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Announcing the Winners of the 2016 AMI Violin Competition

Some of the Chicago area's best young violin talent performed on May 1 in the 2016 AMI Violin Competition. The level of playing was extraordinary. To be considered for prize placement, contestants were required to perform their piece from memory & play piece in its entirety. The competition included young musicians ages 5-18. AMI congratulates all who participated in the competition and made the most of a great opportunity to hone their musicianship.

2016 Winners:

- 1st Prize – \$400 – **Joshua Brown**
- 2nd Prize – \$125 – **Anya Brumfield**
- 3rd Prize – \$75 – **Sophie Lekas**

2016 Laureates:

- **Justin Lee**
- **Kaylee Kim**
- **Linda Wang**

Short bio - Joshua Brown:

Joshua Brown has won First Place in many competitions, including the MIC Young Artist Competition, the Luminarts Competition, the Sejong Music Competition, the Asian American International Music Competition, the Alexander and Buono International String Competition, the Confucius Competition, the DePaul Concerto Festival, the Robert Stanger Young Artist Competition, and the Rockville Competition for Piano and Strings. Joshua has also won scholarships from the American Opera Society of Chicago, the Highland Park Music Club, and the Luminarts Cultural Foundation, was recently named a 2016 National Young Arts Winner, and was featured last month on NPR's nationally syndicated program From the Top. Joshua has soloed with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Oistrach Symphony Orchestra, the Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra, the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra, the New North Shore Orchestra, and the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra.

The 2016 AMI Violin Competition – Memorial Winners Concert will be held on **May 22nd at 2 p.m. at AMI's Clarendon Hills Campus** (Christ Lutheran Church). Come enjoy performances from some of the most talented young violinists in the Chicago area.

American Music Institute (<http://amimusic.org>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with campuses in Clarendon Hills and St. Charles. We are dedicated to enriching our community by offering access to high quality music education programs through merit and financial need scholarships. AMI programs and classes are for all levels, ages, instruments, and styles of music.

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