

VMTA Concerto Competition Results

May 16th, 2015

Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University

There were twenty one entrants, with only one cancelation. The results are as follows:

Collegiate Piano

Winner – Gianne Ge Zhu, student of Eric Ruple.

Alternate – Annie Wong, student of John O’Conor

Collegiate Strings

Winner – Leyla Feyzulaeva (violin), student of Akemi Takayama

Alternate – Carlos Figueroa (cello), student of Clyde Shaw

Second Place (violin) – Eli Thomas, student of Akemi Takayama

Third Place – Michael Puryear (cello), student of Clyde Shaw

High School Piano

Winner – Roman Kasparian, student of Margarita Gramaticova

Alternate – Olti Myrtaj, student of Michelle Whitney

Honorable Mention – Alexa Coe, student of Phyllis Vickers

High School Strings

Winner – Sarah Heifetz (violin), student of Helen Heifetz

Second Place – Jean Cho (violin), student of Yunhee Ahn

Third Place – Michelle Hong (violin), student of Yunhee Ahn

High School Woodwinds

Winner – Jean Kim (oboe), student of Yeong Kim

Alternate – Irene Kim (flute), student of Jennifer Lapple

High School Harp

Winner – Kai-Lan Olson, student of Elizabeth Blakeslee

Alternate – Mary Duplantier, student of Elizabeth Blakeslee

Erin Freeman, newly appointed conductor for the Wintergreen Performing Arts Orchestra, attended the VMTA Concerto Competition on May 16th, 2015. After the judges deliberated, Ms. Freeman selected two of the winners to perform with the WPA orchestra, based on the judges decision and orchestration needs. The winners are Jean Kim (oboe), and Roman Kasparian (piano). Some of the other winners will be contacted and invited to perform with their accompanist at the same concert.