

PRESS RELEASE

The 2nd Stradivarius International Violin Competition Junior Division has successfully concluded. The competition has selected its winners.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 12, 2010—The Stradivarius International Violin Competition announces the winners of its International Junior Division and Utah Division. Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker and Midvale City Mayor JoAnn Seghini awarded the grand prizes at the awards ceremony and Prizewinner's concert.

The Stradivarius International Violin Competition concluded its final day on July 10, 2010, at Libby Gardner Hall at the University of Utah.

The Competition is delighted to announce its winners for the International Junior Division:

Marié Rossano won First Laureate, and prizes of \$7,500, a violin (hand made by Charles W. Liu, the President of the competition and respected violin maker), and an invitation to appear as a soloist with the Utah Symphony in their 2011 Dear Valley Festival.

Marié Rossano, age 16, is from Seattle, USA. She has appeared as a soloist with the Seattle Symphony, Bellevue Philharmonic, Ottawa Chamber Symphony, and many others. She played on Stradivari and Guarneri violins from the Fulton Collection for a KCTS 9 TV Salon Series concert and documentary.

Andi Zhang won Second Laureate, and a prize of \$5,000.

Andi Zhang, age 17, is from Beijing, China. She currently studies at China Central Conservatory of Music Pre-collage. She began to play the violin at the age of four, and has won the first prize at the China Ninth National Senior Violin Competition in 2009.

Stephen Kim won Third Laureate, and a prize of \$2,500.

Stephen Kim, age 14, is from Cupertino, USA. He currently studies with Bettina Mussumeli in the Pre-College Division of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Stephen has appeared with the Stockton Symphony Orchestra, Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra, and many others.

The Competition is also delighted to announce its winners for the Utah Division:

David Price, age 18 from Sandy, Utah, won Grand Prize, \$500, an invitation to appear as a soloist with the Utah Symphony, and an invitation to appear as a soloist with the Salt Lake Symphony.

Aubree Oliverson, age 12 from Orem, Utah, won Second Place and a prize of \$400.

Emily Nelson, age 14 from Draper, Utah, won Third Place and a prize of \$300.

The Final Concert and Awards Ceremony began at 7:00 pm Saturday evening (July 10, 2010). Eric Glissmeyer (Program Director for KBYU-FM) was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. His extensive knowledge of classical music, and his many years of experience in addressing a music audience made him the perfect choice for the voice of the competition.

Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker and Midvale City Mayor JoAnn Seghini were both in attendance and presented awards to the competitors. They both gave a speech and praised the competition for what it did for the arts and the community.