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INTERNATIONAL HUGO KAUDER COMPETITION
For Viola

Classical Music Competition and Winners Concert
in New Haven, CT, on June 5 and 6, 2015

New Haven, CT, May 11, 2015 — The Hugo Kauder Society is pleased to present its 8th Annual International Hugo Kauder Competition in New Haven, Connecticut. This year, eight violists (under 35 years of age) have been selected in a Recorded Round to perform in front of a live jury. The musicians are Brenton Caldwell, Minjung Chun, Rachyl Duffy, Sarah Hart, Ting-Ru Lai, Aurelien Pederzoli, Yuan Qi and Caeli Smith.

They will compete for first, second and third place and cash prizes by performing music composed by Hugo Kauder, as well as a selection of Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary music for viola.

The distinguished Competition judges are Misha Amory, violist for the Brentano Quartet, the Quartet-in-Residence at Yale School of Music; Marka Gustavsson, member of the viola and chamber music faculty at Bard College and Conservatory, and violist of Bardian Ensemble; and Nardo Poy, member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, violist for the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra since 1990, and principal violist with the American Symphony Orchestra.

The Competition will be held on Friday, June 5th, 10am to 5pm, at the Neighborhood Music School, 100 Audubon Street, New Haven. The Winners Concert follows on Saturday, June 6th, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, at Yale University’s Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall Street, New Haven.

The Hugo Kauder Society's mission is to foster awareness and appreciation of the work of Viennese composer Hugo Kauder (1888-1972), to create opportunities for emerging musicians to gain wider exposure, and to provide audiences with the unique opportunity to encounter Kauder premieres. Hugo Kauder was a prolific composer who came to the United States as a refugee in 1940 from Nazi-occupied Austria, and many of his works have never been performed publicly in the U.S. His music is receiving renewed attention as part of the Recovered Voices movement.

The public is invited to attend the Competition, as well as the Winners Concert. Both are free admission.

For more information on the Competition, judges and participating musicians please visit hugokauder.org. For questions please contact rona@hugokauder.org.