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The Williamsburg Music Club has awarded \$7,950 to eighteen winners at the 2017 Grants Auditions held on March 11th 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 fifth through twelfth grade music students in the greater Williamsburg area and to students of teachers who reside or teach in the greater Williamsburg area.

SENIOR DIVISION

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

Sarah Heifetz, Violin, student of Arkady Heifetz

Second Prize Musical Achievement Award of \$750: 2 performers tied

Kevin Hong, Piano, student of Teresa Compos-Falk

Melissa Zhu, Piano, student of Jolanta Szewczyk

Honorable Mention and Encouragement Awards of \$300: (in alphabetical order)

Annie Cao, Piano, student of Jolanta Szewczyk

Tara Davy, Voice, student of Chris Mooney

Eliza Geer, Oboe, student of Sherie Aguirre

Anna Heffington, Voice, student of Agnes M. Fuller

Elizabeth Horley, Organ, student of Rebecca Davy

Noah Mendoza, Trumpet, student of Steve Ruckle

JUNIOR DIVISION

First Prize Outstanding Performance Award of \$750:

Jennifer Zhang, Piano, student of Jolanta Szewczyk

Second Prize Musical Achievement Award of \$500: 2 performers tied

Michael Gibson, Organ, student of Rebecca Davy

Anna Zhang, Piano, student of Christine Niehaus

Honorable Mention and Encouragement Awards of \$200: (in alphabetical order)

Ritchie Bui, Piano, student of Alisa Bohon

Yunseo Chung, Violin, student of Arkady Heifetz

Edric Han, Piano, student of Teresa Compos-Falk

Esther Kim, Violin, student of Arkady Heifetz

Caleb Song, Violin, student of Arkady Heifetz

Emily Wu, Piano, student of Teresa Compos-Falk

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

Eliza Geer, Oboe, student of Sherie Aguirre

Our judges for this year's audition: Stephen Coxe, Jeffery Phelps, and Major William Garlette.

The Williamsburg Music Club is supported by grants from the Williamsburg Community Foundation, the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, the Williamsburg Area Music Teachers and 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.