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The Ottawa Chamber Orchestra announces the finalists of its 9th Concerto Competition

The Ottawa Chamber Orchestra (OCO) is pleased to announce the finalists of its 2013 Concerto Competition, this year featuring promising young wind instrument musicians.

With the invaluable support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the competition started in 2002, and has been held annually (except in 2010). It aims to discover, reward and support young musicians - pianists, singers, wind, brass, and string players under the age of 25 - by providing them with the opportunity to gain experience as soloists with an orchestra. More than 90 young artists have auditioned for these competitions over the years. More than 40 have earned the opportunity to perform with the orchestra a classical work of their choosing while being evaluated by a panel of professional judges.

Last February 2nd, 17 candidates auditioned for the first jury of this year's competition hoping to secure a place in the Finals and a chance to play with the Ottawa Chamber Orchestra in its last concert of the 2012-2013 season.

This year, the auditions judges were Sean Rice, Pace Sturdevant and Cathy Baerg, all prominent classical musicians and educators well-known in our community. The jury appreciated the impressive renditions and remarkable musical maturity of the candidates. It is indeed encouraging to notice this next generation of young players in our area who will one day grace our concert halls with their fine classical music craftsmanship.

Here are the finalists:

Christian Paquette (Rodrigo Flute Concierto Pastorale, Movements 2 and 3)
Jonathan Camiré (Mozart French Horn Concerto No. 4, Movements 1, 2 and 3)
Michaël Morasse (Hummel Trumpet Concerto, Movements 1, 2 and 3)
Alice Charbonneau-Bernier (CPE Bach Flute Concerto in D minor, Movements 2 and 3)
David Dumais (Mozart Clarinet Concerto, Movements 2 and 3)
Lara Deutsch (Nielsen Flute Concerto, Movements 1 and 2)

On Saturday, June 8th, 2013, 8 p.m., at Woodroffe United Church, these 6 finalists will share the stage with OCO in a Finals concert under the baton of Maestro David Thies-Thompson. Following their performances, three winners will be selected and announced that same evening. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finalists in the amount of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 and \$300.00.

The Ottawa Chamber Orchestra is looking forward to joining these gifted young musicians in a superb soiree of classical music.

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