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Taylor University [music](#) student Clara Loisch received Honorable Mention in the state round of the Young Artist Performance Woodwind category of the 2017 [Music Teachers National Association](#) (MTNA) competition held at Ball State University.

Loisch is a senior from Kokomo, Ind., who is majoring in instrumental performance.

During the event, Loisch performed *Sonata in E Minor for Flute and Piano* by Bach; *Sixth Solo* by Jules Demersseman; *Piece for Solo Flute* by Jacques Ibert; and *Movement Four—Allegro con brio*—of *Sonata for Flute and Piano Op. 14* by Robert Muczynski.

“Performing for the MTNA competition was an incredible learning experience. Hours of preparation and careful practice rewarded me with a confident performance,” Loisch said. “I was able to enjoy myself on stage and engage with the judges.

“Competitions serve a much greater purpose than exercising musical superiority over one's peers,” she added. “Competitions reveal where your priorities lie, how much time you dedicate toward practice, and how you handle post-performance results. I was grateful for the anchor that my faith provided; with it, I could remain focused, calm, and aware of how the Spirit spoke to me in the whole situation.”