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2017 NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL – CANADA’S BEST YOUNG MUSICIANS ANNOUNCED

Ottawa, Ontario – August 12, 2017 – Canada’s prestigious 2017 National Music Festival winners are announced! From August 8th -12th, sixty-two (62) of Canada’s best young amateur musicians from across the country, ranging in age from 14-27, were hosted in beautiful Ottawa, Ontario to compete and represent their province in eight [8] disciplines: piano, strings, voice, woodwinds, brass, classical guitar, chamber groups, and musical theatre. Competitions and master classes took place on the University of Ottawa campus.

The first place winners of each discipline competed for the Festival’s Grand Award title and prize of \$5,000 on Saturday, August 12th, in Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa. And the winner is...

NRS Foundation – Victoria Foundation GRAND AWARD WINNER for \$5,000:

**Performance Opportunity with the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra
PR Consultation with Liz Parker of *LizPR***

Naomi Ford, flautist from Moncton, New Brunswick

2nd Place Grand Award in honour of Norma Jean Atkinson for \$2500.00:

Phillip Cho, pianist, from Côte Saint-Luc, Québec

First Place – \$1,500 Prize

Voice: Laura D’Angelo [ON]

Piano: Phillip Cho [QC]

Strings: Gregory Lewis [MB]

Guitar: Nolan Powell [MB]

Woodwinds: Naomi Ford [NB]

Brass: Kayla Solomon [MB]

Chamber: Azura Quartet [BC]
Chinley Hinacay, Mo Miao, Haley
Heinricks, Mia Gazley

Musical Theatre: Chloe Weir [ON]

Second Place – \$1,000 Prize

Voice: Ryan Hofman [BC]

Piano: Chris Chu [BC]

Strings: Vivian Kukiel [ON]

Guitar: Alejandro Vega [ON]

Woodwinds: Cole Knutson [SK]

Brass: Robert Conquer [ON]

Chamber: YIP Trio [AB]
Yan Li, Ine-Wilmé Coetzee, Peter Yang

Musical Theatre: Hunter Semrau [AB]

Third Place – \$500 Prize

Voice: Madison Craig [AB]

Piano: Catherine He [ON]

Strings: Joanne Peng [SK]

Guitar: Josh Hu [BC]

Woodwinds: Danielle Yao [AB]

Brass: Mimsu Lee [NS]

Chamber: Conesso Piano Quartet [ON]
Samantha Zarry, Maya Joy Linstrom-
Parkins, Jake Lee, Kyoko Kohno

Musical Theatre: Bethany Caldwell [BC]

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