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NORTH SHORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE YOUNG ARTISTS AWARD COMPETITION

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Long Island's most established community orchestra is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 Young Artists Award Competition. The YAAC, which began in 1993, is designed to discover and showcase talented high school musicians from Long Island. It is run every other year.

This year's first place winner is Christian Verfenstein, a senior from Huntington Station. His mature interpretation amazed the judging panel. Second place was awarded to Alexandra Woroniecka, a freshman from Stony Brook. The YAAC also recognized two finalists: Kenta Nomura on violin, and Joanna Lau on flute. Honorable mention was given to Daniel Jones on trumpet, Daniel Ma on cello, Christine Ramirez on violin, and Katie Sierra on piccolo.

Christian Verfenstein and Alexandra Woroniecka will both be featured soloists at NSSO's final concert of the season on June 3, 2017, performing the first movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor, and the first movement of the Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 2, respectively. Also on the program will be works from the two New Horizons Composition winners. Rounding out the program will be Mozart's Symphony No. 41, "Jupiter."

For more information about The Young Artists Award Competition please visit www.northshoresymphonyorch.org, or contact Leslie Strait at lastrait@verizon.net.

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