



# LADIES MUSICAL CLUB OF SEATTLE

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## **TWENTY-FIVE CLASSICAL ARTISTS, AGES 20-35, FROM WASHINGTON AND OTHER WESTERN STATES ARE FINALISTS IN THE LMC 2016 FRANCES WALTON COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4 IN SEATTLE**

**The public is welcome to attend the free day-long competition  
and the 7:00 p.m. winners' concert at Bethany Lutheran Church/Greenlake**

**Seattle, WA** — Twenty-five classical artists, ages 20-35, will compete in the **27th annual Frances Walton Competition, hosted by Ladies Musical Club of Seattle (LMC), on Saturday, June 4, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 7400 Woodlawn Avenue N.E in Greenlake.** The finalists' featured instruments include violin, viola, cello, clarinet, bassoon, piano, voice, mixed trio and two string quartets. The competitors hail from or study in Washington, California and Montana. Many have studied at Oberlin, New England, Eastman and San Francisco conservatories. The fourteen soloists and three small ensembles were selected out of over 50 entrees to participate in the competition. (See a complete list of the finalists, their education and performance times below.)

Soprano **Tess Altiveros**, from Seattle, WA; violinist Yesol (Sol) Im, from Edmonds, WA; and pianist **Ching-Yeuh "Andrew" Chen**, from Seattle WA, attend or are alumni of the University of Washington. Andrew was an alternate winner in the 2014 competition. **Benton Gordon**, flute; **Dana Jackson**, bassoon; and **Lauren Hall**, viola, also are from Seattle WA. Clarinetist **Micah Wright** is from Des Moines, WA and will appear as both soloist and small ensemble member. Micah, an alternate winner last year, is featured in a special 2015 competition video on the LMC website at [lmcseattle.org](http://lmcseattle.org). Camas WA is represented by **Tonya Burton** on viola. **Friction Quartet** was the alternate small ensemble winner last year. Both string quartets are originally from the San Francisco Conservatory, and two other finalists also have studied there.

The day-long competition of 20-minute performances begins at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public, free of charge. The winners will be announced at approximately 5:30 p.m. The **four solo winners and one ensemble winner will present a FREE, public concert from 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church.**

With cash awards totaling \$30,000, LMC supports all participants in the competition with \$3,000 for the individual winners and \$3,000 to each member of the winning small ensemble and \$250 each for all the finalists. In September 2016, all competition winners will take part in three special LMC-funded statewide outreach tours, visiting Washington state communities underserved by classical music. While on tour, the musicians will present public concerts, school performances and master classes. The 2016 Frances Walton Competition and Tours are organized by members of the Frances Walton Competition Committee, chaired by LMC trustee Gail Perstein. To help fund this educational and career-supporting opportunity for classical musicians, please visit [LMC's new website](http://lmcseattle.org) at [lmcseattle.org](http://lmcseattle.org) and click on the "donate" button.

Previous Frances Walton Competition winners include: renowned soprano **Heidi Grant Murphy** (in 1987), who is in demand by worldwide opera companies and symphony orchestras; award-winning soprano **Anne-Carolyn Bird** (in 2003), who made her Metropolitan Opera debut in the 2006-07 season; guitarist **Hilary Field** (in 1993) featured in the March 2016 *Classical Guitar* magazine; cellist **Darrett Adkins** (in 1993), currently on the faculty

at both Oberlin and Juilliard; and violist **Mara Gearman** (in 2003), a member of the Seattle Symphony, to name a few.

### **About Ladies Musical Club**

Seattle's oldest cultural organization, **Ladies Musical Club**, was founded in **1891** by a group of 24 women musicians. Its original mission was to foster an appreciation of classical music in the cultural life of the city. Artist performers hosted for more than a century by LMC make up a Who's Who list of classical music stars. These include such luminaries as Sergei Rachmaninoff, Geraldine Farrar, Fritz Kreisler, Marian Anderson, Artur Schnabel, Igor Stravinsky, Isaac Stern, Marilyn Horne, Alicia de Larrocha, Canadian Brass, Emanuel Ax, Beaux Arts Trio, and many more. [See the entire list.](#) Celebrating its **Quasquicentennial (125th anniversary)** in 2016, Ladies Musical Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, consisting of 150 intrepid women, fulfilling the LMC mission of fostering classical music through education, performance and awards.

For more information, visit LMC's new website at [www.lmcseattle.org](http://www.lmcseattle.org); and "Like" Ladies Musical Club of Seattle on [Facebook](#).

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## **Ladies Musical Club of Seattle FRANCES WALTON COMPETITION**

Saturday, June 4, 2016  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
7400 Woodlawn Avenue N.E.  
Seattle, WA 98115

*The day-long competition performances and evening winners' concert  
are FREE and open to the public.*

*The following schedule is also available on LMC's website at [www.lmcseattle.org](http://www.lmcseattle.org)*

## **SCHEDULE**

Each artist will perform for 20-minutes:

9:00 a.m.        **Yoon Be Kim**, violin, Northridge CA  
The Colburn School - pre-college  
working on BM New England Conservatory

9:25 a.m.        **Tonya Burton**, viola, Camas WA

BM Cleveland Institute of Music  
currently working on MM Rice University

9:50 a.m.        **Yesol (Sol) Im**, violin, Edmonds, WA  
BM UW

10:15 a.m.        Lauren Hall, viola, Seattle WA  
working on BM Central Washington University

10:40 a.m.        **Aimée Dockum**, cello, Fresno CA  
working on BM CSU Fresno

11:05 a.m.        Break

11:15 a.m.        **Anne Suda**, cello, Los Angeles CA  
BM Vanderbilt University  
MM San Francisco Conservatory  
Diploma San Francisco Conservatory  
working on DMA UCLA

11:40 a.m.        **Benton Gordon**, flute, Seattle WA  
on leave from BM Eastman School of Music

12:05 p.m.        **Micah Wright**, clarinet, West Des Moines IA (L.A., CA)  
BM Drake University  
MM Rice University  
DMA USC

12:30 p.m.        **Dana Jackson**, bassoon, Seattle WA  
BM USC  
MM Northwestern University  
PSC Colburn School

12:55 p.m.        **Ching-Yeuh "Andrew" Chen**, piano, Seattle WA  
BM Oberlin Conservatory  
MM University of Houston  
working on DMA UW

1:20 p.m.        Lunch

2:00 p.m.        **Eric Tran**, piano, Piedmont CA  
BA Stanford University  
MM San Francisco Conservatory

2:25 p.m.        **Michael Zarling**, piano, Helena MT  
BS in Pre-Pharmacy University of Montana  
working on MS in Pharmacy - University of Montana

2:50 p.m.        **Tess Altiveros**, soprano, Seattle WA  
BA (French) UW  
BM UW  
MM UW

3:15 p.m.        **Lesley Baird**, mezzo soprano, New Rochelle NY (L.A., CA)

BM Catholic University of America  
Extension Studies Mannes, New School of Music  
MM USC

3:40 p.m.      Break

3:50 p.m.      **Trio Brillante**, clarinet/cello/piano, Los Angeles CA  
**Micah Wright**, clarinet - BM Drake University, MM Rice University, DMA USC  
**Annie Jacobs-Perkins**, cello - working on BM USC  
**Vijay Venkatesh**, piano - working on BM USC

4:15 p.m.      **Thalea String Quartet**, violin/violin/viola/cello, San Francisco CA  
**Christopher Whitley**, violin - BM McGill University, MM San Francisco Conservatory, working on Artist Certificate SF Conservatory  
**Kumiko Sakamoto**, violin - Artist Certificate. Mount Royal Conservatory, BM SF Conservatory, working on MM SF Conservatory  
**Luis Bellorin**, viola - BM Champagne-Urbana, MM Indiana University, working on Artist Certificate SF Conservatory  
**Bridget Parker**, cello - BM Juilliard, working on MM SF Conservatory

4:40 p.m.      **Friction String Quartet**, violin/violin/viola/cello, San Francisco CA  
**Otis Harriel**, violin - BM SF Conservatory  
**Kevin Rogers**, violin - BM USC, MM SF Conservatory  
**Taija Warbelow**, viola - Artist Diploma, SF Conservatory  
**Doug Machiz**, cello - BM Boston University, MM University of Texas Austin, Artist Diploma SF Conservatory

**7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Competition Winners' Concert – FREE TO THE PUBLIC**  
*Each of the four final solo winners and the ensemble winner will be featured.*