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2018 YOUTH CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Ten finalists performed in the competition



Symphony Executive Director Anne Catherine Murray, AU Music Department Chair Angela Morgan, Three winners: Yannie Tan, Caroline Smoak, and Richard Lee

Augusta, GA – On Sunday, February 25, the Augusta Symphony and the Augusta University Department of Music presented a Youth Concerto Competition at the Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre. Seventeen students ages 10-18 from across Georgia and South Carolina submitted a recording of themselves performing a concerto on violin, viola, cello, trumpet, piano, or marimba and ten finalists were chosen to perform in the competition.

The winners are:

- **1st Place:** Yannie Tan of Atlanta, GA, performed the first movement of Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor. She received a \$500 award and will make a solo appearance with the Augusta Symphony next season.
- **2nd Place:** Richard Lee of Suwannee, GA, performed the first movement of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D Major. He received a \$300 award.
- **3rd Place:** Caroline Smoak of Rock Hill, SC, performed the first movement of Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto. She received a \$200 award.

The Augusta Symphony would like to thank the Augusta University Department of Music for hosting the Competition and Turner's Keyboards for sponsoring the competition.

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