



## KENDALL NATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION

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### **Kendall National Violin Competition announces semi-finalists**

The Kendall National Violin Competition has announced eight semi-finalists who will perform on August 5 at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. The young violinists were selected through blind audition from submitted recordings by a panel of seven previous winners of the Competition. The competition received entries from around Australia but the semi-finalists selected are all from Sydney and Melbourne. They are (in alphabetical order)

Sarah Chang (Sydney)  
Karla Hanna (Melbourne)  
Olivia Kowalik (Sydney)  
Gemma Lee (Sydney)  
Emily Su (Sydney)  
Johnny van Gend (Melbourne)  
Dandan Wang (Melbourne)  
Dindin Wang (Melbourne)

The Kendall National Violin Competition is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2018. Previous winners have included some of Australia's most gifted and successful violinists including the international soloist Ray Chen.

Goetz Richter, Artistic Director of the Kendall National Violin Competition commented on this achievement: "2018 is a milestone year for the competition - an opportunity to be so proud and grateful for all the support and attention the competition has received in the past two decades. Welcoming previous winners as judges to the first round shows the important contribution the competition has made to the development of musicians' lives. I am very excited about the birthday celebration and the ongoing transformation of this unique event" The judges of the first round included Marianne Broadfoot (2002), Katherine Lukey (2004), Jonathan Mui (2007), Liisa Pallandi (2010), Anna da Silva Chen (2011), James Dong (2012), Yejin Min (2014).

The semi-finals on August 5 will commence at 10.15 at the Sydney Conservatorium. The eight violinists will perform a short recital each. Following their performance, four of the young violinists will be invited to perform at the finals of the competition in Kendall, on the mid-north coast of NSW on September 15. The main prize of the competition is a concert violin made by master luthier Michal Prokop. Additional prizes include the Joan Levy Memorial award as well as a number of cash prizes.

Further details about the Kendall National Semi-finals can be found on the competition website ([www.kendallviolin.org.au](http://www.kendallviolin.org.au)) or by contacting Mavis Barnes (Mavis Barnes 02-6559 4339, PO Box 86, Kendall NSW 2439, [mavis.barnes@bigpond.com](mailto:mavis.barnes@bigpond.com)).