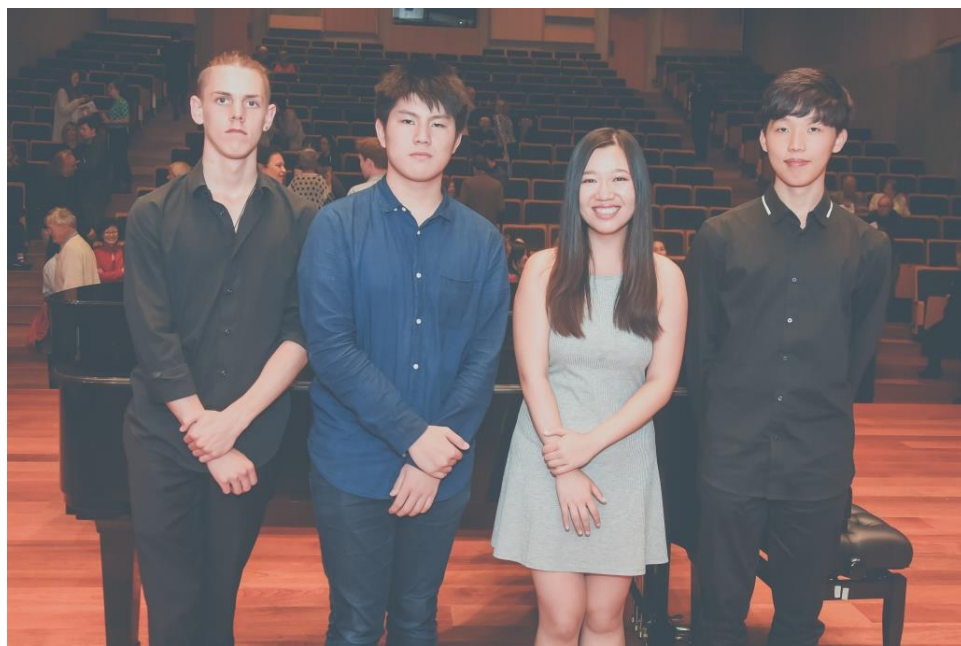


National Concerto 50th Competition Newsletter – December 2016

Welcome to the National Concerto 50th Competition 2016/2017!
We had a wonderful 3 days of Preliminary and Semi-Final competition which was held
From 7th to 9th December with the following results:

The **8 Semi-Finalists** chosen were –

- **Alex Geary** (Violin) from Hamilton
“Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 77” by Dmitri Shostakovich
- **Siyu Sun** (Piano) from Christchurch
“Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18” by Sergei Rachmaninoff
- **Hye In Kim** (Cello) from Waikato
“Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104” by Antonin Dvorak
- **Delvan Lin** (Piano) from Auckland
“Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43” by Sergei Rachmaninoff
- **Matthias Balzat** (Cello) from Auckland
“Cello Concerto No. 1 in Eb major, Op. 107” by Dmitri Shostakovich
- **Lixin Zhang** (Piano) from Christchurch
“Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21” by Frédéric Chopin
- **Reuben Chin** (Saxophone) from Wellington
“Fantasia for Saxophone, Three Horns and Strings” by Heitor Villa-Lobos
- **Han Sol Jeong** (Piano) from Christchurch
“Piano Concerto No. 3 in E major” by Béla Bartók



From here **4 Finalists** were chosen for the final on **Saturday 4th March 2017** at the **Aurora Centre, Burnside High School**. The finalists will play their Concertos with the **New Zealand Symphony Orchestra** under the conductorship of **Hamish McKeich**.

The finalists are (*left to right*):

- **Matthias Balzat**
- **Delvan Lin**
- **Siyu Sun**
- **Hye In Kim**

Tickets and further information for the Final will be available from **in mid January 2017** at www.ticketek.co.nz or Telephone 0800 842 538.

Alumni Concert:

As part of the 50th celebration we were treated to an Alumni Concert on the Friday afternoon which was wonderful! Please see some photos below:



Tony Ferner (*Flute*)
with Accompanist **Michael Lawrence**

Wilma Smith (*Violin*); **Richard Mapp** (*Piano*) and **Mark Walton** (*Clarinet*) – they were also the Adjudicator's for the competition!



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