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2016 Competition Winners Concert

Sunday, May 29
2:30 PM

Nichols Concert Hall
Music Institute of Chicago
1490 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

PROGRAM

Menuet from L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2.....	Georges Bizet
<p style="text-align: center;">Neel Jay, <i>flute</i> Maya Galperin, <i>piano</i></p>	
Cello Sonata in C major Op. 40 no.1.....	Jan-Baptiste Breval
<p style="text-align: center;">II. Rondo Grazioso Jan Nedvetsky, <i>cello</i> Milana Pavchinskaya, <i>piano</i></p>	
Cello Concerto in B-flat major, G.482.....	Luigi Boccherini
<p style="text-align: center;">William Tan, <i>cello</i> Sooka Wang, <i>piano</i></p>	
Etude in Ab Major, Op. 25, No. 1.....	Frédéric Chopin
<p style="text-align: center;">Meera Khare, <i>piano</i></p>	
Allegro Brillante in A major Opus 19.....	William Ten Have
<p style="text-align: center;">Zhe Koh, <i>violin</i> Maya Galperin, <i>piano</i></p>	
Jardins sous la pluie.....	Claude Debussy
<p style="text-align: center;">Isabel Chen, <i>piano</i></p>	
Fantasia.....	George Hue
<p style="text-align: center;">Dean Brady, <i>flute</i> Barbara Vernon, <i>piano</i></p>	
Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 49.....	Dmitry Kabalevsky
<p style="text-align: center;">I. Allegro Noah Chen, <i>cello</i> Shirley Trissell, <i>piano</i></p>	
Les Blues Des Grenouilles.....	Claude Gagnon
<p style="text-align: center;">Taig Singh, <i>guitar</i></p>	
Sonatine in F# minor.....	Maurice Ravel
<p style="text-align: center;">III. Animé Ashley Kim, <i>piano</i></p>	
Concerto in E minor Op. 64	Felix Mendelssohn
<p style="text-align: center;">III. Allegretto non troppo – Allegro molto vivace Isabel Chen, <i>violin</i> Milana Pavchinskaya, <i>piano</i></p>	

2016 LAUREATES**CELLO**

Primary	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Jan Nedvetsky Olivia Boe
Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place	William Tan Noah Chen
Intermediate	Honorable Mention 1 st Place 2 nd Place	Zehavi Rodriguez Noah Chen Claudia Yoon
Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Nathan Mo Alexandra Kim Aryn Harmon & Jessica Hudson

FLUTE

Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Neel Jay Sarah Huang Ellie Pierzina
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Dean Brady Sofia Frumkin Hope Tsai
Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Daniel Lopez Jennifer Wang Shruti Mohan

GUITAR

Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Taig Singh Esme Huynh Benjamin Duan
Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Matthew Snell Jordan Dembsky Max Shepherd
Collegiate	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Robert Belson Yongwoo Jeon Ronald Eshoo

PIANO

Primary	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Meera Khare Richelle Shi Angelika Wang
Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Isabel Chen Emily Lu Frank Gao
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Ashley Kim Thomas Filipiuk Kimiko Darcy
Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Amy Lian Justin Chang Nathan Metz

VIOLA

Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Beatrice Chen Sofiy Kyruylyuk Anand Shankar
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VIOLIN

Primary	1 st Place 2 nd Place	Zhe Koh Ophir Dahari
Junior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Isabel Chen Zhe Koh Abigail Park
Intermediate	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Nicole Tong Zechariah Mo Adele Lee
Senior	1 st Place 2 nd Place Honorable Mention	Elenor Goes John Heo Lauren Conroy

PERFORMERS

Dean Brady is a freshman at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville. He currently plays in the Chicago Youth Concert Orchestra and the Wind Symphony and Wind Orchestra at Neuqua Valley. In 2014, Dean received 1st place at the Chicago Flute Club annual student competition (junior division) and 2nd place at the Society of American Musicians flute competition (junior division). In 2012 Dean received 2nd place at the Chicago Flute Club Competition (elementary division). For the past 3 years, Dean was chosen to play in the Illinois Music Educators Association District 9 middle and high school festivals. Dean studies flute with Allison Domanus-Brady and piano with Barbara Vernon. When he isn't making music he enjoys being on the track team at Neuqua and playing baseball.

Beatrice Chen, 13, made her Carnegie debut at age 12 after winning first prize at the American Protégé International Concerto Competition in 2015. She received first prize at the Senior Viola Division of the 2016 Society of American Musicians Competition. Beatrice won the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras 2015 Concert Orchestra Concerto Competition and soloed with the CYSO Concert Orchestra. She soloed with the Oistrakh Symphony Orchestra at the Winner's Concert of the 12th DePaul Concerto Festival. Beatrice is currently co-principal of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras' Symphony Orchestra. This summer, she will be a participant of the Aspen Music Festival and School and the Music@Menlo Chamber Music Institute. Chen started the viola when she was ten and studies with Desiree Ruhstrat and Paul Neubauer. She is homeschooled and is a member of the New World String Quartet. Additionally, Bea enjoys social media, cooking, visiting New York City, ping-pong, and memes.

Seventh-grade student **Isabel Chen** attends Maple School. She loves almost everything in school except sweaty workouts during gym time. She is a diligent student and always welcomes the challenges of assignments from her teachers. She enjoys exploring all core and allied arts subjects. In her after school hours, music plays a special part of her daily life. She likes to make music on both piano and violin, either in her solos or collaborative ensembles with others. She likes to watch others' music performance and enjoys listening to opera as well. Isabel is a fun loving and creative person. She would seize any opportunity to make things fun out of the ordinary. She enjoys "film making" and website design, and car model making with her friends at school science team. She enjoys nature; biking and skiing often takes her to see the wonders of nature in summer and winter. On days she is off any "normal" tasks, she enjoys watching her favorite animation/movies and eating savory homemade snacks!

Noah Chen is an eleven-year-old cellist, who studies with Hans Jorgen Jensen. In 2016, he won First Prize in the Intermediate Division of the Society of American Musicians Competition and was also the winner of the 2016 Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras (CYSO) Concert Orchestra Concerto Competition. In November 2016, Noah will be performing at the Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall as a result of winning the American Protégé International Concerto Competition. Chen is currently principal cello of the CYSO Concert Orchestra. He plays in the New World String Quartet. He also performs string quartets with his family both at Sunrise Nursing Home and at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Mr. Chen is homeschooled and in the 8th grade. In his free time, he enjoys playing ping-pong, camping, memes, and reading comic books. He will be participating in the 2016 Aspen Music Festival and School this summer.

Neel Jay, studies flute with Rachel Blumenthal. He enjoys performing as a soloist at various recitals. He also placed 2nd in the Elementary Division at the 2015 Annual Chicago flute Club Student Competition. Besides playing the flute, Neel enjoys a good game of chess.

Meera Khare is a 5th grade student at Quest Academy, Palatine. She has been learning piano for the past 4 years and from Ms. Brenda Huang for the last 2 years. Meera loves to travel, read books, watch movies, play board games and basketball in her free time. Most recently Meera won 1st place in the Piano Primary Division at SAM Competition in March 2016.

Ashley Kim, 12, studied piano with Dr. Christine Hwang for four and a half years. She currently studies with Brenda Huang. She is the winner of the Olympic Level of the 2015 Granquist Olympic Competition and the winner of junior division of 2015 SAM Competition. She has also received second place in 2014 SAM junior division and honorable mention in the 2013 SAM primary division. She received honorable

mention at the 2014 Illinois State Music Teachers Association and won a first place at the 2011 NSMTA Competition. She has also received numerous gold medals from NSMTA, CAMTA, and the Sonatina-Sonata Festivals over the years. Ashley also plays violin, and in her free time, she likes to dance, draw, hang out with friends and ride her pennyboard. She also likes math and writing.

Zhe Koh (Elson), currently a fifth grader, studies violin with Stacia Spencer at the Northwestern Music Academy. He received an Honorable Mention in the 2015 DePaul Open Division Concerto Festival, first place in the Violin Junior 1 Division of the 2015 Music Festival in honor of Confucius, and second place in Society of American Musicians Competition Violin Primary Division. He recently received first place in the violin primary division and second place in the junior division of the 2016 SAM Competition. Elson enjoys playing the piano and is studying piano in the Northwestern Music Academy too.

Sixteen-year-old **Amy Lian**, started piano lessons at the age of four with Baomei Perng, and currently studies with Dr. Janie Razaq. She has received numerous accolades at the SAM Competition, including 1st place in the 2012 for the junior division and 1st place in the 2014 Intermediate division. She also received 1st place in the 2015 NWSMTA Awards Competition senior division. Miss Lian won the Concerto Competition in the McHenry County Youth Symphony Orchestra twice and has had the opportunity to perform two piano concertos with her orchestra. She has also played the flute for eight years. Outside of music, Amy loves spending time with her friends and reading, and her favorite subjects in school are math and science. She has a 1st Dan black belt in Kyuki-do and is currently a junior at Huntley High School.

Daniel Lopez, an upcoming junior at wheeling high school, began playing the flute at age fourteen. Now sixteen years old, studying with Hideko Amano, Daniel has been a member of the Chicago youth symphony orchestra's concert orchestra for the past two seasons. As first chair, he has also participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association's district 7 senior band. He has received honorable mentions in the Midwest young artist and Chicago Symphony youth concerto competitions. Aside from playing the flute, He enjoys composing solo and chamber music for orchestral instruments.

Cellist **Nathan Mo**, 17, is the Beatrice P. Russell Memorial Fellow at the Music Institute of Chicago's Academy program. He is currently studying with Hans Jørgen Jensen. Most recently, Nathan Mo won the first prize at the 2016 DuPage Young Artist Concerto Competition, which led to a solo performance with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. Nathan has had solo appearances with the Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the Fremd Symphony Orchestra, and the Oistrach Symphony Orchestra. Nathan has received a first prize from the SAM Competition, second prize from the Confucius Competition, and was a finalist of the Crain-Mailing Foundation CSO Concerto Youth Auditions. Nathan was the winner of the 2015 Arthur D. Montzka Young Artists Concerto Competition, 2013 DePaul Concerto Competition, and the American Protégé International Concerto Competition; he performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall May 2014. Nathan has also received a merit award from the Blount Slawson Young Artists Competition in Montgomery, Alabama in February 2016. As a member of the Vox Quartet, he received Silver Medal at the 2014 Fischhoff National Chamber Competition, First Prize at the Rembrandt Chamber Competition, and was the winner of the MYA Discover National Chamber Music Competition. In 2015 Nathan's Fortis Piano Quartet received a grand prize from the A.N. & Pearl G. Barnett Chamber Music Competition.

Jan Nedvetsky, age 9, studies cello performance with Gilda Barston and music theory and composition with Matthew Hagle at the Music Institute of Chicago. Jan is a member of the DaCapo String Quartet in the Music Institute of Chicago's chamber music program and is a member of cello section of the Music Institute of Chicago reading orchestra conducted by Aaron Kaplan. During the past four summers, Jan attended the Chicago Suzuki Institute in Deerfield, Illinois, where he studied with renowned Suzuki pedagogues and performed in recitals. This summer, Jan will be attending Chicago Suzuki Institute and Musica Mundi International Chamber Music Festival in Waterloo, Belgium, where he will perform chamber music with young musicians from all over the world. Jan is a fourth grade student at Baker Demonstration School in Wilmette. In addition to practicing cello, Jan achieved a black belt level in Taekwondo, is an accomplished mathematician, and a history buff.

Eleven-year-old, **Taig Singh** attends University of Chicago Laboratory Schools as a 6th grader. He has always been interested in music and has dabbled with tablaa (India paired drums), various percussion instruments at school and Steel pan orchestra at CYSO. However, his all time favorite and priority has been the guitar. He has been learning classical guitar for the last 6 years through the Suzuki method at Chicago Center for Music Education (Chime). He started with instruction from Mr. Matthew Rutherford and has now been studying with Mr. Michel Chatara-Morse for the last three years. Mr. Michel has been instrumental in getting Taig to this level of achievement. He sets high expectations for tone, technique and musicality and his engaging and encouraging teaching style makes learning fun for his students and instills good practice habits in them, enabling them to deliver.

Matthew Snell, 16, is a classical guitar student based out of the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. He began his study of the guitar at the age of three, and has been for all but one of the past thirteen years under the guidance of Laura Knight. Along with Ms. Knight, Matthew has received instruction from Anne Waller, professor of classical guitar at Northwestern University, and Oscar Ghiglia. Matthew has been classically trained under the Suzuki method and is looking to pursue music as a possible opportunity in college.

William Tan, a fifth grader at the Avery Coonley School, studies cello with Hans Jorgen Jensen. His other teachers include Sooka Wang and Sally Gross. At age 7, he was chosen as a soloist for the Suzuki Association of America's National Conference in Minneapolis and made an archival recording for them. Since, he has been a multiple division winner of SAM and Music Festival in Honor of Confucius Competitions. William is a member of *Cellisimo*, a cello ensemble that has performed concerts throughout Chicago, St. Louis, Montreal, and Ottawa. This summer he will attend the Young Performers Program at Music@Menlo in California. Numerous other interests include piano, under the tutelage of Kate Nir, and travel soccer, as a member of the Classic Elite U11 team for United Soccer Academy. An avid chess player, William has won numerous tournaments, placed third in the 2016 Illinois State Chess Championship and will compete at the 2016 National Elementary Championships in Nashville.

Nicole Weirui Tong started playing the violin when she was five years old. Currently, she studies with Desirée Ruhstrat. Nicole has received awards in violin competitions including the Confucius Music Festival, Glen Ellyn Wheaton Music Competition, the LaGrange Music Competition, and the 2015 SAM Competition in the Junior division. She is currently co-concertmaster of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra's Concert Orchestra. She is also a member of the New World String Quartet. Nicole attends Kennedy Junior High School. She enjoys reading, writing, traveling, and water polo.

Sonatina Meridional.....Manuel M. Ponce
I. Campo

Matthew Snell, *guitar*

Banjo and Fiddle..... William Kroll

Nicole Tong, *violin*
Mary Drews, *piano*

Étude Opus 25 No. 11 in a minor "Winter Wind" Frédéric Chopin

Amy Lian, *piano*

Cadenza for Solo Viola.....Krzysztof Penderecki

Beatrice Chen, *viola*

Concerto in D major.....Carl Reineke
III. Moderato

Daniel Lopez, *flute*
Yoko Yamada-Selvaggio, *piano*

Tibetan Dance from Seven Tunes Heard in China.....Bright Sheng

Nathan Mo, *cello*

Violin Concerto in D major.....Pyotr Tchaikovsky

III. Allegro Vivacissimo

Elenor Goes, *violin*
Shirley Trissell, *piano*

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