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The Kentucky Center

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Off to Indy for Competition Finals #IVCI2014



One of these six world-class violinists will be the next Gheens Artist to perform as soloist with the [Louisville Orchestra](#) in [The Kentucky Center's](#) Gheens Great Expectations Concert on February 4th. That's right - we will present the Gold Medalist in the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis.

On September 17-20, a distinguished jury will decide the medalists among these six Laureate Finalists: Tessa Lark, Jinjoo Cho, Ji Yoon Lee, Ji Young Lim, Yoo Jin Jang, and Dami Kim. They were selected from 16 semi-finalists who were chosen from 37 violinists invited to compete (from 177 application) in one of the world's most prestigious and important violin competitions.

The Gold Medalist will be launched into a major concert career that will include a Carnegie Hall recital, a CD recording, concert tours and the loan of the 1683 Stradivari violin that belonged to [Joseph Gingold](#), in whose honor this competition was created. All of the finalists are already winners. They are all Laureates and making the finals will be a major boost for their concert careers.

If you cannot make it to Indianapolis this week, you can watch the finals live-streamed at <http://violin.org/listen-live-demand>. You can also watch any performances in the Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds at <http://violin.org/archived-performances>.

The Kentucky Center is excited that two of our former Gheens artists, Jinjoo Cho and Tessa Lark, have advanced to the final rounds. All of the finalists will perform a Mozart Concerto and a Romantic or Post-Romantic Concerto in the Final Round. This competition is regarded as the Western Hemisphere's Olympics of the Violin. The world is watching... and so are we. Conductor Jason Seber and Kentucky Center's Jeff Jamner will attend the Classical Finals, and Jeff Jamner will stay for the final two nights of the finals where we will "Discover" our next Gheens soloist!

Jeff Jamner, who has served as the Artistic Director of the Kentucky Center's Gheens Great Expectations program since its inception, will use social media to share his impressions of the finalist performances. Follow him on twitter [@jjamnerkc](#).