

Marin Music Chest 2014

News Notes-Summer Edition



Smashing “Young Artists” Concert Held May 18, 2014

You missed a truly great concert if you don't recognise these people in the picture above. Sunday May 18th five Young Artists performed in a concert held in the Tamalpais United Methodist Church in Mill Valley. From right to left they are: Jee Young Bhan, clarinet; Laura Arthur, soprano; Karl Tietze, bassoon; Matthew Lee, piano; and Chener Yuan, violin.

All five winners are living in Marin County at present. Miss Yuan is a boarding student at San Domenico. Also in the picture are Joe Angiulo, President of MMC and William Horne, President of our co-sponsor, the Mill Valley Chamber Music Society. It was generally acknowledged to have been one of the very best concerts held recently. Sorry if you missed it!

Now just a few words about our winners: Laura Arthur is a graduate student at the San Francisco Conservatory currently studying voice with Ruby Pleasure. She has garnered many awards and has begun singing roles professionally. This is Laura's third senior scholarship and therefore her farewell concert for us. Good luck, Laura!

Chener (she prefers Cherry) Yuan is a Chinese National here in the US on a visa. Because of her two-year residence at San Domenico she is eligible to participate in our auditions. This is her final performance for us however since she is a senior at both the Conservatory and in San Domenico's high school programs. She has been awarded a scholarship to Juilliard on violin for the coming year. Good luck, Cherry!

Matthew Lee, a student at Branson, has won three junior scholarships; this is his second senior award. We may see him among next year's winners. He plays piano at Marin's many senior homes and golfs on the Branson Golf team.

Jee Young Bhan and Karl Tietze are both students at Redwood High School and may be returning this coming year as both are first-time winners. Their private teachers are Hye-Min Yun, clarinet and Stephen Paulson, bassoon. Both participate in the East Bay Young People's Symphony Orchestra under the baton of David Ramadonoff.

My name is Bob Greenwood, board member of Marin Music Chest. I taught instrumental and vocal music at Tamalpais High School for over 38 years. It is my goal to keep you informed of the future activities and plans promoted through the Marin Music Chest in a “Note Letter” such as this.

**AUDITION DATES FOR 2015
ARE MARCH 14 FOR JUNIORS AND
MARCH 28 FOR SENIORS.**

**Application deadlines for juniors Feb. 8 and seniors Feb. 22
For applications and additional information see our web site
<marinmusicchest.org>**



Every now and then members of the audition committee get a pleasant surprise. The accompanist with Miss Bhan is Britton Day, a 2003 Marin Music Chest winner. He is currently doing additional study with Paul Hersh at the San Francisco Conservatory.

Performance Photos by Eric Chazankin

Board Announces New Scholarship Amounts

Marin Music Chest announced that for the 2015 auditions, Junior winners will receive \$1000 and Seniors \$1400. In addition it was decided that for both the Concert Recital and the Young Artist Concert an allowance of \$100 would be given to those performers needing an accompanist.

Former Scholarship Winners What's New?

Please feel free to send me an email about what you're doing and, if available, a picture. We know some of you may not be full-time professionals but do keep us informed of your whereabouts and how Music Chest made a difference to you. It is my goal to share with our friends the good news and activities of our former winners.

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In 1982 Christopher Whiting won his first MMC Scholarship on violin. He has since gone on to play first violin in the Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra in Switzerland. He was appointed conductor with the European Doctors Orchestra and has done many outreach and regular programs conducting the Winterthur Symphony Orchestra. Information about his successes is posted on Facebook but alas it is mostly in German, the local language of that part of Switzerland.