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PRESS RELEASE

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The Williamsburg Music Club has awarded \$7,150 to seventeen winners at the 2015 Grants Auditions held on March 14th at Ewell Hall on the campus of William and Mary. The Music Club's annual auditions support young musicians in their studies and are open to school-aged music students and teachers in the greater Williamsburg area.

Senior Division, First Prize Outstanding Performance Award of \$1,000:

Annie Cao, piano, Yorktown, student of Jolanta Szewczyk

Senior Division, Second Prize Musical Achievement Award of \$750:

Haidar Barbarji, trumpet, Williamsburg, student of Paul Bhasin

Melissa Zhu, piano, Yorktown, student of Jolanta Szewczyk

Senior Division Honorable Mention and Encouragement Awards of \$300:

Keyboard

Bryce Cuthriell, piano, Smithfield, student of Dr. Maria Yefimova

Jingwei Song, piano, Yorktown, student of Jolanta Szewczyk

Wind/Voice/Other

Catherine Ontko, flute, Williamsburg, student of Margaret Carlson

Tara Davy, voice, Williamsburg, student of Chris Mooney

Orchestral Strings

Benjamin Motter, violin, Williamsburg, student of Arkady Heifetz

Hannah Ceriani, viola, Williamsburg, student of Dr. Alice Lindsay

Sophie Leruth, violin, Williamsburg, student of Elnore Andersen

Junior Division, First Prize Outstanding Performance Award of \$750:

Kyle Hu, piano, Yorktown, student of Teresa Falk

Junior Division, Second Prize Musical Achievement Award of \$500:

Edric Han, piano, Yorktown, student of Teresa Falk

Junior Division, Honorable Mention and Encouragement Awards of \$200:

Keyboard

Anni Wang, piano, Yorktown, student of Jolanta Szewczyk

Orchestral Strings

Caleb Song, violin, Williamsburg, student of Arkady Heifetz

Anna Song, violin, Williamsburg, student of Arkady Heifetz

Wind/Voice/Other

Elizabeth Gallant, voice, Lanexa, student of Laura Garsson

Kathy Exton Prize of \$500 is awarded to an outstanding high school senior who will study music at the college level:

Carrie Anderson, harp, Williamsburg, student of Mary Jane D'Arville

Our judges for this year's audition: Tom Marshall, Alana Carithers, and David Wick.

The Williamsburg Music Club is supported by grants from the Williamsburg Community Foundation, the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, the Williamsburg Area Music Teachers and the York County Arts Commission as well as the generous gifts from members and contributing friends of the WMC.

The Williamsburg Music Club is a not-for-profit organization with tax-exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Club has established both the Grants-in-Aid Fund and the WMC Endowment Fund for contributions at any time.