

## COMPETITION & AWARD WINNERS



Nikki Chooi

Canadian **Nikki Chooi**, 24, won first prize at the **Michael Hill International Violin Competition** in New Zealand. Chooi, who studies with Ida Kavafian and Donald Weilerstein at the Juilliard School, received NZ\$40,000 (£20,000). Second prize went to 23-year-old Sarah Christian from Germany, who also won the chamber music prize. Boson Mo, 23, from Canada, took third prize.

First prize at the **Sendai International Music Competition** in Japan went to US-Taiwanese violinist **Richard Lin**. The 21-year-old,

a student of Aaron Rosand at the Curtis Institute of Music, received JPY3,000,000 (£19,500). Japanese violinists Tatsuki Narita and Chieri Tomii, both 21, took second and third prize respectively.

South Korean violinist **Youjin Lee**, 17, took first prize at the **Irving M. Klein International String Competition** in San Francisco. Lee, who studies with Robert Lipsett and Danielle Belen at the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles, won \$5,000. American violinist Wyatt Underhill, 22, won second prize. Third prize went to 22-year-old American violist Dana Kelley.



Youjin Lee

**Tian Yang Liu** won first prize in the **International Society of Bassists (ISB) Solo Competition** at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. The 28-year-old Chinese bassist, who is a student of Scott Pingel at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, received \$2,500. Second prize went to Venezuelan bassist Oscar Luque. Francesco Platoni, from Italy, took third prize. **Guy Cole**, from Texas (see page 17), won the gold medal at the **ISB Makers Competition**. Canadian luthier Mario Lamarre took the 'convention favourite' award and a silver medal for workmanship. Tetsu Suzuki, from Cremona, and Cincinnati-based Chris Roberts both won silver for tone. Anton Krutz, from Kansas, received a silver for workmanship.



Tian Yang Liu

In the **International Competition 'Young Virtuosos'** in Sofia, Bulgaria, the winner of the highest age category was violinist **Chiril Maximov**, 23. The Moldovan, who won BGN3,000 (£1,300), studies with Dora Schwarzberg at the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna. Winners of the lower age categories were Japanese violinists **Elena Kawazu**, 15, and **Mone Hattori**, 13, Canadian violinist **Belle Chang-Yuan Ting**, 12, and Bulgarian violinist **Lora Markova**, 10.

## Appointments

- **Holly Mulcahy** has been appointed concertmaster of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera.
- Violinist **Kyu-Young Kim** is the new senior director of artistic planning at the St Paul Chamber Orchestra.
- The new assistant concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra is **Alexandra Preucil**.
- Russian violinist **Natasha Turovsky** has been appointed artistic director of the New Generation Orchestra in Montreal.
- **Helena Wood** has been appointed concertmaster of the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra.

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## FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

### M. Elsky International Contest for Bowed String Instrument Performers

in Minsk, Belarus, for violinists, violists, cellists and double bassists between the ages of 16 and 31. Grand prize \$5,000 **Deadline** 10 September; competition 8–17 November **Contact** bowcontest2013@gmail.com

### MTNA Young Artist Performance Competitions

in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for instrumentalists and singers between the ages of 19 and 26. First prize \$3,000 **Deadline** 11 September; competition 22–26 March 2014 **Contact** figaro1226@gmail.com

### Salomé Young Artist Competition

in New York, for violinists, violists, cellists and double bassists aged 18 and under who currently reside in the US. Grand prize \$3,000 **Deadline** 18 September; competition 18–19 October **Contact** lauren@salomechamber.org