

**For Immediate Release:
Wilmette Cellist Wins Solo Competition for High School Musicians**

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For more information about Jan Vargas Nedvetsky, see [his website](#).

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Jan Vargas Nedvetsky, a cellist from Wilmette, has won the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra's 2025 solo competition for high school musicians. As the winner, he will receive a \$500 prize and perform as a soloist with the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra in concert in Naperville in June.

In that concert, Nedvetsky will play the first movement of Antonin Dvorak's *Cello Concerto No. 2*, under the baton of internationally acclaimed conductor Peter Lipari. The concert, which also features opera music, starts at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 22, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville.

Nedvetsky, who began playing the cello at age 5, is a senior in the North Atlantic Regional High School independent study program. He currently studies cello at the Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago and will continue to pursue a music career this fall at Northwestern University.

He is the son of Yana Nedvetsky, D.D.S., and Axel Vargas, M.D., and a co-founder of the [Musicians for Hope](#) organization, which raises funds to support music education in Chicago-area public schools.

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