

Dear Zhang Youjie,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **Second Place** at the Star Cluster Strings Competition, Young Musicians Category, 9 - 10 years old, General (Less competitive) difficulty level, for Antonio Vivaldi, Violin Concerto in A Minor.

Here are the comments from our judges:

You have a nice technique! Make the main theme sound more active and energetic. Add small accents to the repeated notes in the opening section and similar places to emphasize the character, and use a crescendo to show forwardness in the form. Also, check for the sound, in some places it is a little low. Keep up the good work! It would be wonderful to hear that piece with an accompaniment!

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 thrilled to invite you to the Award Ceremony that will be held in Toronto, Canada, on August 9th, 2023. Location: Tribute Communities Recital Hall, 83 York Blvd, North York, ON M3J 2S5 (112 Accolade East Building). The location is available on Google maps. The arrival time will be announced ten days before the recital date.

Please register for the Award Ceremony at the following link by February 22nd, 2023: <https://www.star-cluster-music-competition.com/award-ceremony>

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.

Details: The Registration Fee includes admission to the hall, one set of a trophy, a certificate, and a teacher's diploma, four complimentary tickets for family members to enter the recital hall, and a set of digital photos taken by a professional photographer during the Award Ceremony on the stage. You will be invited to the stage to receive your trophy and certificates, and your name will be printed in the event brochure. Please note that you will not be playing on the stage.

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,
Professor Maria Rybina-Skorobogatova, Chief Judge

Dr. Ekaterina Paniukova, Artistic Director

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