



69th Annual Otero Arts Festival Music and Theatre Winners, 2025

Best Musician, Junior Division

- **Matthew Mascarenas** - Grade: 7 - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Best Musician, Senior Division

- **Maria Lavin** - Grade: 11 - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Otero Music Scholarship

- **Alijandra Palacio** - Grade: 12 - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Instrumental Solos, Junior Division (7-8 grades)

First Place

- **Matthew Mascarenas** - Grade: 7 - Song: *Gamelan* - Instrument: Bells/Xylophone - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Second Place

- **Kaiden Lara** - Grade: 8 - Song: *The Kings Dance* - Instrument: Alto Saxophone - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Third Place

- **Levi Stroede** - Grade: 7 - Song: *Elegy* - Instrument: Trumpet - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Instrumental Solos, Senior Division (9-12 grades)

First Place

- **Maria Lavin** - Grade: 11 - Song: *Golliwag Cakewalk* - Instrument: Piano - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Second Place

- **Emma Gacnik** - Grade: 10 - Song: *Andante* - Instrument: Classical Guitar - Swink High School - Instructor: Anne Savage

Third Place

- **Courtney Stroede Young** - Grade: 10 - Song: *Rio Grande* - Instrument: Clarinet - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Honorable Mention

- **Landon Fischer** - Grade: 9 - Song: *This Is Halloween* - Instrument: Baritone - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston
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Instrumental Ensembles, Senior Division (9-12 grades)

First Place

- **Oakley Jones & Mikayla Martinez** - Grade: 11 - Song: *Over the Rainbow* - Instrument: Flute - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Second Place

- **Taylor Sproul** - Grade: 10 - Tuba
 - **Viviana Herrera** - Grade: 11 - Horn in F
 - **Dreyton Rojas** - Grade: 11 - Baritone
 - **Charles Rabenseifner** - Grade: 10 - Trumpet
 - Song: *American Idiot* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston
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Vocal Solos, Senior Division (9-12 grades)

First Place

- **Derek Powell** - Grade: 11 - Song: *Nessun Dorma* - Swink High School - Instructor: Anne Savage

Second Place

- **Sarai Lowe** - Grade: 9 - Song: *Edelweiss* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Third Place

- **Zyana Gendreau-Croskey** - Grade: 9 - Song: *Last Midnight* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Honorable Mention

- **Dineah Moreno** - Grade: 11 - Song: *House of Gold* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston
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Vocal Ensembles, Junior Division (7-8 grades)

First Place

- **Kaylyn Martinez, Alyssa Valerio, Thalia Garner, Mia Jimenz** - Grade: 8 - Song: *Colors of the Wind* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston
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Vocal Ensembles, Senior Division (9-12 grades)

First Place

- **Viviana Herrera** - Grade: 11
- **Kaydence Kimmey-DeHerrera** - Grade: 9
- Song: *Poetry in Motion* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Second Place

- **Emma Mason** - Grade: 10
- **Lanae Romero** - Grade: 9
- Song: *Iris* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Third Place

- **Zyana Gendreau-Croskey** - Grade: 9
- **Dineah Moreno** - Grade: 11
- Song: *It Takes Two* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston

Honorable Mention

- **Maria Lavin** - Grade: 11
- **Prisceyiss Urban** - Grade: 9
- Song: *I Won't Say I'm in Love* - La Junta Jr/Sr High School - Instructor: Kristin Golding-Langston