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R.B. child's musical piece singled out for special CD

A Rye Brook girl's musical masterpiece earned her a place on the stage last weekend when Hartwick College's Hey Mozart! Child Composer Project winners were recognized.

Josephine Yalovitser, a fifth grader at Ridge Street School, was one of 10 child prodigies whose composition was selected from 250 submissions coming from 6- to 12-year-olds across the Northeast. The 10 winners were recognized April 1 during a ceremony and concert. During the concert, their melodies, which had been arranged and orchestrated by Hartwick College faculty and students as well as music professionals from the Oneonta, N.Y. area, were debuted.

The compositions were also included on a CD released at the concert.

Josephine was accompanied to Hartwick College in Oneonta for the concert and awards ceremony by her parents, Michael and Tatyana Yalovitser of 54 Talcott Rd.

She entered the competition after receiving a copy of a press release about it from Jananne Abel, editor of the Westmore News, in August 2006. At the end of September, the Yalovitsers received a letter from Angela Breck, program coordinator, notifying them that Josephine's composition "Dancing Leaves" had been selected to be arranged, orchestrated and recorded on their upcoming CD. At that time the family was also invited to the April 1 ceremony and concert.

"We were very impressed with the level of musicianship in all of the melodies we received," Breck wrote.

The Hey Mozart! Child Composer Project, launched in 2002, is an ongoing partnership be-



tween young and adult musicians intended to foster children's natural talent for inventing melodies. In previous years, the Project received hundreds of recordings, videos and written compositions from children across New York State and New Mexico. This year, Hartwick College expanded the Hey Mozart! Project to children who live in states throughout the Northeast.