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NEWS RELEASE

Hochstein Announces David Hochstein Recital Competition Winners *Annual Competition Honors and Celebrates Outstanding Student Musicians*

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Since 1991, the Hochstein School of Music & Dance has commemorated the life of David Hochstein, Rochester native and gifted violinist and composer, with a yearly competition for local upper-level high school students. The **2017 David Hochstein Recital Competition** winners – **Raymond Feng**, piano; **Chie Xu**, violin; and **David Kim**, clarinet – will perform a free concert on **Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 pm** in the Hochstein Performance Hall. The concert will be recorded for later broadcast on WXXI-FM Classical 91.5. See below for the winners' bios and a full calendar listing.

In order to compete, these talented young musicians were required to prepare challenging music in varied styles and perform before juries of noted professional artists. Judges included: Michael Landrum, Kevin Lieb, and Alexa Yurchenko (piano); Ellen Rathjen, Molly McDonald, and Benjamin Krug (strings); and Jeanine Beahan, Rose Vrbsky, and David Bruestle (winds). Winners of the 2017 David Hochstein Recital Competition are honored for their achievement with a \$500 prize.

Additionally, the David Hochstein Recital Competition selected as runners-up: Cassandra DiLucia, piano; Jackie Hager, cello; and Amelia Snyder, saxophone; with an honorable mention to Nicole Page, flute. The Hochstein School is proud to continue the legacy of its namesake by celebrating and encouraging these talented young musicians.

A pupil of Elier Suárez, pianist **Raymond Feng** has been a top prizewinner of international and national competitions since age 9, claiming first prizes in the Thousand Islands Chopin International, Ithaca College, MTNA Eastern Division, and Empire State Piano competitions, among others. As a piano soloist, he has been featured with orchestras in the U.S. and Europe. He appeared with the Rochester

Philharmonic Orchestra on NPR's "From the Top" and was selected as a Young Scholar of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation in 2016. In addition to piano, Raymond is also a violinist, the former concertmaster of HYSO, a chamber musician, and an accomplished athlete who regularly competes at national math competitions. He is from Pittsford and a student at Pittsford-Sutherland High School.

Violinist **Chie Xu** of Pittsford is a senior at Pittsford-Mendon High School and the concertmaster of the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Currently, she studies violin under Renée Jolles from the Eastman School of Music. Chie won first prize in the Penfield Symphony Orchestra and Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Concerto Competitions in 2016 and the 2015 Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition. In December 2015, Chie was concertmaster of the NYSSMA Conference All-State Symphony Orchestra and was selected to solo with the All-State Women's Chorus in Kodak Hall. She is an Honors Diploma recipient at the Eastman Community Music School and will graduate with the Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Violin with Honors this spring.

David Kim of Pittsford is a senior at Pittsford-Mendon High School. He has studied clarinet with Andrew Brown, Instructor of Clarinet at the Eastman Community Music School, for seven years. David plays with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, which just recently performed in Carnegie Hall, and also participates in musical ensembles at his high school, including a woodwind quintet and a jazz band as a tenor saxophonist. He plans to major in biology in college and pursue a career in medicine.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School of Music & Dance celebrates 96 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, the Hochstein School continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

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CALENDAR LISTING

David Hochstein Recital Competition Concert

Thursday, April 13, 2017; 7:30 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; free and open to the public.

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Chie Xu, violin



Raymond Feng, piano



David Kim, clarinet