



2018 Kendall National Violin Competition Finals



The youngest competitor in the history of the KNVC was the successful first prize winner:

12 year old **Dindin Wang** won the 2018 Competition and received a beautiful violin, made from Australian tonewoods by Luthier, Michal Prokop; \$1,000 - a winner's award from the family of the late Dr Peter Lee and the Joan Levy Memorial Award of \$4,000.

Johnny van Gend won the Audience Choice award of \$500, sponsored by Pentimento – North Haven, the Best Performance of Bach, \$500 sponsored by Gillian Appleton and the Award for Excellence in Performance of the Sonata, \$600, in Memorium of Richard Pollett, donated by an anonymous sponsor.

Gemma Lee won the best Performance of an Australian Work - \$500, sponsored by the Kendall Services & Citizens Club.

The adjudicators – Charles Stegeman (USA), Patricia Pollett (QLD), Ole Bohn and Carl Pini (NSW) remarked on the very high standard of all four competitors.

The Community hall at the Kendall School of Arts was suitably decorated to celebrate the 20th birthday of the KNVC and there was also a birthday cake, adorned with edible violins!

It was also adjudicator, Ole Bohn's birthday and so two renditions of "happy birthday" were robustly sung by the audience celebrating KNVC's 20th year.

Goetz Richter and Jeanell Carrigan received accolades and gifts in appreciation of their amazing contributions to the Competition and especially to Kendall.

Carl Pini was acknowledged for his contribution as an adjudicator and supporter for the past 11 years.

KNVC's Patron, Donald Hazelwood AO and his wife Helen, were as enthusiastic and appreciative as ever about the high performance of the four competitors.

The audience were spellbound by a wonderful day of music and will return for the Celebration concert tomorrow to hear Dindin Wang play again and also as Goetz Richter, Jeanell Carrigan and Friends performing works by Mendelssohn.

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