

From an initial field of 28, now there are three finalists. The results are in from Wednesday's Recital Finals of the 2014 Cooper International Competition, and the stage is set for the Concerto Finals beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, July 25, at Severance Hall in Cleveland.

On the line is a \$10,000 grand prize, in addition to \$6,000 and \$3,000 prizes for second and third place, respectively. Each of the three finalists has already earned a full-tuition scholarship to the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Each finalist will perform a complete concerto with the Cleveland Orchestra, under the direction of guest conductor Jahja Ling.

The three Concerto Finalists are:

Sae Yoon Chon, 18, of Seoul, South Korea, who will perform Beethoven's Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 73.

Zitong Wang, 15, of Inner Mongolia, China, who will perform Prokofiev's Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26.

Tony Yike Yang, 15, of Toronto, Canada, who will perform Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor, Op. 23.

At Wednesday's Recital Finals, Gyu Tae Ha of South Korea; Evren Ozel of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Min Jun Lee of South Korea finished fourth through sixth, respectively. Each earned a \$1,000 prize. Fifteen-year-old Ozel also won the Audience Prize of \$500.

Tickets for the Concerto Finals at Severance Hall range from \$15-\$25 and are available online at clevelandorchestra.com or by calling the Severance Hall box office at 800-686-1141.

The Concerto Finals will be broadcast live by WCLV 104.9 FM and on the web at wclv.org