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Stulberg Winner Returns To Kalamazoo For Second Headlining Performance

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KALAMAZOO, MI – 2015 Stulberg International String Competition Gold Medalist, violinist Yaegy Park, will perform with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Friday, February 19, in Miller Auditorium at Western Michigan University. The concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$12 to \$60. More information is available at www.kalamazoosymphony.com.

Park will perform Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major with the KSO. The concert also features a performance by the KSO's principal flutist, Yukie Ota, in Nielsen's Flute Concerto. The KSO will round out the concert with Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral".

Born in Houston, Park became the Houston Young Artists' youngest member in history, joining the foundation at age 4. She continued performing as a young artist, with an appearance on NPR's "From The Top," which features classical music by teen players. She won top prizes in competitions in Germany and Russia, as well as several competitions in New York. She is now attending The Juilliard School, where she studies with Catherine Cho, with whom she started training with in her high school years.

Park is also part of the Foundation for the Revival of Classical Culture, a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging men and women in their teens and 20s to play and enjoy classical music.

This marks Park's second appearance in west Michigan since her medal-winning performance last May. In November, she was featured with the Grand Rapids Symphony in a program of works by Mendelssohn and Schubert.

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. The Competition was established in 1975 in honor of former WMU faculty and long-time conductor of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony, Julius Stulberg.

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