

PIANIST FROM SAINT-BRUNO-DE-MONTARVILLE, QUÉBEC TAKES \$8,000 TOP PRIZE

Edmonton, AB – On **Saturday, May 21, 2016** – after two days of amazing and very high calibre competition – pianist **Jeanne Amièle** (26 years old), from Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Québec, and currently studying at the Université de Montréal, was awarded the **\$8,000 top prize** in **The Shean Piano Competition**. She has also won the opportunity to play with the **Edmonton Symphony Orchestra** at a future date. Ms. Amièle was one of 6 finalists chosen from the 25 submitted entries to compete in The 2016 Shean Piano Competition on May 20 and 21 in Edmonton, AB, Canada.

The complete results of the Competition are as follows:

- First Place and \$8,000, plus the opportunity to play with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Jeanne Amièle (Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC)
- > Second Place and \$5,000 Jocelyn Lai (Vancouver, BC)
- ➤ Third Place and \$4,000 Carter Johnson (Campbell River, BC)
- Fourth Place and \$3,000 Natalie Lo (Vancouver, BC)
- > (Tie) Fifth Place and \$2,000 each Chris (Ka Long) Au (Sydney, NSW, Australia) and Gaspard Tanguay-Labrosse (Montréal, QC)

Natalie Lo also won the \$1,000 Paul J. Bourret Memorial Award for Best Performance of the Test Piece – *The Lark* by Mikhail Glinka, transcribed by Mily Balakirev, revised and edited by Leopold Godowsky.

The adjudicators for this year's Shean Piano Competition were **David Hoyt**, Chair; **Mia Chung**, and **Gloria Reimer**.

The 2017 Shean Strings Competition (for violin, viola, and violoncello) takes place May 19 and 20, 2017 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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