



KOREAN VIOLINIST TAKES \$8,000 TOP PRIZE

Edmonton, AB – On **Saturday, May 18, 2012** – after two days of amazing and very high calibre competition – violinist **Luri Lee** (26 years old), originally from Seoul, South Korea and currently studying in Toronto, 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. Lee was one of 6 finalists chosen from the 21 submitted entries to compete in The 2013 Shean Strings Competition on May 17 and 18.

The complete results of the Competition were as follows:

- First Place and \$8,000 – Luri Lee (Seoul, South Korea)
- Second Place and \$5,000 – Jessy Je Young Kim (Vancouver, BC)
- Third Place and \$4,000 – Lu Yu (Lucy) Wang (Surrey, BC)
- Fourth Place and \$3,000 – Colleen Venables (Armstrong, BC)
- Fifth Place and \$2,000 – Yena Lee (Vancouver, BC)

Due to injury, Paul van der Sloot, violoncello (Calgary, AB) had to withdraw from the competition.

Lu Yu (Lucy) Wang won the **\$1,000 Paul J. Bourret Prize for Best Performance of the Test Piece** – *Caprice, Op. 1, No. 5* by Niccolò Paganini.

The adjudicators for this year's Competition were **David Hoyt**, Chair; former Edmonton Symphony Orchestra concertmaster **Martin Riseley**, violin; and **Yegor Dyachkov**, violoncello.

The 2014 Shean Piano Competition takes place May 16 and 17, 2014 in Edmonton with an \$8,000 Top Prize and the opportunity to perform with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. The \$1,000 Paul J. Bourret Prize for Best Performance of the Test Piece will also be awarded.

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