

2006 Klein Competition News

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Semifinalists Announced for 21st Annual Klein International String Competition

Twelve of the finest young string players from around the world have been selected as Semifinalists for the 21st Annual Irving M. Klein International String Competition in San Francisco this June 9-10. "Once again, the level of artistic excellence deeply impressed the jury," said Klein Competition Board President Mitchell Sardou Klein. "We're looking forward to another remarkable set of performances."

Over 75 applicants of a dozen nationalities and representing the finest conservatories and teachers applied this year. This year's Klein Semifinalists are: **Anna Burden**, 21, American, cellist studying with Hans Jensen at Northwestern University; **Margaret Carey**, 23, Canadian, violist studying with Jesse Levine at Yale University; **Hye-Yoon Choi**, 18, cellist from South Korea studying with Bonnie Hampton at the Juilliard School; **Song-Je**

Do, 21, Korean, cellist studying with Paul Katz at the New England Conservatory of Music; **Karla Donehew**, 21, American, violinist studying with Paul Kantor at the Cleveland Institute of Music; **Celeste Golden**, 21, American, violinist studying with Paul Kantor/David Cerone at the Cleveland Institute of Music; **Yu Jin**, 22, Chinese, violist studying with Jeffrey Irvine

at the Cleveland Institute of Music; **Eunice Keem**, 22, American, violinist studying with Cyrus Forough at Carnegie Mellon University; **Clara Lyon**, 19, American, violinist studying with Glenn Dicterow at the Juilliard School; **David Requero**, American, cellist studying with Richard Aaron at the Cleveland Institute of Music. **Min Kyung Sung**, 21, Korean, violist studying with Michael Tree at the Curtis Institute of Music; **Natalia Szadkowski**, 19, Polish, violinist studying with Almita Vamos at Northwestern University. Congratulations to them all!

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2006 Klein Competition
June 9-10, 2006
San Francisco, CA**

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Cellist Mihai Marica Performs Bay Area Concerts

As part of his First Prize in last year's Klein Competition, cellist Mihai Marica performed several times in the Bay Area this year. In late January, he performed to a full audience at the **Ralston Concert Series**, Notre Dame de Namur University, in Belmont, where he performed a challenging program with works by Ligeti, Franck, De Falla, and Paganini. In March, he performed the Tchaikovsky *Variations on a Rocooco Theme* to standing ovations with both the **Santa Cruz Symphony** and the **Peninsula Symphony**. Said the Santa Cruz Sentinel, "Mr. Marica dazzled listeners with his flawless cello technique and musical sensitivity," while the San Mateo County Times wrote "... this boyishly handsome 22-year-old Rumanian-born cellist... is certainly destined for world-class fame... a rare breed among cello performers." Our warmest wishes for continued success, Mihai!



Cellist Mihai Marica



Where They Are Now: Klein Winner Updates

** Cellist **Alban Gerhardt** (3rd, 1989) is very busy these days. He will be featured with the Indianapolis Symphony in June, the Cleveland Orchestra in July, the Phoenix Symphony in September, the Vancouver Symphony in December, and the San Diego Symphony in January 2007.



** Violinist **Jennifer Koh** (1st, 1993) will be performing with the New York Philharmonic Concert in the Parks Series in July, and will also be a featured artist at

the Vail Valley Music Festival this summer.

** Several Klein Competition Prize Winners will perform with the New York Philharmonic Ensemble in April, including violinist **Lisa Kim** (1st, 1996), violist **Vivek Kamath** (3rd, 1997), cellist **Eileen Moon** (4th, 1988), and cellist **Hai Ye Ni** (3rd, 1987).

** Violinist **Frank Huang** (1st, 1999) will perform with the Pasadena Symphony and with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center in May.

** The Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players will perform in May and feature many of our former prize winners including violist **Eric Nowlin** (1st, 2003), cellist **Ani Aznavoorian** (3rd, 1995), violinist **Caroline Campbell** (3rd, 2002), violinist **Misha Keylin** (4th, 1990), cellist **Denise Djokic** (1st, 1998), and violinist **Vadim Gluzman** (2nd, 1993).

** The Laguna Beach Chamber Music Festival in April featured several Klein Competition Prize Winners, including cellist **Mihai Marica** (1st, 2005), violinist **Kathryn Eberle** (4th, 2005), and violinist **Katie Hyun** (4th, 2003). All three appeared with bassist Edgar Meyer.

** Violinist **Jung-Min Amy Lee** (1st, 2004) performed in April at Morse Hall at Juilliard.

** Cellist **Yves Dharamraj** (3rd, 2004) was awarded the 2nd Prize at the Houston Symphony Competition in late 2005.

** Cellist **Tao Ni** (2nd, 2003) was named by Canada's National Post as one of the Leaders of Tomorrow.

** Violinist **Ayane Kozasa** (5th, 2003) was a Finalist in the NFAA Arts Awards.

** Violinist **Caroline Campbell** (3rd, 2002) is a member of the Sonus Quartet, an LA-based non-traditional ensemble.

** Violinist **Eunice Keem** (3rd, 2001) is a member of the Ravel Trio.

** Violinist **Yoon-Jung Cho** (2nd, 2000) gave a recital at the Metropolitan Opera as part of the Juilliard Focus Series in January.

** Violinist **Yang Xu** (4th, 2000) was the featured soloist with the San Angelo Symphony in Texas in March. Yang is currently a member of the Pacific Symphony Orchestra.

** Violinist **Madeline Adkins** (2nd, 1999) will perform as part of the Adkins String Ensemble at the Music in the Mountains Festival in Colorado in July.

** Violinist **Lucia Micarelli** (3rd, 1999) is currently touring with the rock band Jethro Tull throughout Europe and the United States.

** Cellist **Denise Djokic** (1st, 1998) was awarded the 2006 Juno Award by the East Coast Music Association for her recent Folklore CD. She is represented by Richard Paul Concert Artists.

** Violist **Kirsten Johnson** (1st, 1997) will perform with Jaime Laredo and Sharon Robinson at the 30th Anniversary Concert at John F. Kennedy Center in January 2007.

** Violinist **Amy Schwarz** Moretti (2nd, 1997) will perform the Berg Violin Concerto in her solo debut with the Oregon Symphony, where she has served as Concertmaster since 2004.

** Violinist **Vadim Gluzman** (2nd, 1993) will perform with the Columbus Symphony in May, and will record the Tchaikovsky and Glazunov violin concertos with the Bergen Philharmonic in June.

** Violinist **Lara St. John** (4th, 1993) performed the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the California Symphony in January. She is currently touring the U.S. as a member of Bowfire, an eclectic, high-energy stage show featuring some of Canada's finest musicians.

** Violinist **Lisa Lee** (3rd, 1992) will perform with the Lee Trio at Herbst Theater in San Francisco in May.

** Violinist **Jennifer Frautschi** (1st, 1991) performed the Prokofiev Concerto #2 with the Alabama Symphony in February.

** Cellist **Robert deMaine** (1st, 1990) was the featured soloist with the Windsor Symphony in March.

** Violinist **Joan Kwuon** (3rd, 1990) will perform with the Royal Philharmonic under the direction of Charles Dutoit in June at the University of Florida Performing Arts.

Klein Competition Timeline June 6-10, 2006

We invite you to join us Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, for the 21st Annual Klein International String Competition. The Competition schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, June 6th, 2006

Semifinalists Arrive

Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 10am-3pm

Rehearsals

San Francisco State University

Closed to public

Thursday, June 8, 2006, 10am-2pm

Dress Rehearsals

San Francisco State University

Closed to public

Friday, June 9, 2006, 10am - 5pm

Semifinal Rounds - Open to Public

McKenna Theatre

1600 Holloway Avenue

San Francisco State University

10am - Semifinals begin

1pm - Lunch

2pm - Semifinals resume

5pm - Judges Convene/Finalists Announced

Saturday, June 10, 2006, 7pm - 10pm

Final Rounds - Open to Public

McKenna Theatre

1600 Holloway Avenue

San Francisco State University

7pm - Finals begin

8:45pm - Intermission

10pm - Judges Convene

10:15pm - Awards Ceremony

10:30pm - Post-Competition Reception

Tickets:

\$10/Adult Weekend Pass/Single Day Ticket

\$7/Student or Senior Weekend Pass

Available at the door both days.

Complete information available on our website at
www.kleincompetiton.org

Hosts/Volunteers Needed for 2006 Klein Competition

Would you like to expand your Klein Competition experience beyond the dazzling onstage performances of our exceptional young artists? 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 here in the Bay Area during their stay. We also can use your assistance in ushering at the Competition, providing transportation during Competition week, and staffing our post-concert reception.

As a Klein Competition host, you will provide one of our semifinalists with housing, occasional meals, and hospitality from Tuesday, June 6, through Monday, June 12, 2006. 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 at 415.282.7160 or email us at info@kleincompetition.org if you or anyone you know may be interested in hosting or volunteering!

2006 Klein Competition Facts:

Total Applications: 74

Instruments:

Violin (39)

Viola (4)

Cello (31)

Nationalities Represented : 15

Conservatories/Schools with Most Applicants:

Juilliard (10)

Cleveland Institute (8)

Curtis Institute (6)

New England Conservatory (5)

Northwestern University (4)

Manhattan School of Music (4)





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