

PRESS RELEASE

The 3rd Stradivarius International Violin Competition Junior Division has successfully concluded. The competition has selected its winners.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 14, 2013—The Stradivarius International Violin Competition announces the winners of its International Junior Division and Utah Division. 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 13, 2013, at Libby Gardner Hall at the University of Utah.

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

Emma Meinrenken from Canada, won First Laureate, and prizes of \$7,500 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award), a violin (hand made by Charles W. Liu, the President of the competition and respected violin maker, value at \$15,000), and an invitation to appear as a soloist with the Utah Symphony in their 2014 Dear Valley Festival.

Emma Meinrenken, age 14, is a scholarship student of Atis Bankas in the Young Artist Performance Academy of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Canada. Since she started playing the violin at the age of 4, Emma has won top awards in many competitions. Emma plays on the Jamieson-Ivey Amati violin from 1670, on loan from Royal Conservatory of Music.

Colleen Venables from Canada, won Second Laureate, and a prize of \$5,000 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award), and a violin bow made by Lloyd Liu (one of great bow maker of our life value at \$7500).

Colleen Venables, age 16, Colleen student of Bill van der Sloot at Mount Royal University Conservatory, the 2012 Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition participate, has won many 1st prizes at the BC Performing Arts Festivals and took the 1st prize at the 2012 Canadian National Music Festival.

Gallia Kastner from US, won the 3rd Laureate, and a price of \$3000.00 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award).

Gallia Kastner is a 16 year old merit scholarship student of The Susan and Richard Kiphart Academy Fellowship. She studies with Almita and Roland Vamos at The Music Institute of Chicago. She commenced her private violin study at five and a half with Betty Haag-Kuhnke. In the course of her accomplishments, Gallia has won numerous competitions locally, nationally, and internationally both as a soloist and a chamber musician.

Annelle Gregory from US, won the 4th Laureate, and a price of \$2000.00 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award)

Annelle Kazumi Gregory, age 17, began studying violin at an early age and currently studies under Michael and Irina Tseitlin at the California Institute of Music. She is a gold medalist of the 2012 National NAACP ACT-SO competition and a laureate of the 2013 National Sphinx Competition. In 2012, as part of a national tour, Annelle performed at Carnegie Hall as a member of the Sphinx Virtuosi, a 20-piece string ensemble.

Felicity James from US, won the 5th Laureate, and price of \$1000.00 (Otto Music Award).

Felicity James, age 16, won first prize in the 2013 Coeur d'Alene Young Artists Competition, is the winner of both the 2012 MTNA Washington State Competition and the 2012 Seattle Music Teachers Simon Fiset Competition, semi-finalist in the 2012 Stulberg International String Competition

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

Shenae Anderson , age 15 from Draper, Utah, won 1st Prize, \$750 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award), an invitation to appear as a soloist with the Salt Lake Symphony.

Margaret Ivory Oliverson, age 15 from Holladay Utah, won Second Place and a prize of \$500 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award),

Karen Ferry, age 13 from Corinne, Utah, won Third Place and a prize of \$400 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award).

Suni Norman, age 16, Tooele Utah, won 4th Price of \$400 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award).

Bree Fortheringham, age 16, Layton Utah, won 5th Price of \$200 (Charles W. Fine Violins Award),

The Final Concert and Awards Ceremony began at 7:30 pm Saturday evening (July 13, 2013). Steve Perry (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.

Midvale City Mayor JoAnn Seghini was in attendance and presented awards to the competitors.