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Stulberg Competition Offers A “Precocious” Musician To Kalamazoo

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KALAMAZOO, MI — 2015 Stulberg International String Competition Bronze Medalist, Hae Sue Lee, will perform with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra at 4 p.m. Sunday, February 21, in Kalamazoo’s Chenery Auditorium. The concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 to \$15. More information is available at www.kjso.org.

In a program dubbed “Precocity,” Lee will perform Walton’s Viola Concerto. The concert will also feature works by Mozart, Barber and Britten. Liya Jin, the KJSO Concerto Competition Winner, will be featured in Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto.

Lee started playing the viola at age 8, and has since traveled the world, performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City, South Korea, Malaysia, and Dubai. After a winning performance at a competition in South Korea, Lee was admitted to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where she continues to study today. Just before her medal-winning performance in the Stulberg Competition, Lee won first place in the Johansen International Competition sponsored by the Friday Morning Music Club, a group that promotes classical music concerts and classes in the Washington, D.C., area.

Founded in 1939, the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Julius Stulberg, namesake of the Stulberg Competition, from 1941 to 1974. Since 2007, the KJSO has been led by music director Andrew Koehler. Stulberg bronze medal winners often perform with the KJSO after their success at the competition.

More than 2,500 young string musicians between the ages of 11 and 19 have participated in the Stulberg International String Competition, which marked its 40th anniversary in 2015. The Stulberg has attracted world-renowned musicians to Kalamazoo to serve as judges and instructors in master classes exclusively for the competitors.

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