



CHICAGO VIOLIN COMPETITION

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Chicago Violin Competition

Winners Announcement

Stephan Zhang – 1st PRIZE WINNER – Young Division

The Chicago International Violin Competition is proud to Announce the Young Artist Division - Winners and Laureates for the 2024 CVC Competition... 1st Prize – Stephan Zhang (age 17) from Oklahoma City, OK, USA, 2nd Prize – Dustin Breshears (age 17) from San Francisco, CA, USA, and 3rd Prize – Valery Breshears (age 14) from San Francisco, CA, USA are the Winners of this years' Competition.

After 2 rounds of competition, and over 4 weeks of deliberations by the CVC acclaimed international jury, over 100 contestants from 34 countries competed to be awarded winners of the Chicago Violin Competition. Having such a talented pool of contestants in the Young Artist Division, coming to a decision and awarding winners was a tall order, but CVC is excited to announce that **Stephan Zhang (age 17) from Oklahoma City, OK, USA** has Won the 2024 Young Artist Division in the Chicago Violin Competition.

Both 2nd and 3rd prizes were awarded to the Breshears family - brother and sister from San Francisco, CA, USA. Dustin Breshears (age 17) was awarded the second prize, and Valery Breshears (age 14) was awarded the third prize. Also, 3 Laureates were awarded for the Young Artist Division listed below.

Over 100 applications were received from all over the world for the 2024 Chicago Violin Competition. All Winners and Laureates of the Young Artist Competition are representatives of the USA.

As the winners of the Young Artist Division - Chicago Violin Competition, will receive a cash prize of **USD \$1,500, 1,000, \$500** respectively, along with other performance, masterclass, and other exciting opportunities.



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CVC Jury Chair, Robert Simonds on conclusion of the Competition said:

“This year’s CVC judges heard tremendous talent from all over the world and it was an absolute joy to listen to these promising artists. Congratulations to all the performers who competed and played so beautifully. We look forward to hearing your future performances.”

The Chicago Violin Competition is a bi-yearly international violin competition held virtually online, with next year’s competition date being Nov 2026. **This year, over 100 contestants from 34 countries submitted** videos to be judged by an acclaimed international jury, and this year’s international level serves as a testament and showcase for aspiring professional violinists from around the world. CVC is hosted by the American Music Institute in Chicago... www.amimusic.org / www.chicagoviolincompetition.org.

Official Prizes – Senior Artist

First Prize:	USD \$1,500	Stephan Zhang – age 17 (Oklahoma City, OK, USA)
Second Prize:	USD \$1,000	Dustin Breshears – age 17 (San Francisco, CA, USA)
Third Prize:	USD \$ 500	Valery Breshears – age 14 (San Francisco, CA, USA)
Laureates:		Lynn Sung age 16 (New York, NY, USA), Natalie Oh age 16 (New York, NY, USA), Jasmine Li age 16 (National Place, USA)

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Stephan Zhang – 1st Prize



Dustin Breshears – 2nd Prize



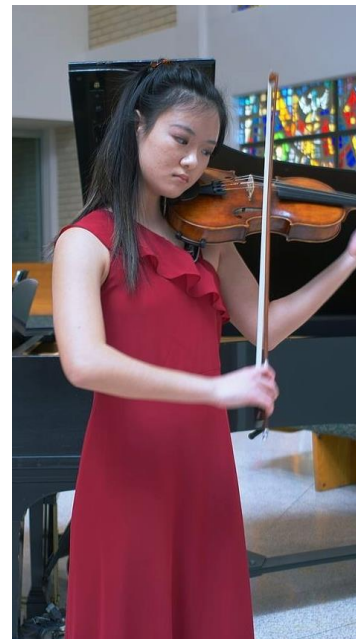
Valery Breshears – 3rd Prize



Lynn Sung - Laureate



Natalie Oh – Laureate



Jasmine Li - Laureate