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Piano Cleveland Announces Winners of CIPC for Young Artists

CLEVELAND, OH – Piano Cleveland, host of the Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists, has announced the competition winners at the conclusion of the Final Concerto Round. Fifteen-year-old Ryan Huang of Canada/United States was named the Junior Division (ages 13-15) First Prize Winner and seventeen-year-old Chenxu Han of China was named the Senior Division (ages 16-18) First Prize Winner. Twelve-year-old Wilson Liu of the United States was named the First Prize Winner of the Rising Star Division (ages 10-12) during their Final Chamber Round earlier this week.

The Medalists are as follows:

Senior Division

Chenxu Han, 17, China
Guillermo Hernández Barrocal, 18, Spain
Yurim Kim, 17, South Korea

Junior Division

Ryan Huang, 15, Canada/United States
Jueon Lee, 14, South Korea
Yixin Shen, 15, China

Rising Star Division

First Place – Wilson Liu, 12, United States
Second Place – Khloe Wu, 11, Canada
Third Place – Ethan Wang, 11, Canada



Over the course of one week, thirteen Semi-Finalists played solo piano and as part of a trio with faculty from the ENCORE Chamber Music Institute. Following their chamber music performances, the Rising Star winners were announced as well as the three Junior Division Finalists and the three Senior Division Finalists.

The two-part Final Round began with a first in the competition world—a Final Masterclass Round led by legendary pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet. The Finalists then played in the Final Concerto Round with the Canton Symphony Orchestra. Afterwards, the scores were tallied with Jury Chair and Van Cliburn Medalist Olga Kern announcing Chenxu Han and Ryan Huang winners. In her remarks from the stage, Kern called the weeklong competition “full of joy, amazing talent, and a great celebration of music.”

The prize package for all the divisions totaled over \$30,000 sponsored by Martin and Maria Hoke, who were present on stage during the award ceremony. “The generosity and commitment from Martin and Maria Hoke ensures that the Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists remains one of the most-sought after titles in the classical piano competition world,” says Piano Cleveland CEO Marissa Moore.

The competition also awarded a variety of special prizes, including:

Classical Prize – Wilson Liu (Rising Star Division)

Romantic Prize (tie) – Wilson Liu (Rising Star Division) and Khloe Wu (Rising Star Division)

20th and 21st Century Prize – Jueon Lee (Junior Division)

Audience Prize, Junior Division – Ryan Huang

Audience Prize, Senior Division – Yurim Kim

Details about the competition, artists, jury, additional prizes as well as a write up about the Final Masterclass Round can be found at pianocleveland.org

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About Piano Cleveland

Piano Cleveland promotes Cleveland as a premier piano destination by presenting world-class programming, community engagement, and education initiatives. The organization’s four major programs and events include the Cleveland International Piano Competition, the CIPC for Young Artists, a mixed-genre piano festival, and year-round education and community engagement programming.