



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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