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VIOLINIST TAKES $8,000 TOP PRIZE

Edmonton, AB – On Saturday, May 18, 2019 — after two days of amazing and very high calibre competition — violinist Angela Ryu (19 years old), originally from New Denver, BC, and currently studying at Rice University, The Shepherd School of Music under Paul Kantor, was awarded the $8,000 top prize in The Shean Strings Competition. She has also won the opportunity to play with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra at a future date. Ms. Ryu was one of 6 Finalists chosen from the 25 submitted entries to compete in The 2019 Shean Strings Competition on May 17 and 18 in Edmonton, AB.

The complete results of The Shean Strings Competition are as follows:

- First Place and $8,000, plus the opportunity to play with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra – Angela Ryu, violin (New Denver, BC)
- Second Place and $5,000 – Tiffany Yeung, violin (Richmond Hill, ON)
- Third Place and $4,000 – Rebecca Weger, violin (Regina, SK)
- Fourth Place and $3,000 – Alison Kim, violin (Coquitlam, BC)
- (Tie) Fifth Place and $2,000 each – Sonya Shin, violin (Edmonton, AB) and Teresa Wang, violin (Toronto, ON)

Angela Ryu also won the $1,000 Paul J. Bourret Memorial Award for Best Performance of the Test Piece – « Improvisation » pour violon seul by Canadian composer André Prévost.

The adjudicators for this year’s Competition were David Hoyt, Chair; Philippe Djokic (violin), and John Thompson (viola).

The 2020 Shean Piano Competition takes place May 14 and 16 in Edmonton with an $8,000 Top Prize and the opportunity to perform with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. The $1,000 Paul J. Bourret Memorial Award for Best Performance of the Test Piece will also be awarded.

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