

Dear Munkhtuguldur Choijil,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **First Place with Special Honours and Distinction Plus** at the Red Maple Strings Competition, Junior Category, 13 - 14 years old, for Arcangelo Corelli, La Folia.

Here are the comments from our judges:

*Thank you for your impressive performance of this challenging piece, which features various bowing techniques and sensations. I truly enjoyed your interpretation, and the piece sounded quite good overall. Many aspects of your performance worked well, including the overall structure, which remained intact—often one of the most challenging elements to perfect in variation forms. One important aspect to focus on is achieving a softer, more flexible sound. Explore the sound diversity, and rather than maintaining the same tone throughout the piece, aim to explore a wider range of sound colors, allowing the tone to evolve in response to the character and mood of the music. This will bring greater depth and expressiveness to your interpretation. Another key area to work on is bow distribution. With careful planning, phrases will unfold more smoothly rather than feeling fragmented at each bow change. Proper bow placement is also essential, as each stroke should be executed in the most suitable part of the bow to achieve the desired effect. Additionally, special attention should be given to the chords in the final variation. At the moment, they sound quite rigid, and adding more warmth, a richer bass, and a fuller violin tone would enhance their expressiveness. This refinement primarily depends on right-hand sensations and control. Overall, this was a strong performance with many successful moments, and with these refinements, the interpretation will become even more nuanced and polished.*

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. Arcangelo Corelli, La Folia (7 minutes 40 sec) 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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