



VIOLINIST FROM EDMONTON TAKES \$8,000 TOP PRIZE

Edmonton, AB – On **Saturday, May 22, 2021** — after two days of amazing and very high calibre competition via recorded videos due to COVID-19 restrictions — violinist **Jacques Forestier** (16-years-old), from Edmonton, AB was awarded the **\$8,000 top prize** in **The Shean Strings Competition**. He has also won the opportunity to play with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra at a future date. Mr. Forestier was one of 6 Finalists chosen from the 18 submitted entries to compete in The 2021 Shean Strings Competition virtually on May 21 and 22.

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 – **Jacques Forestier**, violin (Edmonton, AB)
- **Second Place** and \$5,000 – **Gabrielle Després**, violin (Edmonton, AB)
- **Third Place** and \$4,000 – **Luka Coetzee**, violoncello (Calgary, AB)
- **Fourth Place** and \$3,000 – **Emad Zolfaghari**, viola (Oakville, ON)
- **Fifth Place** and \$2,000 – **Russell Iceberg**, violin (Old Snowmass, CO)
- **Sixth Place** and \$2,000 – **Hannah Corbett**, violin (Vaughan, ON)

Emad Zolfaghari also won the **\$1,000 Paul J. Bourret Memorial Award for Best Performance of the Test Piece** – *Viola Sonata*, op. 25, no. 1, mvt. iv. – *Rasendes Zeitmaß. Wild. Tonschönheit ist Nebensache* by Paul Hindemith.

The adjudicators for this year's Competition were **David Hoyt**, Chair; **Erika Raum** (violin), and **David Stewart** (violin).

The 2022 Shean Piano Competition takes place May 20 and 21 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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