

Dear Simon Kirjner,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **First Place** at the 21st Century Talents Strings Competition, Junior Category, 13 - 14 years old, Advanced (Highly competitive) difficulty level, for Antonio Vivaldi, Spring Concerto RV 269, Op. 8, Third movement.

Here are the comments from our judges:

Your performance showcased a great sense of mood and character. Of course, it is important to focus on intonation, as it plays a crucial role in violin playing. Remember to keep your hands relaxed and free of tension throughout the entire performance. Continue working on your right hand technique - add more flexibility and fluidity, especially during the moments when you change the strings and the bow. Overall it was a very nice performance! Keep up the good work!

Please find your Certificate on the website. If you indicated that you have a teacher and/or an accompanist, their Certificates are also on the website. For your convenience all certificates are in PDF for printing and JPG for posing on social media. Please download the certificates within next two months.

We are delighted to inform you that you are invited to perform at the Winners' Recital and the Award Ceremony that will be held in Toronto, Canada, on August 9th, 2023. The recital arrival time will be announced ten days before the recital date.

Location: Tribute Communities Recital Hall, 83 York Blvd, North York, ON M3J 2S5 (112 Accolade East Building). The location is available on Google maps.

Please register for the recital at the following link by May 23rd, 2023:

<https://www.pulsar-music.com/recitals>

Payments after the deadline will not be accepted due to the high volume of participants. Please note that the recital registration fees are not refundable and can not be substituted.

Please find your performance information below:

1. Antonio Vivaldi, Spring Concerto RV 269, Op. 8, Third movement (4 minutes and 50 seconds) will be listed in the recital program as your performance repertoire. Please note that changes to the performance piece are not allowed under any circumstances.
2. Let us know if you need an official invitation letter from the Competition to apply for the visa. The letter may be provided to you after you complete the registration for the recital.
3. The competition does not provide a piano accompanist. If you bring your own accompanist, please, send us the name of your accompanist, so we can add him/her to our backstage security list. We can provide you with a list of local piano accompanists, if needed. However, it will be your responsibility to contact the accompanist and make all the arrangements. If your accompanist doesn't show up for the performance, you will not be allowed

onto the stage.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Toronto in August! In addition, Pulsar Music is happy to invite all Award Ceremony participants, their teachers, and family members to join us at other social events after the ceremony date, such as a trip to Niagara Falls and the Toronto Aquarium on August 10th and 11th, 2023.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ekaterina Paniukova, CEO of Pulsar Music

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