

Kenneth Gallwas



Kenneth Gallwas, a high honor-roll sophomore at York Community High School in Elmhurst, Illinois, studies piano under Mary Sauer and Jeff Panko at the New Music School. Beginning his piano journey at age 6, Kenneth has excelled in competitions such as the Granquist Music Competition, Illinois Music Association festival, Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition, and the Seattle Bach Festival. In 2022, he won the top prize in the senior division of the SeJong National Competition. His notable orchestral appearances include performances with the Chicago Arts Orchestra and the TIMM Ensemble Orchestra in Todi, Italy. In January 2023, he reached the semi-finals of the International Young Artist Concerto Competition, impressively performing the first movement of Prokofiev's Concerto No.1 with the SEEN Orchestra.

Kenneth has further honed his skills in masterclasses with accomplished pianists such as Antonio Pompa-Baldi, Andreas Froelich, Steven Osborne, Eduardo Delgado, Joyce Yang, Henry Kramer, Marina Lamizov, and Dang Thai Son. Kenneth and his twin Joseph made their debut at Carnegie Hall at nine years old as duo winners of the American Protege Talent Competition. This year, they triumphed in the ISMTA senior duet competition. They are also national finalists at the prestigious MTNA conference in Atlanta, scheduled for March 2024, following their wins in State and Regional rounds.

Beyond piano, Kenneth plays the cello in his school orchestra, enjoys ice hockey with the York High School team, accompanies a church choir, serves as a Level 3 USA hockey referee, and coaches young children at his local YMCA.