

PPMTA/CSYSA Piano Concerto Competition Report

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The second annual piano concerto competition was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Packard Recital Hall on the campus of Colorado College. The competition was once again a collaborative project of the Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association and the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association, with facility support provided free of charge, (with the exception of the paraprofessional and piano tuner/technician,) by Colorado College. This year, the competition received corporate sponsorship by Schmitt Music Company.

The adjudicators for the competition this year were Susan Grace, Lecturer/Artist-in-Residence, Associate Chair, Colorado College; Dr. William David, Emeritus Professor, Iowa State University; and Gary Nicholson, Music Director, Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association.

Four students of the Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association performed in the competition. All of the students gave excellent performances and were award recipients. The results were as follows:

Winner – Seohee Kayla Yang, age 15, student of Mary Beth Shaffer

Concerto performed – Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37, Ludwig van Beethoven

Award – Performance with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony on March 8, 2020, at ENT Center;

Full tuition scholarship to the International Summer Academy of Music, Germany,

<https://www.isam-masterclasses.de/>

Second Prize – Ian Patterson, age 18, student of Ara Gevorkian

Concerto performed – Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Franz Liszt

Award - \$500 scholarship to the Lamont Summer Academy, University of Denver,

<https://liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/summer-academy>

Third Prize – Lindy Zhang, age 15, student of Colleen Bell

Concerto performed – Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Felix Mendelssohn

Award - Full tuition scholarship to Southern Colorado Adventure Camp, www.csupfestivals.com

Honorable Mention – Thomas Alley, age 17, student of Deborah Turnbull

Concerto performed – Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16, Edvard Grieg

Award – Half tuition scholarship to Southern Colorado Adventure Camp, www.csupfestivals.com

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