



2004 Klein Competition News

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Klein Semifinalists Selected for 19th Annual 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 19th Annual Klein International String Competition to be held June 11-12, at San Francisco State University and Cowell Theater at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, California. The musicians were chosen from a group of seventy-seven entries representing thirteen countries and some of the world's finest schools and instructors.

The twelve semifinalists for this year's Klein Competition are, in alphabetical order: **Hejin Bae**, 17, violinist from Northbrook, Illinois, who studies with Gerardo Ribeiro; **Anna Burden**, 19, cellist from Evanston, Illinois, who studies with Hans Jorgen Jensen at Northwestern University; **Yves Dharamraj**, 22, cellist from New Haven, Connecticut, who studies with Aldo Parisot at Yale University; **Keats Dieffenbach**, 20, violinist from Wilmington, North Carolina, who studies with Robert Mann at Juilliard; **Sherry Hong**, 21, violinist from Chicago, Illinois, who studies with Cyrus Forough; **Lydia Hong**, 16, violinist from Northbrook, Illinois, who studies with Amita and Roland Vamos at the Music Institute of Chicago; **Jessica Hung**, 18, violinist from Boubanais, Illinois, who studies with Gerardo Ribeiro at Northwestern University; **David Kim**, 23, violist from Memphis, Tennessee, who studies with Kim Kashkashian and Carol Rodland at the New England Conservatory; **Amy Jung-Min Lee**, 21, violinist from Voorhees, New Jersey, who studies with Ida Kavafian at the Curtis Institute; **Jonathan Lewis**, 21, cellist from Georgetown, Kentucky, who studies with Hans Jorgen Jensen at Northwestern University; **Clara Lyon**, 17, violinist from Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, who studies with Yumi Niromiya Scott; and **Joshua Roman**, 20, cellist from Cleveland, Ohio, who studies with Richard Aaron at the Cleveland Institute. Congratulations to our 2004 Klein Semifinalists!



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Klein Finals at Cowell Theater in Fort Mason Center this June

The Board of Directors of the Klein Competition is pleased to announce a new venue for this year's final round. The Cowell Theater at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco has been selected for the final round of the Competition on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

"We are excited at the prospect of inviting the Bay Area musical community to beautiful Cowell Theater at Fort Mason Center for an evening of unparalleled performances by some of the finest young string players in the world, said Board President Mitchell Sardou Klein. "The captivating views of the Golden Gate Bridge and and close proximity to San Francisco's Marina District are the perfect setting for what has become the finest competition of its kind anywhere."

The semifinal round featuring the twelve contestants above will be held at McKenna Theater at San Francisco State University on Friday, June 11, 2004, and tickets for the events will be available through the respective box offices and through the Klein office as well. Please visit our website at www.kleincompetition.org or find more information on page three of this newsletter.

Where They Are Now: Klein Winner Updates

❖❖ Violist **Eric Nowlin** (1st, 2003) is represented by Frank Salomon Associates and will be performing as part of the Musicians from Marlboro Series next February. Joining him will be violinist **Frank Huang** (1st, 2001). Eric will be performing with the Peninsula Symphony in May (see page 3) and currently serves as Principal Viola in the Juilliard Orchestra. Frank recently released a CD entitled *Violin Fantasies* on the Naxos label with performances of Schubert, Ernst and Schoenberg. Frank was featured on NPR's Performance Today program in November and was the soloist with the Santa Fe Symphony in February.



❖❖ Violinist **Jennifer Frautschi** (1st, 1991) was selected by Carnegie Hall for the 2003-2004 Distinctive Debuts Series and will give her New York City recital debut at Carnegie's Weill Hall this month. Additionally, as part of the European Concert Hall Organization "Rising Stars" recital series, she will give debuts in ten major concert halls in Europe. She performed as part of the Andover Concert Series with Max Levinson in February, and will perform as part of the Moab Music Festival in Utah in September. She has also released a CD entitled *Solo Vision* with sonatas by Bartok, Ysaye and Kreisler.

❖❖ Cellist **Alban Gerhardt** (3rd, 1989) performed the Brahms Double with the Detroit Symphony in March. In June, he will be the featured artist with the Netherlands Philharmonic. His website is www.albangerhardt.com.

❖❖ Cellist **Joshua Roman** (3rd, 2003) won second place and \$4,000 in the 13th Biennial Americal String Teacher's Association National Solo Competition. He was also named one of four winners of the CIM Concerto Competition in March and will be a featured soloist on the Fall 2004 Concert Series, performing with the CIM Orchestra.

❖❖ Cellist **Min-Ji Kim** (1st, 2002) gave a recital in Boston as part of the New England Conservatory Old South Meeting House Series last month, and also performed with the Marin Symphony in November. In February, she was featured as part of the Dame Myra Hess Concert Series and also featured on *Live from Studio One* on WFMT Radio.

❖❖ Violist **Teng Li** (2nd, 2002) is one of several Klein winners to be featured and represented by Astral Artist Management. She performed with the Haddonfield Symphony in October along with cellist **Mark Kosower** (1st, 1992). Mark was featured in a Philadelphia Recital Debut in November. In May, violinist **Christina Castelli** (3rd, 1998) will give a recital at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

❖❖ Violinist **Adam Barnett-Hart** (5th, 2002; 5th, 2001) was the featured soloist with the Ridgewood Symphony in New Jersey in March. He also performed with the Wichita Falls Symphony in February and the Littleton Symphony in January.

❖❖ Violinist **Eunice Keem** (3rd, 2001) is featured on the *From The Top* public radio CD, performing the Shostakovich Quintet in G minor along with cellist and 2004 Klein Semifinalist Anna Burden.

❖❖ Cellist **Denise Djokic** (1st, 1998) performed with the Edmonton Symphony in February. Her website is www.denisedjokic.com

❖❖ Violinist **Hee Guen Song** (5th, 1998) was featured in the Oberlin University monthly in February.

❖❖ Violinist **Amy Schwartz Moretti** (2nd, 1997) performed with the Oregon Symphony in December.

❖❖ Cellist **Lucasz Szyrmer** (2nd, 1996) is the Acting Principal Cello for the Maryland Symphony.

❖❖ Cellist **Ani Aznavoorian** (3rd, 1995) and violinist **Misha Keylin** (4th, 1990) are members of the Jupiter Symphony, a living legacy that acknowledges Jens Nygaard's stellar achievements and perpetuates his unique vision and idealism.

❖❖ Violinist **Esther Noh** (5th, 1995) is replacing John Harrison as concertmaster of the Wichita Symphony.

❖❖ Violinist **Ayako Yoshida** (3rd, 1994) performed with the Reading and Ridgefield Symphonies in March. Her website is www.ayakoyoshida.com.

❖❖ Violinist **Jennifer Koh** (1st, 1993) was featured on NPR's All Things Considered last month to talk about her new CD *Violin Fantasies*, a concept album on which she plays four fantasies by Schubert, Schumann, Schoenberg and Ornette Coleman. Jennifer will be part of the San Francisco Performances Series 2004 Season.

❖❖ Violinist **Vadim Gluzman** (2nd, 1993) is touring extensively in Spain, Switzerland, Russia and Israel in May and June. He also performed as part of the San Francisco Performances Series last month. His website is www.vadimgluzman.com.

❖❖ Violinist **Lara St. John** (4th, 1993) performed a recital at Toronto's Jane Mallett Theater in February and also with Symphony Silicon Valley in San

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2004 Klein Schedule

Friday, June 11, 2004
Semifinals at McKenna Theater
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue

10:00am - Semifinals begin
12:30pm - Intermission/Lunch
2:00pm - Semifinals resume
5:00pm - Finalists announced

Tickets:
\$7 Adult/\$5 Seniors/\$5 Students
available at the door throughout the day.

Saturday, June 12, 2004
Finals at Cowell Theater
at Fort Mason Center

6:00pm - Doors Open
7:00pm - Finals Begin
9:45pm - Judges Confer
10:00pm - Winners Announced

Tickets:
\$30 Premium/\$20 Reserved Seating
Box Office: (415) 345-7575

For more information, please contact our office at 415.282.7160

2003 Klein Winner Eric Nowlin Performs with Peninsula Symphony in May



Violist Eric Nowlin

Violist and 2003 Klein First Prize Winner Eric Nowlin will perform Bruch's *Romanze* and Weber's *Andante* and *Hungarian Rondo* with the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra on Friday, May 21, at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center in San Mateo, California and on Saturday, May 22, at the Flint Center in Cupertino, California.

"The Bruch *Romanze* is a beautiful and infrequently performed piece," says Maestro Mitchell Sardou Klein, "and Eric possesses both a professional exuberance and artistic vision that promises to make this a very memorable concert."

Both performances are open to the public and tickets can be purchased by contacting the symphony box office at (650) 941-5291, or online at the Peninsula Symphony website: www.peninsulasymphony.org.

Where They Are Now: Klein Winner Updates (Continued)

Jose in November. Lara's website is www.larastjohn.com, where she recounts extensive travels to and performances in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Europe totalling over 61,000 miles in the past year.

❖❖ Violinist **Joanna Kurkowicz** (4th, 1993) is the featured artist in the Andover Concert Series this month and will perform Sinding's Suite for Violin. She also serves as Assistant Concertmaster of the Utah Symphony.

❖❖ Violinist **Lisa Lee** (3rd, 1992) is an Artist in Residence at the Garth Newel Center in Virginia and will perform there throughout September. She is also a member of the Lee Trio with sisters Angela and Melinda. This season marks their debut at the Wigmore Hall in England.

❖❖ Violinist **David Park** (5th, 1991) was the featured artist with the Utah Symphony last month.

❖❖ Violinist **Joan Kwoon** (3rd, 1990) was featured with the Moscow State Radio Orchestra in January.

❖❖ Violinist **Alyssa Park** (1st, 1989) is a member of the Starling Preparatory String Project, whose "Starling Showcase" concerts provide students with an unprecedented number of solo appearances with orchestras.

❖❖ Violinist **Annie Chalex** (4th, 1988) is first violinist of the Harrington String Quartet and is currently on the faculty of West Texas A&M University. She also serves as Concertmaster of the Amarillo Symphony and the Randel Chamber Orchestra.

❖❖ Violinist **Robin Sharp** (4th, 1987) is a member of the Ives Quartet and violinist **Stephanie Arado** (1st, 1986) is a member of the Bakken Trio.



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McKenna Theater, SF State University

Finals: June 12, 2004, 7pm-10pm

Cowell Theater at Fort Mason Center

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