Dear Sophia Kong,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **Third Place** at the Star Cluster Strings Competition, Young Musicians Category, 9 - 10 years old, Advanced (Highly competitive) difficulty level, for Giovanni Battista Viotti, Violin Concerto No. 22 in A Minor.

Here are the comments from our judges:
Thank you for your performance! You have a great sense of style and a nice technique. I like your lyrical sections, very expressive and full of colors. Add more playfulness to the virtuosic passages. The piece is long, and the change between two contrasting characters will make it easier for you to maintain a clear structure and keep the form flowing. 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 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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