

2000 Klein Competition News

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2000 First Prize Winner Angela Fuller



Angela Fuller

Angela Fuller, this year's IMK winner, began violin studies at the age of three with her mother, Janai Fuller. At nine she made her solo debut with orchestra. Ms. Fuller, 23, has soloed with orchestras across the country, including the East Texas Symphony, the Cleveland Institute of Music Symphony, and the Minnesota Orchestra. Ms. Fuller has appeared at the Aspen Music Festival, San Diego's Mainly Mozart Festival, and the Tanglewood Music Center. She has been concertmaster of the Chautauqua Festival Orchestra under David Efron, and the Aspen Symphonia Orchestra under Seiji Ozawa.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota, where she was a pupil of Sally O'Reilly. As a graduate student at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Ms. Fuller studied with William Preucil. Other teachers have included Steven Staryk and Camilla Wicks. Ms. Fuller is currently a first violinist with the Minnesota Orchestra.

Angela Fuller, a 23 year old violinist from Birmingham, Alabama, was selected as the \$10,000 First Prize Winner at the 15th Annual Irving M. Klein International String Competition held at San Francisco State University on June 10-11, 2000. Ms. Fuller was chosen from a group of 12 semifinalists and from a total of

83 contestants representing 20 nationalities and the finest schools and teachers in the world. Ms. Fuller's Final Program included the Adagio sostenuto - Presto from the Beethoven Sonata in A Major and the Adagio and Allegro from the Brahms Concerto in D Major.

"Once again, we have experienced a truly wonderful weekend of world-class performances," said Klein Competition Director Mitchell Sardou Klein. "We are proud of each one of these exceptional young artists and expect to see their names again and again in the years to come."

The \$2,000 Second Prize was awarded to Yoon-Jung Cho, a 17-year-old violinist from Seoul, South Korea. The \$1,000 Third Prize was presented to Jun Jensen, a 22-year-old cellist from Aalborg, Denmark.



2000 IMK Competition Winners: Director Mitch Klein; Hannah Jin (5th); Jun Jensen (3rd); Angela Fuller (1st); Yoon-Jung Cho (2nd); Yang Xu (4th).

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Where They Are Now: Klein Winner Updates

We are pleased to update our readers on the progress of several of our past winners and finalists:

Mark Kosower

Since winning the IMK in 1992, cellist Mark Kosower has continued to tour and perform nationwide. This past year, Mark performed with Neal Gittleson and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra in April and Emmanuel Villaume and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in August, and was a featured performer at the Peninsula Music Festival in Door County, Wisconsin. He will be performing with the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra in February 2001, with the Omaha Symphony Orchestra later that month, and with the Wichita Symphony in March 2001.



Mark Kosower



Denise Djokic

Our 1998 IMK winner, 19 year-old cellist Denise Djokic was recently honored by the Canada Council for the Arts Musical Instrument Bank. The Instrument Bank acquires through donations and loans quality instruments to be used by established or gifted young Canadian musicians to help further their international careers. The 1696 Bonjour Stradivari cello has been awarded to Denise for a two-year loan. The Bonjour Stradivari cello, made by Antonio Stradivari ca. 1696, is named after an amateur 19th century Parisian cellist, Abel Bonjour, who owned it until his death sometime after 1885. More recently, it was owned by Martin Lovett of the celebrated Amadeus Quartet. The cello is valued at an estimated \$4 million. Denise previously won the two-year loan of a Gagliano cello in an Instrument Bank competition in July 1999. Congratulations!

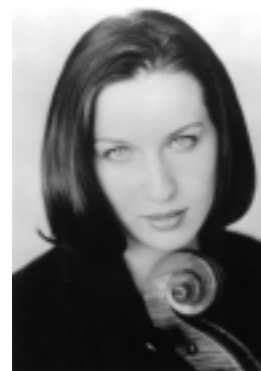


Denise Djokic



Wendy Warner

Cellist Wendy Warner has continued to amaze audiences nationwide since her Klein Competition 2nd Place in 1989. She performed twice with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra this past spring, playing an all Tchaikovsky program in February and Bloch's Schelomo in dual concerts in March. She will be performing with the Asheville Symphony in March 2001. She is currently represented by CHL Artists Management in Beverly Hills.



Wendy Warner



Lara St. John

Described as "something of a phenomenon" by the Strad magazine, Canadian born violinist Lara St. John, who was a prize winner in the 1993 IMK, has gone on to a magnificent career. She has performed as soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony, and the Montreal Symphony. With the 2000-2001 season come her debuts with the New Jersey Symphony (under Hugh Wolff), the Tokyo Symphony, the Hong Kong Symphony, the Honolulu Symphony, and the Calgary Symphony.

She has won several competitions in addition to the IMK, including the Gelber Prize in Canada, the Minnesota Orchestra Competition, the Philadelphia Orchestra Competition, and the Grand Prize of the Canadian Music Competition. In September of 1997, she won the use of the 1702 Lyall Stradivarius for two years from the Canada Council for the Arts and an anonymous donor.

Her debut CD *Bach Works for Solo Violin* has sold over 30,000 copies and received resounding acclaim. The Strad magazine selected her as one of "the stars of the next decade". Her home is now New York City and she currently performs on the 1779 "Salabue" Guaragnini.



Lara St. John

Ralston Concert Series to Host IMK Winners

We are pleased to announce a new prize performance affiliation with the prestigious Ralston Concert Series at Ralston Hall on the campus of the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California during our 2001 season.

Our winner this year will perform as a part of the Ralston Series on November 11, 2001, and more information will be available on our website:

www.kleincompetition.org

and also at the College of Notre Dame website:

www.cnd.edu/news/#music.

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial association with the Ralston Series.

Judges Announced for 2001 IMK

We are excited to introduce our jury for the 2000-2001 IMK Competition. The distinguished group of individuals listed below will be in attendance at this year's Competition and will select the winner and finalists:

Members of the Alexander String Quartet

Stuart Canin
Marc Gottlieb
Byung-Woo Kim
Mitchell Sardou Klein
Patricia Taylor Lee
David Liptak
Melvin Margolis
Alice Schoenfeld
Stephen Shipp
Benjamin Simon
Margaret Tait
Laszlo Varga
Geraldine Walther
Camilla Wicks

2000 IMK Winners

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Fourth Prize was given to Yang Xu, a 21-year-old violinist from Nanjing, China. Fifth Prize went to Hannah Jin, a 20-year-old violinist from South Korea. The Allen Weiss Memorial Prize (for the best performance of the newly commissioned work by composer David Liptak) was presented to cellist Jun Jensen for his interpretation of *Starpoints*.

Klein Competition Winners: 1986-2000

Many of our readers have asked us to publish a complete list of our prize winners by year.

Instruments are as noted (v) - violin, (va) - viola, (c) - cello, (b) - double bass.

2000

1st - Angela Fuller (v)
2nd - Yoon-Jung Cho (v)
3rd - Jun Jensen (c)
4th - Yang Xu (v)
5th - Hannah Jin (v)

1998

1st - Denise Djokic (c)
2nd - Patrick Jee (c)
3rd - Christina Castelli (v)
4th - YonJoo Lee (v)
5th - Hee Guen Song (v)

1996

1st - Lisa Kim (v)
2nd - Lucasz Szyrner (c)
3rd - Alberto Parrini (v)
4th - Jenny Oaks (v)
4th - Margo Tatgenhorst (c)

1994

1st - Francois Salque (c)
2nd - Nurit Pacht (v)
3rd - Serge Oskotsky (c)
3rd - Ayako Yoshida (v)

1992

1st - Mark Kosower (c)
2nd - Qi-Xin Pu (v)
3rd - Lisa Lee (v)
4th - Owen Lee (b)
5th - Annie Chang (va)

1990

1st - Robert de Main (c)
2nd - Jian-Wen Tong (c)
3rd - Joan Kwuon (v)
4th - Misha Keylin (v)

1988

1st - Sang Mee Lee (c)
2nd - Gianna Abondolo (c)
3rd - Richard Hirschl (c)
4th - Eileen Moon (c)
4th - Anne Chalix (v)

1986

1st - Stephanie Arado (v)
2nd - Sandra Park (v)
3rd - Sara Parker (v)
4th - Charles Chandler (b)
4th - Timothy Landauer (c)

1999

1st - Frank Huang (v)
2nd - Madeline Adkins (v)
3rd - Lucia Micarelli (v)
4th - Cecilia Lee (c)
5th - John Keigwin (b)

1997

1st - Kirsten Johnson (va)
2nd - Amy Schwartz (v)
3rd - Vivek Klamath (v)
4th - Amir Eldan (c)
5th - Boris Tonkov (va)

1995

1st - Cathy Basrak (va)
2nd - Pavel Sporcl (v)
3rd - Ani Aznavoorian (c)
4th - Kirsten Johnson (va)
5th - Esther Noh (v)

1993

1st - Jennifer Koh (v)
2nd - Vadim Gluzman (v)
3rd - Julia Tom (c)
4th - Lara St. John (v)
5th - Joanna Kurkowsiz (v)

1991

1st - Jennifer Frautschi (v)
2nd - Alexis Gerlach (c)
3rd - Brent Samuel (c)
4th - Carol Oh (c)
5th - David Park (v)

1989

1st - Alyssa Park (v)
2nd - Wendy Warner (c)
3rd - Alban Gerhardt (c)

1987

1st - Molly Mo-Lin Fung (v)
2nd - Gloria Justin (v)
3rd - Hai-Ye Ni (c)
4th - Robin Sharp (v)



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San Francisco State University

Klein Competition Launches Website

The Klein Competition enters the Internet age this year with our first-ever interactive website which is located at www.kleincompetition.org. Visitors will be able to find general information about the competition, apply on-line and download application materials, contact the IMK office via hyperlinks, and find specific information on our past winners, our publications and press releases, our judges and our schedule of events.

We are very grateful to Philip Goldworth and the staff at CGrafX in Santa Clara for their generous efforts and time in putting our site together!

Check out our new website at:

www.kleincompetition.org

- * information on the Klein Competition
- * download an application form
- * past winner updates
- * copies of our past newsletters

Klein Competition Office Moves to New Location

Our administrative offices have moved to a new location in San Francisco as of this September. Please note the changes in address and information below.

Please feel free to contact our office with any updates, feedback or information about the Competition, changes of address, or questions:

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