

Dear Jack Lin,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **Second Place with Special Honours and Distinction** at the Red Maple Strings Competition, Junior Category, 13 - 14 years old, for Antonio Vivaldi, Concerto No. 1 in E major RV 269, First movement.

Here are the comments from our judges:

*Thank you for your wonderful performance of this concerto. You are diligent, and I enjoyed your performance a lot! This piece is a quite challenging composition and you handled the technically demanding passages very well. It's essential to focus closely on intonation. On the violin, this is one of the most difficult yet most important aspects—developing a keen ear in various ways is crucial. I also recommend working on freedom in both the right and left hands, as intonation problems can stem not only from hearing but also from improper sensations in the hands caused by tension and stiffness. As for this particular concerto, beyond what I've already mentioned, it's important to aim for a rich tonal palette, a warm and supple sound, and refined, polished bow strokes. Ultimately, though, it all comes down to the right hand.*

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 posting on social media. Please download the certificates within next two months.

We are thrilled to inform you that you are invited to perform at the Winners' Recital and the Award Ceremony that will be held in Toronto, Canada, in Summer, 2025.

The Winners' Recital and Award Ceremony will take place on July 12, 2025 (Saturday) at St. Andrew's Church in downtown Toronto, located at 73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9. The event will be held during the first half of the day. The exact time of your arrival will be announced two weeks before the recital date. Please, always check your spam/junk email folder to do not miss any important information.

Please register for the recital at the following link by March 11, 2025:

<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, Concerto No. 1 in E major RV 269, First movement (3 minutes 43 seconds) will be listed in the recital program as your performance repertoire. If you need to change your piece please contact us at [info@pulsar-music.com](mailto:info@pulsar-music.com) no later than one month prior the event date. The repertoire change is available for an extra fee and the duration of the new piece must be no longer than the original piece duration.
2. If you need an official invitation letter from the Competition to apply for the visa, you may provide this letter.
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. If you need a local piano accompanist, please let us know. 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 addition, Pulsar Music is happy to invite all Winners' Recital and Award Ceremony participants, their teachers, and family members to join us at other social events after the recital date, such as a trip to Niagara Falls and the Toronto Aquarium.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ekaterina Paniukova, CEO of Pulsar Music

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