

The Torrance Symphony Concerto Competition for Young Artists

The Torrance Symphony's Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition provides an avenue for young musicians residing in Southern California to participate in the audition process. It encourages them to continue their musical studies, as well as give each winner the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Torrance Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Frank Paul Fetta. The Concerto Competition remembers John Bramhall who organized the competition in 1996 and made a very generous donation to begin the program. He and his wife, Lynn, were long-time supporters of the arts in our community, and we are grateful that John, with Lynn's blessings, established this wonderful annual event.

Young instrumental musicians from 7 through 25 years of age residing in Southern California are invited to participate in the Competition. Awards are provided in three categories, junior (14 and under), intermediate (15-18) and senior (19-25). In addition to cash prizes, winners are given the opportunity to perform with the Symphony Orchestra. This event fits well within the Vision of the Symphony Association since the competition clearly provides performing opportunities for emerging young artists, a basic component of the Symphony's Mission Statement.

The following talented young musicians were winners of the Fourteenth Annual Torrance Symphony Young Artists Concerto Competition:

Artist	Age	Instrument / Category
Jay Choi	14	Piano /Junior
Mayumi Kanagawa	15	Violin/Intermediate
Sichen Ma	23	Piano/Senior

In addition the judges have selected the following eight contestants as Honorable Mention:

Senior Category – Henry Chen, Kyle Shafiee, and Ruiquig Tang
Intermediate Category – Andrea Choi and Ji Min Lee
Junior Category –Leonard Chong, Nathan Le, and Eriko Okamoto

These winners will perform with the Torrance Symphony during this coming season at the James Armstrong Theatre. They were chosen from among 40 applicants, all with exceptional talent, playing a wide variety of classical pieces. We thank the judges, Frank Fetta, Marianne Rotstein, Dick Ducar, and Dan Kelly for their hard work in the decision process. Truly, this was a difficult task since all these young musicians were superb.

A special fund to cover the expenses of the competition has been established and is in need of your financial support. You may help the Symphony continue to assist and encourage these wonderful young musicians by making a donation to:

The Torrance Symphony Association
P.O. Box 1581
Torrance, CA 90505

We are planning a competition for 2011. The dates will be posted on our website.

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