## 51st National Concerto Competition – 2017/2018 Finals Results

Thank you to those who attended the **Final of the 51st National Concerto Competition** on **Saturday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. We were treated to 3 amazing performances from our Finalists who captivated the large audience, accompanied by the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Benjamin Northey.

I would like to congratulate the winners:



Modi Deng - First Prize (\$10,000) Modi Deng - Junior Jury (\$100)



Lixin Zhang - Second Prize (\$3,000) Lixin Zhang - People's Choice (\$150)



Muse Ye - Third Prize (\$1,500)



The 3 Finalists with Ben Northey (Conductor of Christchurch Symphony Orchestra)

## Howard Harvey - Retirement Executive Manager:

I would like to mention Howard Harvey, who is standing down as Executive Manager, after a "monumental contribution and invaluable expertise over many years" – 20 years or so I believe to this competition! At the end of evening Howard and his wife Judy were presented with Court Theatre vouchers and flowers in recognition of this wonderful service. Howard will remain as a Trustee and offer guidance to the new Executive Manager when appointed.



Left to right: Graeme Wallis (Chairman); Howard and Judy Harvey



Dopplergänger Burnside High School Chamber Group

For the interlude we were delighted to have had a trio from Burnside High School Specialist Music programme called **Dopplergänger** perform Rigoletto *Fantasie Opus 28* by Franz and Karl Doppler. The trio members are Michelle Kim (flute), Rochelle Kim (flute) and Anne Jeong (piano). Well done girls – you played beautifully!

## **2018/2019 Competition:**

Planning is now underway for the **2018/2019 competition** which will be **Instrumental**. We will keep you updated during the year as information becomes available. If you know of any other persons who would like to receive information about the competition please let me know.

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