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Richard Lin Wins Gold Medal at 10th Quadrennial International Violin Competition of Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS – Jury President Jaime Laredo has just announced the prize winners of the 10th Quadrennial International Violin Competition of Indianapolis:

***RICHARD LIN, Taiwan/United States, Age 27
Gold Medalist***

***RISA HOKAMURA, Japan, Age 17
Silver Medalist***

***LUKE HSU, United States, Age 28
Bronze Medalist***

***ANNA LEE, United States, Age 23
Fourth Place Laureate***

***IOANA CRISTINA GOICEA, Romania, Age 25
Fifth Place Laureate***

***SHANNON LEE, United States/Canada, Age 26
Sixth Place Laureate***

Over the course of four rounds including the KeyBank Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, Printing Partners Classical Finals and BSA LifeStructures Finals, all 38 Participants were ranked by the nine-member jury including Jaime Laredo, Pamela Frank, Mihaela Martin, Kyoko Takezawa, Cho-Liang Lin, Arnold Steinhardt, Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Dong-Suk Kang and Rodney Friend. All six Laureates will be honored at the Gala Awards Ceremony Sunday, September 16 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Special guests include Grammy-winning soprano Sylvia McNair as Master of Ceremonies, and the Cantates

Angeli Choir of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Announcement of all Special Prizes will also take place at the Ceremony, which begins at 5:00 PM, with a reception to follow for all ticket holders. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$30.

Biographies of the six Laureates are below:

RICHARD LIN, Taiwan/United States, Age 27 – GOLD MEDALIST

Richard Lin has already amassed a startling collection of top prizes at the Hannover, Sendai, Singapore, Wieniawski, Shanghai and Michael Hill International Violin competitions. He has collaborated with numerous orchestras and has also given many recitals in distinguished venues in America, Europe and Asia. In addition, Richard has released two albums in Japan. He holds a bachelor's degree from the Curtis Institute of Music and received his master's degree at The Juilliard School.

RISA HOKAMURA, Japan, Age 17 – SILVER MEDALIST

Born in Tokyo in 2001, Risa Hokamura began her violin studies at age three. She has participated in many competitions since age ten and has won several prizes including the 1st Prize at the Junior Classical Music Competition and the Student Music Concours of Japan, the Munetsugu Angel Violin Competition Encouragement Award, and in 2017, the 2nd Prize in the Music Competition of Japan. She currently attends the Tokyo College of Music High School and studies with Oguri Machie, Kobayashi Kenji and Harada Koichiro.

LUKE HSU, United States, Age 28 – BRONZE MEDALIST

As a soloist, Luke Hsu has appeared at Wigmore Hall, Windsor Castle, Kennedy Center, Herkulessaal, Jordan Hall and Teatro Carlo Felipe, among many others. He has won top prizes at the Paganini, Wieniawski, Nielsen, Michael Hill, ISANGYUN, Singapore, Windsor and Montreal competitions. He has worked closely with eminent conductors such as Nikolaj Znaider, Pascal Vierrot, Hugh Wolff, Marek Pijarowski and Cristian Macelaru.

ANNA LEE, United States, Age 23 – FOURTH PLACE LAUREATE

Anna Lee began violin studies at age four and debuted two years later performing Paganini's first violin concerto with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. She has also performed with orchestras including the New York Philharmonic and the Frankfurt Radio Orchestra and has participated in festivals such as the Marlboro Music Festival. She previously claimed top prizes in the Sion-Valais and Menuhin competitions. Anna studied at The Juilliard School Pre-College Division and the Kronberg Academy, and currently studies at Harvard College.

IOANA CRISTINA GOICEA, Romania, Age 25 – FIFTH PLACE

Ioana Cristina Goicea is the 1st Prize winner of the 2017 Michael Hill International Violin Competition in New Zealand. She is also the winner of the German Music Competition, Johannes Brahms Competition and Laureate of the Fritz Kreisler Competition in Vienna. She has performed recitals and solo concerts in the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, St. Martin in the Fields in London, Konzerthaus in Vienna, and the Shanghai Concert Hall, among others. She performs on a violin by G.B. Guadagnini, kindly loaned by the Deutschland Stiftung Muskelben Hamburg.

SHANNON LEE, United States/Canada, Age 26 – SIXTH PLACE LAUREATE

Born in Canada, Shannon Lee moved to Plano, Texas at age two. After recording an album and studying at Columbia University, she attended the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia as a diploma student and Artist Year Fellow. She recently received the Sylvia Gerber Foundation Award and 1st Prize in the Artist Series of Sarasota Competition. She has performed in chamber music programs such as the Krzyzowa Music and Music@Menlo and will begin studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music this fall.

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