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Norman Jung Honored As Star Volunteer

Just because Norman Jung completed his term on the Board of Directors does not mean that Norman is not involved with the Stulberg. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Norman is in the Stulberg office archiving files, tracking our medalists and helping in any other way that he can. While on the Board. Norman served as Treasurer. His enthusiasm, dedication and sense of humor are contagious to all who work with him.

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Norman and his wife, Barbro decided to retire to Kalamazoo and we are a richer community for that decision





Medalists with Judges: (left to right) Soovin Kim, Stony Brook University, Peabody Conservatory of Music; Ariel Horowitz, Silver Medalist; Laura Park, Bronze Medalist; Youjin Lee, Gold Medalist; Victoria Chiang, Peabody Conservatory of Music; Richard Aaron, University of Michigan and The Julliard School.

Three Violinists Capture 2013 Stulberg String Competition

Youjin Lee captured the gold medal at the Stulberg International String Competition as she played the Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35 by Tchaikovsky. Ms. Lee of Los Angeles, California edged out violinist Ariel Horowitz of Bloomington, Indiana and violinist Laura Park of Hanover, Illinois, who were named silver and bronze medalist respectively.

Youjin was born in South Korea and began her violin studies at the age of three. At seven she made her musical debut at the Inchon City Association Music Competition, where she won first prize. Since 2011, Youjin has been a student of the Perlman Music Program in both New York and the winter venue in Sarasota, Florida. She continues to study at The Colburn School in Los Angeles. On **January 6, 2014**, Youjin will be in concert with the **Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra**.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a year we had at the Stulberg!

Our 38th Competition produced three stunning violin medalists who will make return visits to Kalamazoo. On October 6, silver medalist Ariel Horowitz, will perform with Western Michigan University's orchestra; on November 10, bronze medalist Laura Park will perform with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony; and on January 5, gold medalist Youjin Lee will perform with the Kalamazoo Symphony. I hope you will join us in support of these amazing young artists.

You will not want to miss our 39th competition to be held May 17-18, 2014 at Western Michigan University. You will be amazed at the performances. And if you are ever in the vicinity of the Stulberg office, I would like you to meet our new Executive Director, Margaret Hamilton. We are thrilled to have her.

Lastly, a big thanks to all of you who attended our July Midsummer Night's Interlude. We shared good food, great music, good conversations and a lively auction.

Now that you know our upcoming events, I look forward to seeing you there.

Grace Field

Midsummer Night's Interlude was a "Hot" Ticket

Thursday, July 18 was perhaps one of the hottest nights of the summer, but that did not cool the audience who came to the Gull Lake Country Club for the third annual Stulberg Midsummer Night's Interlude. There was a glorious musical performance by the Stulberg's 2013 Silver Medalist, Ariel Horowitz on violin. The program was coordinated and hosted by Kalamazoo's own Susan B. Anthony. Susan called on her musical friends for an evening of classics, pop and just plain fun. A Silent Auction prompted lively, competitive bidding.

The Stulberg thanks not only Susan B. Anthony, but Maestro (and pianist) Raymond Harvey, violinist Barry Ross, guitarist Steve Kamerling, singer Joe Reish, and bassoonists Connie Kamerling and Ken Potsic for sharing their time and talents that evening.



The proceeds from the evening help the Stulberg to provide additional community outreach, as well as additional performing opportunities for our semi-finalists. The Stulberg's mission is to promote excellence in string instrument performance for young artists under the age of twenty. And, as everyone at the event can attest, violinist Ariel Horowitz embodies the very definition of gifted young artist. The Stulberg thanks you for your support.

Plans are already underway for next summer's event – stay tuned for details!

Medalists Return To Kalamazoo For Two Fall Concerts

This fall Laura Park and Ariel Horowitz return to Kalamazoo to join the Western Michigan Symphony Orchestra and the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra respectively at Chenery Auditorium. Laura can be heard on Sunday, October 6 at 3:00pm. Plan to see and hear Ariel on November 10 at 4:00 pm.



Ariel Horowitz, Silver Medalist, returned this summer to the delight of the audience at the Stulberg Midsummer Night's Interlude fund raiser. This accomplished young violinist has been studying at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, and will enter The Julliard School this fall as a student of Itzhak Perlman. In 2012 she was chosen to compete in the Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists where she received the Morningside Music Bridge Young Artist Award.

In the past year she has performed on NPR's From the Top; soloed with the Neue Philharmonie Wesfalen in Germany; presented a recital tour in Sardinia, Italy. More locally, Ariel has soloed with the Carmel (Ind) Symphony Orchestra and the New Albany (Ohio) Symphony.

Laura Park, Bronze Medalist, has been praised for her "extraordinary maturity, interpretive insight, passion, and nuance." A native of Chicago, she has been featured as a soloist in Italy, Switzerland and appearing with orchestras in the United States such as the Houston Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, Lake Forest Symphony. She has performed in the prestigious Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series; NPR's From the Top and Young Steinway Concert



Series. Hearing and watching her mastery of presentation, it is evident why Laura has been the recipient of so many distinguished honors. Laura is currently studying with Ida Kavafian at the Curtis Institute of Music.





2012 Stulberg Finalist Kelly Talim at the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo in March, 2013

Stulberg in the Community

Each year, the Stulberg medalists and the local Master Class participants conduct Education Outreach in the greater Kalamazoo area. In a school setting, the outreach is typically a combination of peer-to-peer master class instruction and performance demonstrations. In retirement communities, the outreach is often a performance, followed by a question-and-answer session. After each event, members of the audience have made it a point to not only share their thanks and appreciation for the music they have just enjoyed, but to make mention of their own connections with the Stulberg family. This gives evidence as to how the Stulberg legacy continues to make a difference in the fabric of our community, as well as in the lives of young string players - locally, nationally and internationally.

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Silver Medalist Ariel Horowitz with Western Michigan University Orchestra **Chenery Auditorium** Sunday, October 6, 2013, 3pm

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Bronze Medalist Laura Park with Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra **Chenery Auditorium** Sunday, November 10, 2013, 4pm

Gold Medalist Youjin Lee with Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Dalton Center Recital Hall, WMU Sunday, January 5, 2014, 3pm

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2014 Stulberg International String Competition Dalton Center Recital Hall, WMU Saturday, May 17, 2014

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