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Young Musicians Compete for Solo Role with APO

Four talented young string musicians will compete for the opportunity to feature as a soloist with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra.

The four musicians – three from Auckland and one from Wellington – are the finalists in the **KBB Music Young Performers' Competition** on Saturday 26 June at 7.30pm at the University of Auckland School Of Music.

The finalists are Auckland violinists **Stella Kim, Shauno Isomura, Eun-Ji Cho** and Wellington cellist **Heather Lewis** were selected from audition recordings. Each finalist will give a 10 minute performance for judges University of Waikato music lecturer Dr Lara Hall, University of Auckland School of Music lecturer Dean Sky-Lucas and the APO's Artistic Planning Manager Ronan Tighe.

KBB Music managing director Alan Kemp says competitions like the KBB Music Young Performers' Competition provide an important platform for young emerging solo instrumentalists. "I am proud to be part of an event that fosters the talents of our young musicians – our musical future."

The KBB Music Young Performers Competition Final is on Saturday 26 June at 7.30pm at the University of Auckland School of Music and is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 each and available through the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra by phoning (09) 623 1052 or online at www.apo.co.nz

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