



VIOLINIST FROM MONTRÉAL TAKES \$8,000 TOP PRIZE

Edmonton, AB – On **Saturday, May 20, 2023** — after two days of amazing and very high calibre competition — violinist **Benjamin Seah** (19-years-old), from **Montréal, QC** 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. Seah was one of 6 Finalists chosen from the 15 submitted entries to compete in The 2023 Shean Strings Competition on May 19 and 20 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 – **Benjamin Seah**, violin (Montréal, QC)
- **Second Place** and \$5,000 – **Olivia Yelim Cho**, violoncello (Vancouver, BC)
- **Third Place** and \$4,000 – **Daria Schibitcaia**, violin (Chişinău, Republic of Moldova)
- **Fourth Place** and \$3,000 – **Lexie Jana Krakowski**, violoncello (Victoria, BC)
- **Fifth Place** and \$2,000 – **Melissa Du**, violin (Richmond, BC)

Mr. Dale Jeong, violoncello (Toronto, ON) withdrew from Competition before it began.

Benjamin Seah 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; **Nancy Dahn**, violin; and **Shauna Rolston**, violoncello.

The 2024 Shean Piano Competition takes place May 17 and 18 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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