

## **Burlingame Music Club 2021-2022 Competition** **Winner Biographies**

### **First Place, Patricia Kirkbride Award (\$1,000)**

**Hiro Yoshimura**, violin, age 15, began playing the violin at age 6. Hiro is currently studying with Chen Zhao and Tomomi Matsumoto. Hiro has won top prizes in numerous local and international competitions including: 1st place in DVC/HNU and KAMSA (2020); Grand Place in the Silicon Valley Music Competition (2021); 2nd place in the USIMC (2020); 3rd place (highest among violinists) in the Houston International Music competition (2021), and has performed at the Junior Bach Festival in both violin and piano in 2020 and 2021. Hiro is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> violin Co-Principal of San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra. He is also a member of the Young Chamber Musicians.

### **Competition Performance:**

#### **Work 1:**

Title of Work: Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D minor, Op. 47

Composer: Jean Sibelius

Movement: 1st Movement, Allegro moderato

YouTube link: [https://youtu.be/tSRI1\\_MN6AM](https://youtu.be/tSRI1_MN6AM)

#### **Work 2:**

Title of Work: Sonata No. 3 in C major, BWV 1005

Composer: J.S. Bach

Movement: III. Largo

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/E6ejxjIEWiQ>

## **Second Place, Leon Winters Award (\$800)**

**Katherine Lee** is a student of San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-College. She has won 1st place in the United States International Music Competition, KAMSA Competition, Silicon Valley Music Competition, Korea Times Music Competition, 2nd in the CalASTA Competition. Her piano trio won 2nd at the 2020 Jane Galante Chamber Competition. Katherine is also principal cellist of the California Youth Symphony. She made her solo debut in 2017. She was selected for California's All-State High School Symphony in 2020 and 2021. She studied at Bowdoin International Music Festival and played for Brinton Smith, Ralph Kirschbaum, David Requero, and Timothy Eddy.

### **Competition Performance:**

#### **Work 1:**

Title of Work:

[Pampeana No.2. Rhapsody. Op. 21](#)

Composer: Alberto Ginastera

YouTube link: [Alberto Ginastera-Pampeana No. 2. Rhapsody for Cello & Piano Op. 21](#)

#### **Work 2:**

Title of Work: Suite No.6

Composer: J.S. Bach

Movement: Prelude

YouTube link: [Bach Suite 6 Prelude](#)

### **Third Place, Patron of the Arts Award (\$600)**

**Yuli Choi**, age 15, violin, won first place in the Korean Times Competition in 2014 and 2015. During the 2015-2016 season, she joined the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra. In 2017 she won 4<sup>th</sup> place in the U. S. Open Competition, and in 2019 she won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Yuli attended Kennedy Middle School and performed in her school orchestra as concertmaster. She led her orchestra to unanimous superiors in the CMEA State Festival and CODA's Junior High School All-State Orchestra, representing the entire state of California!. She was the first ever CODA All-State concertmaster in the 60-year history of her school. Yuli participated in the Junior Bach Festival of 2020. She joined the California Youth Symphony Senior Orchestra (CYS), where she played principal second violin. The year 2021 marks her second year in CYS. Yuli currently attends The San Francisco Conservatory of Music, studying with Elbert Tsai. She is a member of the Young Chamber Musicians. In 2021, Yuli was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Junior Division of the KAMSA Competition, and in the summer of 2021, Yuli participated in NYO2.

### **Competition Performance:**

Work 1:

Title of Work: Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D minor, No. 4, Op. 31

Composer: Henri Vieuxtemps

Movement: 1. Andante

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/RXCq5qmbotk>

Work 2:

Title of Work: Violin and Piano Sonata No.3 in E flat Major, Op. 12

Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven

Movement: 1. Allegro con spirito

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/g9Uf7XVSY6g>

**Honorable Mention (2 Award Winners; \$100 each)**

**Sarah Son**, 14, violin, is a sophomore at Davis Senior High School. She began violin lessons at age 5 and currently studies with Mr. Elbert Tsai at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-College program. Sarah is co-concertmaster in the SYS Premier Orchestra and was a winner of 2020 ASTA Sacramento Solo Competition. In summer of 2021, Sarah participated in the BUTI Tanglewood Music Festival, Orford Musique, SYS SCMW, and KAMSA Youth Orchestra where she served as concertmaster. She regularly performs for Lifting Spirits with Music and The Back to Bach Project to share her musical experience with seniors and young children.

**Daniel Yim**, 15, is a sophomore at Bellarmine College Preparatory and has been studying the cello since age 9. He has been a member of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra (SFSYO) since 2018, and has served as its Principal Cellist since 2021. He was also a part of the Ignatius Piano Trio, and is currently a member of the Apollo String Trio. He is also in the Bellarmine Chamber Music Club and serves as the Principal Cellist of the Bellarmine Chamber Orchestra. He also volunteers in Sky Ensemble, bringing music to the elderly, and in Bravo Strings, where he teaches economically disadvantaged students about classical music. In addition to the cello, Daniel was a prizewinner at numerous piano competitions, including the James Ramos International Competition, the Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition, the MTAC Piano Solo/Concerto Competition, the San Francisco Chopin Competition, the United States Open Music Competition, and the United States International Music Competition. Aside from music, Daniel enjoys hiking, creative writing, and listening to music.