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International Violin Competition of Indianapolis announces all-female final

Five Korean artists and one American will perform two concertos each over the coming days

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Ji Yoon Lee, 6th Laureate *Photo: Denis Ryan Kelly DenisKelly.com*

The six finalists of the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis 2014 have been announced. The all-female final is due to take place from today and to conclude on Saturday 20 September, featuring five South Korean artists and one American.

The finalists are: Tessa Lark (25), Jinjoo Cho (26), Ji Yoon Lee (22, pictured), Ji Young Lim (19), Yoo Jin Jang (23) and Dami Kim (25). Each will play a Mozart violin concerto with the East Coast Chamber Orchestra today and tomorrow, followed by a Romantic concerto with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra on 19 and 20 September.

The First Prize winner will receive \$30,000, international concert engagements, and the four-year loan of the 1683 'ex-Gingold' Stradivarius.

The IVCI was founded in 1982 by Josef Gingold and takes place every four years. Previous laureates include Leonidas Kavakos, David Chan, Barnabás Kelemen, Sergey Khachatryan, Augustin Hadelich and Bin Huang.