



VIOLINIST TAKES \$8,000 TOP PRIZE

Edmonton, AB – On **Saturday, May 20, 2017** — after two days of amazing and very high calibre competition — violinist **Alice Lee** (17 years old), originally from Victoria, BC, and currently studying and living in Toronto, ON, 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 20 submitted entries to compete in The 2017 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 – **Alice Lee**, violin (Toronto, ON via Victoria, BC)
- **Second Place** and \$5,000 – **Grace Sohn**, violoncello (Coquitlam, BC)
- **Third Place** and \$4,000 – **Grace Takeda**, viola (North Vancouver, BC)
- **Fourth Place** and \$3,000 – **Gabrielle Després**, violin (Edmonton, AB)
- **Fifth Place** and \$2,000 – **Sean Gao**, violin (Burnaby, BC)
- **Sixth Place** and \$2,000 – **Shang Ko (Sunny) Chan**, violin (Surrey, BC)

Grace Sohn also won the **\$1,000 Paul J. Bourret Memorial Award for Best Performance of the Test Piece** – *Introduction et polonaise brillante in C Major*, op. 3 by Frédéric Chopin.

The adjudicators for this year's Competition were **David Hoyt**, Chair; **Norman Adams** (violoncello), and Edmonton-born **Jessica Linnebach** (violin).

The 2018 Shean Piano Competition takes place May 18 and 19 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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