

CIPC Announces 2018 Prizes in Young Artists Competition

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Customarily, the Cleveland International Piano Competition announces its winner late in the evening of its final round, which this year featured concertos with the Canton Symphony Orchestra on Friday evening, June 8 at the Maltz Performing Arts Center. But for the Young Artists Competition this time around, CIPC kept its competitors and followers in

suspense until an awards ceremony the following evening at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Here are the results:

JUNIOR DIVISION

First Prize (\$10,000): Eva Gevorgyan (13, Russia, right)

Second Prize (\$5,000): Yunchan Lim (13, South Korea, above, 2nd from right)

Third Prize (\$2,500): Hao Wei Lin (13, Taiwan, above, 2nd from left)



SENIOR DIVISION

First Prize (\$25,000): Xiaoxuan Li (16, China, below)

Second Prize (\$10,000): Shuan Hern Lee (15, Australia, above, 1st from left)

Third Prize (\$5,000): JiWon Yang (16, South Korea, above, 1st from right)



SPECIAL PRIZES

Audience Prize (\$1,000): Hao Wei Lin

Bach Prize (\$500): Eva Gevorgyan

Beethoven Prize (\$500): Xiaoxuan Li

Chopin Prize (\$500): Yunchan Lin (14, South Korea)

Mozart Prize (\$500): JiWon Yang

As well as cash prizes, Gevorgyan and Li will be invited by the Netherlands' International Franz Liszt Competition to perform at Amsterdam's Grachtenfestival this summer (free transportation, board, lodging, and tuition provided).

Additionally, music director Gerhardt Zimmermann will select one of the six finalists to play a concerto with the Canton Symphony in a future season, an invitation that will include a solo recital at Canton's Malone University.

Finally, a small group of selected pianists will be invited to participate in the summer Pianofest in the Hamptons, on the South Fork of New York's eastern Long Island.

The award ceremony on Saturday was followed by short "encore" performances by the finalists and a gala benefit dinner.

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