orchestra in Chicago under conductor Conner Gray Covington. Joseph's orchestral experience also includes performing Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No.2 in F major, Op.102, with the TIMM Ensemble Orchestra, conducted by Francesco D'Ovidio, in Todi, Italy.

He has benefited from masterclasses with renowned pianists like Antonio Pompa-Baldi, Andreas Froelich, Steven Osborne, Eduardo Delgado, Marta Aznavoorian, Henry Kramer, Marina Lamizov, Tatiana Ioudenich, Dang Thai Son, Carl Cranmer, Nancy Weems, John Weems, and Stanislav Ioudenich. Joseph's chamber group, the Senti Piano Trio, was a finalist in the Rembrandt competition and a semi-finalist in the prestigious Fischhoff competition. This March 2024, Joseph and his twin brother Kenneth will participate in the MTNA competition in Atlanta as national finalists in the senior duo division.

Beyond piano, Joseph is a proficient violinist in his school orchestra, enjoys playing ice hockey with the York Hockey Team, and serves as a Level 3 referee for USA Hockey.