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Tiffany & Co. extends major support to SIVC 2018 with stunning winners trophies

The Singapore International Violin Competition (SIVC) announced today major sponsorship by Tiffany & Co., the internationally renowned retailer of jewelry and luxury accessories, making a glittering addition to the acclaimed Competition's prestigious group of Partners, and one of Asia's leading flagship platforms for the development of young, world-class violinists.

Tiffany & Co. will be sponsoring six winners' trophies. The overall winner will receive a superb Tiffany & Co. trophy, prize money of USD\$50,000, significant international performance engagements and a loan of a fine, rare instrument from the Rin Collection owned by Founding Partners of the SIVC, the late Mr. Rin Kei Mei and Mrs. Rin. The five runners-up of the Competition will each receive an elegant Tiffany & Co. award along with their individual cash prizes as well as a loan of a fine violin from the Rin Collection.

Since 1860, Tiffany & Co. has created the most revered symbols of achievement in every notable field. From the beginning, Tiffany designers were dedicated to the highest level of quality and craftsmanship that would pay tribute to champions. The moment of victory at some of the world's leading events are celebrated with a Tiffany & Co. trophy including the US Open Championship, the Rugby World Cup, the WTA Women's Tennis Championships in Singapore, the much-coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy awarded to the winner of the Super Bowl each year and the Larry O'Brien Trophy awarded to the annual winner of the NBA Finals. The SIVC is proud to be recognised by Tiffany & Co. as a world-class event showcasing great talent.

The Singapore International Violin Competition (SIVC), the landmark cultural initiative for Singapore and South-East Asia launched in 2014/2015, returns in 2018 and expects a pool of world-class talent to be gracing Singapore's concert hall stages.

In its inaugural year the Competition welcomed 35 competitors between 17 and 30 years of age to Singapore from 14 countries. Proving the truly global nature and immense reach and interest in the competition internationally. The winner, Tseng Yu Chien from Taiwan has since enjoyed an impressive career performing with some of the world's best orchestras including the London Philharmonic Orchestra among others.

Applications opened on 1 June for competitors aged under 30, born after 1987, and the organisers received applications from around the globe.

The live final rounds of the Competition will take place from **28 January – 8 February 2018** across Singapore's concert halls and the finalists will perform with the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory Orchestra and the Singapore Symphony Orchestra.

The Competition is again being hosted by the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (YST) at the National University of Singapore. The triennial competition serves to promote the continued growth and strength of classical music in the region and around the world.

Applications close 30 September 2017.

Important Dates:

Applications Open: 1 June 2017

Applications Close:

Announcement of Shortlisted Competitors:

Tickets on sale:

First round:

Semi-Finals:

Finals:

Grand Final and Awards Presentation:

30 September 2017

2 November 2017

28-30 January 2018

1-3 February 2018

5 & 6 February 2018

Applications and more information:

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