

2003 Klein Competition News

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IMK Semifinalists Selected for 18th Annual Klein Competition in June

Twelve of the most promising young musicians from around the world have been selected as semifinalists competing for a First Prize of \$10,500 at the 18th annual Irving M. Klein International String Competition from June 13-14, at San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California. The musicians were chosen from a group of sixty entries representing eleven countries and some of the world's finest schools and instructors.

The twelve semifinalists for this year's Irving M. Klein International String Competition are, in alphabetical order: **Sherry Hong**, 20, violinist from Taipai, Taiwan, who currently studies with Cyrus Forough; **Lydia Hong**, 15, violinist from Northbrook, Illinois, whose teacher is Almita Vamos at the Music Institute of Chicago; **Katie Hyun**, 18, violinist from Sunnyvale, California, who studies with Aaron Rosand at the Curtis Institute of Music; **Ben Jensen**, 18, double bassist from Columbus, Ohio, who studies with Bruce Bransby at Indiana University; **Eunice Keem**, 19, violinist from Northfield, Illinois, who studies with Cyrus Forough at Carnegie Mellon University; **Ayane Kozasa**, 15, violinist from Tokyo, Japan, who studies with Cyrus Forough and attends Oak Park River Forest High School; **Yvonne Lam**, 21, violinist from Los Angeles, California, who studies with Victor Danchenko at the Curtis Institute of Music; **JeeHae Lee**, 21, violinist from South Korea, who studies with Won-Bin Yim at Juilliard; **Johnathan Lewis**, 20, cellist from Schreveport, Louisiana, who studies with Hans Jensen at Northwestern University; **Tao Ni**, 18, cellist from Bengbu, China, who studies with Timothy Eddy at Juilliard; **Eric Nowlia**, 22, violist from Wichita, Kansas, who studies with Richard Samuel at Juilliard; and **David Joshua Roman**, 19, cellist from Shawnee, Oklahoma, who studies with Richard Aaron at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Congratulations!



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Klein Competition Will Use Only Piano Accompaniment in June 2003 Orchestra Finals Return in 2004

The Board of Directors of the Irving M. Klein International String Competition has announced that, due to unforeseen budget challenges this year, the Competition will return to its original format of two rounds of performances, with piano accompaniment, at San Francisco State University, on June 13-14, 2003. Orchestra finals are scheduled for 2004. Board President Mitchell Sardou Klein indicated that the recent economic and worldwide events have taken their toll on arts organizations throughout the Bay Area, including the Klein Competition.

“We are fortunate to be able to continue our activities as we always have at San Francisco State University this year,” said Klein, “and we are absolutely committed to making our orchestra finals a reality in 2004. Last year's orchestra finals at Herbst Theater were a tremendous success and we look forward to presenting our finalists with full orchestra in the very near future.”

Where They Are Now: Klein Winner Updates



❖❖ Congratulations to violist **Teng Li** (2nd, '02; 2nd, '01), who won first prize at the 2002 HAMS (Holland-American Music Society) Competition at Northwestern University. She recently gave a recital with Andrea Swan at Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago.

❖❖ Violinist **Kathryn Eberle** (4th, '02) was featured with the USC Thornton Symphony in September.

❖❖ Violinist **Adam Barnett-Hart** (5th, '02; 5th, '01) performed the Brahms Violin Concerto with the Julliard Symphony in Alice Tully Hall in November.

❖❖ Violinist **Howard Zhang** (1st, '01) performed the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the Monterey Symphony in November, and also with the New Jersey Symphony in October. He performed the Brahms Violin Concerto with the Georgia Philharmonia in February.

❖❖ Congratulations to violinist **Eunice Keem** (3rd, '01) who was awarded first prize at the American String Teachers Association 12th National Solo Competition in March.

❖❖ Violinist **Yvonne Lam** (4th, '01) made her American Youth Symphony solo debut by performing the Shostakovich Violin Concerto at Royce Hall in Southern California in January. She has also been selected as a semi-finalist in the Michael Hill International Violin Competition in New Zealand this June.

❖❖ Congratulations to **Frank Huang** (1st, '99) who won fourth place in the Sixth Quadrennial Violin Competition of Indianapolis in September.

❖❖ Cellist **Denise Djokic** (1st, '98) performed in British Columbia last October as part of the Kitimat Concert Association's 47th Season.

❖❖ Violinist **Christina Castelli** (3rd, '98) was featured as part of the ASTRAL Classical Series this past February in New York. She will perform with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra this April.

❖❖ Violist **Kirsten Johnson** (1st, '97) is part of the 2002-03 New York Philomusica Concert Series in New York City.

❖❖ Violinist **Amy Schwartz Moretti** (2nd, '97) will be featured soloist with the Florida Orchestra in

October 2003, when she performs the Beethoven Violin Concerto. She will also be featured later in the same season, performing Mahler's Symphony No. 5.

❖❖ Cellist **Margo Tatgenhorst** (4th, '96) was recently featured in the Bein and Fushi catalog. She currently serves as a member of the American String Quartet.

❖❖ Cellist **Alberto Parrini** (3rd, '96) is a member of the St. Lawrence String Quartet.

❖❖ Violinist **Lisa Kim** (1st, '96) was recently named Assistant Principal, Second Violin Section, of the New York Philharmonic.

❖❖ Violinist **Nurit Pacht** (2nd, '94) will perform as part of the Ravinia Rising Stars Series this year, along with an appearance with the Rhode Island Philharmonic and performances as part of the George Crumb Festival in New York.

❖❖ Violinist **Lara St. John** (4th, '93) performed with the Symphony Nova Scotia and Oshawa-Durham Symphony last September, and the Portland Symphony last November.

❖❖ Violinist **Jennifer Koh** (1st, '93) was soloist with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra last October, will be featured at the Carlsen Center in Overland Park, Kansas in April. She recently performed at Herbst Theater in San Francisco.

❖❖ Violinist **Vadim Gluzman** (2nd, '93) was featured artist with the Detroit Symphony in January, with the Columbus in February and with the Vancouver Symphonies in March. He will perform with the KBS Symphony Orchestra in Seoul, South Korea in June.

❖❖ Cellist **Mark Kosower** (1st, '92) performs the Herbert Cello Concerto with the Florida Orchestra in April 2004. He will be featured soloist with the Santa Rosa Symphony this April.

❖❖ Violinist **Lisa Lee** (3rd, '92) is a member of the Lee Trio along with her sisters Melinda and Angela. They performed at Hellman Hall at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music last August.

❖❖ Bassist **Owen Lee** (4th, '92) performed with the Cincinnati Symphony last October. He currently serves as Principal Double Bass of the Cincinnati Symphony.

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Successful Collaboration with SF Friends of Chamber Music

On Sunday, March 16, the Klein Competition and San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music (SFFCM) sponsored a recital at the San Francisco home of long-time chamber music patrons and arts supporters Tom Driscoll and Nancy Quinn. Cellist Min-Ji Kim (1st Prize, 2002) and pianist Timothy Bach performed works by Beethoven, Chopin, and Schumann.

The recital was the next in a continuing series of collaborations proposed by the boards of directors of both organizations.

"Min-Ji Kim was in excellent form and rose to the occasion after a series of demanding and critically acclaimed performances earlier in the week," said Mitchell Sardou Klein, President of the Klein Competition. "It just doesn't get any better, and we're already looking forward to the next time our organizations can work together to present such magnificent music in such a pleasant setting."

The SFFCM website is www.sffcm.org.

Host a Klein Competition Semifinalist this year!

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the young musicians who attend the Klein Competition each year, we continue to offer our semifinalists accommodations with our friends and musical community in the San Francisco Bay Area during their stay.

As a Klein Competition host, you will provide one of our semifinalists with housing, occasional meals, and hospitality from Tuesday, June 10, through Sunday, June 15. You may also choose to provide transportation.

Hosting a Klein Competition Semifinalist is a wonderful way to get a glimpse into the personality, artistry, and musical excellence that each brings to our competition.

Hosts share a wide range of experiences including attending the competition, competition dinners and receptions, and an unforgettable range of interactions with our young stars.

Please contact our office if you are interested!

2003 Klein Competition Schedule

Friday, June 13, 2003

Semi-finals -

McKenna Theater - SF State
1600 Holloway Avenue

10:00 am - Semi-finals Begin
12:30 pm - Intermission/Lunch
2:00 pm - Semifinals Resume
5:00 pm - Finalists Announced

Friday, June 14, 2002

Finals -

McKenna Theater - SF State
1600 Holloway Avenue

7:00 pm - Finals Begin
9:45 pm - Judges Confer
10:00 pm - Awards
10:15 pm - Reception

Tickets:

SF State events -

\$10 Adult/\$7 Seniors/\$5 Student

Tickets good for both days. Seniors 65 and over. Students will need to bring valid ID.

Post-Concert Reception - \$60

A limited number of tickets will be available through our office.

Tickets will be available at McKenna Theater approximately 45 minutes before each performance and throughout the Competition.

For more information, contact:

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❖❖Violinist **Jennifer Frautschi** (1st, '91) was recently selected to take part in Carnegie Hall's Rising Stars/Distinctive Debuts Series. She performed as part of the Tuscon Winter Chamber Music Festival in March, and will participate in the Moab Music Festival this August.

❖❖Cellist **Alexis Gerlach** (2nd, '91) is a member of Lyrica Chamber Music in New Jersey and also a member of Trio Solisti.

❖❖Cellist **Brent Samuel** (3rd, '91) is a member of the Oceana String Quartet.

❖❖Violinist **Misha Keylin** (4th, '90) is anticipating the release of a new CD on Naxos featuring the Vieuxtemps' Violin Concertos Nos 5, 6, and 7. He performs with the Spokane String Quartet in May 2003.

❖❖Violinist **Alyssa Park** (1st, '89) is part of the Oregon Bach Festival.

❖❖Cellist **Wendy Warner** (2nd, '89) recently performed with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra.

❖❖Cellist **Alban Gerhardt** (3rd, '89) performed with the Utah Symphony in January and will perform with the BBC Orchestra in October.

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