

# *National Concerto Competition Newsletter - December 2017*

We had a wonderful 1 ½ days of Preliminary and Semi-Final competition which was held at The Piano on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 with the following results:



The **6 Semi-Finalists** chosen were (left to right):

- **Modi Deng** from Auckland  
*“Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30” by Sergei Rachmaninoff*
- **Noelle Dannenbring** from Rotorua  
*“Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11” by Frédéric Chopin*
- **Esther Wu** from **Auckland**  
*“Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16” by Edvard Grieg*
- **Leon Chen** from Auckland  
*“Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30” by Sergei Rachmaninoff*
- **Lixin Zhang** from Christchurch  
*“Piano Concerto No. 1 in Eb Major, S.124” by Franz Liszt*
- **Muse Ye** from Christchurch  
*“Piano Concerto in G Major” by Maurice Ravel*

## **Other prizes awarded were:**

- *The Pianist with the most potential* – **Marianna Kang** (Auckland)
- *The Canterbury Pianist with the most potential* – **Samuel Jeon** (Christchurch)

They were presented by **Evans Chuang (The Chuang Foundation)** who sponsors these prizes.  
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Left to Right: **Evans Chuang**, **Samuel Jeon** (Canterbury prize winner), **Graeme Wallis** (Chairman of the National Concerto Competition Trust)

### **The 3 Finalists .... and The Final ....**

**who** were chosen for the Final on **Saturday 3rd March 2018** at the **Aurora Centre, Burnside High School** are below. The Finalists will play their Concertos with the **Christchurch Symphony Orchestra** under the conductorship of **Benjamin Northey**. Further information regarding ticketing will be available in mid-January 2018.



The finalists are (left to right):

- **Modi Deng** (Auckland); **Lixin Zhang** (Christchurch); **Muse Ye** (Christchurch)

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