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MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF PORTLAND

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Newsletter - April, 2021

Dear Members.

Please mark your calendars for our next big event on April 12th at 7 pm!

As I announced in our March newsletter, we will be holding the first of two Virtual Teas, with our **2021 Scholarship Winners** on April 12th and Mary 3rd. We are proud to announce that **Sunny Wang** received the most points in our Scholarship competition to win the **Colliver Award** for the best Piano performance; **Ryan Babe** received the **Philips Family Award** for the best instrumental performance and **Olga Melendez Valdes** received the **Jess and Hortense Foster Award** for the best vocal performance, with \$2,000 going to each contestant!







A full list of our winners and the names of our participants for our upcoming April and May events is provided along with the Zoom Invite on page 2 of this letter. Our April 12th event will primarily feature our pianists and our May 3rd event will include our Instrumental award winners. Both nights will feature a special guest appearance by Judge Derek Chiu, our Piano Judge from Calgary, Alberta, Canada who also teaches in Cremona, Italy each year and has invited all contestants to study there with him.

In addition to Derek Chiu, we had two other extremely talented judges to include Conductor Thomas Muraco from the Manhattan School of Music in NYC and Cellist and Author, Miranda Wilson from the University of Idaho, each of who hold many titles and have vast experience. Please visit their websites for more information about them:

Derek Chiu: www.derekchiumusicstudio.com Miranda Wilson: www.mirandawilsoncellist.com

Thomas Muraco: https://stephensnicolson.com/artists/muraco.html

Our 2021 Scholarship Winners:

Top Prize Awards, \$2.000:

Sunny Wang, Colliver Award, Piano Ryan Babe, Philips Award, Cello Olga Melendez Valdes, Foster Award, Soprano

2nd Prize Awards, \$1,500:

Steven Wu, Runner-up for top Piano Award Ellie Kim, Runner-up for top Instrumental Award, (Violin)

3rd Tier Awards, \$1,000:

Piano: Jenna Tu, Nolan Tu, Isaac Price, Joshua Hahn, Michael Gu, Jesse Nieman **Instrumental**: Joseph Kim, (Violin), Kira Wang, (Cello); Derek Choi, (Violin); Ben Price, (Oboe) Macy Gong, (Flute); Avery Hseih, (Violin)

You are invited to meet our Scholarship Winners on April 12 at 7 pm:

Guests: Sunny Wang, Steven Wu, Jenna Tu, Nolan Tu, Isaac Price, Joshua Hahn, Michael Gu, Olga Melendez Valdez, Special Guest: Judge Derek Chiu

To join Zoom Meeting, click here: Scholarship Winner's Zoom Invite Meeting ID: 858 3944 2929; Passcode: 631567

Scholarship Winners Tea, May 3 at 7 pm:

Ryan Babe, Ellie Kim, Derek Choi, Macy Gong, Avery Hseih, Joseph Kim, Jesse Nieman, Ben Price and Kira Wang

Meanwhile, Cynthia Marberry is back at the helm as the Nominating Committee Chair and is searching for a few good members to serve again for leadership positions in the Club for the 2021-22 season. Don't be surprised if she calls you and asks you to serve as a Director or even as the President or Treasurer! If you are interested in serving, please talk to Cynthia and her team; which includes Gyrid Hyde-Towle, Bonnie LaFord, Ardith Stensland, Teryl Williams and Beverly Owen.

In other news, you are all invited to attend Monday Musical Club's <u>Financial Review meeting</u> at 1 pm on Friday, April 16, also via Zoom. The meeting is held twice a year in April and August and is chaired by our Treasurer, Lynda Wendel along with myself, Gyrid Hyde-Towle, Bonnie LaFord, Jan Petersen and Cynthia MacLeod.

Thank you all for supporting our club and Scholarship applicants!

Grant Porter
President and Scholarship Chairman
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