Winston-Salem Symphony Names 2010 Peter Perret Youth Talent Search Winners

Winston-Salem, NC – The Winston-Salem Symphony has announced the winners of the 2010 Peter Perret Youth Talent Search. Taking first place in the senior division for students ages 13 through the senior year of high school, was Colyer Durovich, a cellist from Chapel Hill, who is a student of Brooks Whitehouse at the UNC School of the Arts (UNCSA). The winner of the junior division, for students ages eight to 12, was Katelyn Hammel, an 11-year-old violinist from Clyde, who is a student of Corine Brouwer. These two young musicians will perform with the Winston-Salem Symphony at the Side by Side concert to be held March 20, 2010, at 2 p.m. at K.R. Williams Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Other contestants recognized for their outstanding performances were:

Senior Division:
Jie Fang, pianist, a high school student at UNCSA, second place; and Dustin Wilkes-Kim, violinist, from Winston-Salem, third place.

Junior Division:
Daria Nonnemaker, violinist, from Durham, second place; and Celina Lin, violinist, from Wilmington, third place.
The finals of the 2010 competition were held on January 24 in Winston-Salem. Preliminary rounds were held on January 9 in Winston-Salem and January 10 in Raleigh. Each contestant was required to play a 10-minute movement from a concerto suitable for performance with an orchestra. Judges for the Talent Search were Matthew Troy, assistant conductor of the Winston-Salem Symphony; Peter Perret, conductor emeritus of the Winston-Salem Symphony; Dr. Louis Goldstein, piano professor at Wake Forest University; and Dr. Karen Allred, piano professor at Meredith College.

The annual Youth Talent Search, named in honor of Peter Perret, was developed to identify North Carolina’s most gifted and talented young musicians. Maestro Perret established the competition as a means of helping develop young talent and as a way of recognizing and supporting the teachers and families of musically-gifted children. Participation in the competition also provides students with information and motivation to continue their musical studies. Many have gone on to become professional musicians, including the winner of the very first Peter Perret Youth Talent Search, who is now a member of the New York Philharmonic.

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