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ARIZONA MUSICFEST 2019/20 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED
Selected students will attend Yale, USC Thornton School of Music

{Phoenix, Arizona, May 13} A pair of extraordinary student musicians have been selected as first-year recipients of the Arizona Musicfest Scholarship, earning up to \$10,000 for their undergraduate studies in music.

Rina Kubota, violin (Tempe), and Belle Wang, violin (Mesa), were chosen from an exciting and talented group of applicants for their artistic excellence, musical and academic achievement, dedication to their craft, and involvement in their communities. A jury comprised of professional musicians, educators, and arts administrators from around the Valley reviewed student applications and performance video submissions, and were unanimous in their selection of Rina and Belle.

Arizona Musicfest is proud to support both musicians as they begin their college educations. Beginning in the Fall, Ms. Kubota will attend Yale University studying with Wendy Sharp, while Ms. Wang will begin her studies at The University of Southern California Thornton School of Music with Margaret Batjer. Previous awardees of the scholarship program have attended prestigious universities and conservatories including The Juilliard School, New England Conservatory, Eastman School of Music, Curtis Institute of Music, and Cleveland Institute of Music.

Since 2011, the Arizona Musicfest Scholarship Program has awarded over eighty-thousand dollars (\$80,000) to Arizona students pursuing college degrees in music.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.azmusicfest.org/educationandyouth/scholarship/>

Arizona Musicfest is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization based in North Scottsdale, which produces an annual concert festival (over 25,000 attendees in the 2018/19 Season) as well as important music education programs, youth performance opportunities and a lifelong community learning series for the Greater Phoenix area. The Festival's extensive music education and youth performance programs connect with approximately 7,000 children each year.

Arizona Musicfest's Young Musician Competitions (piano, voice, strings, chamber ensembles, brass and woodwinds) and the related Young Musician Concert Series annually attract some of the brightest young stars from throughout the Valley. For more information, visit azmusicfest.org.

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