

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Semi-finalists: CONDUCTORS (orchestra), 2017-18



The American Prize is pleased to announce 2017-18 SEMI-FINALIST conductors in orchestra divisions. (*One candidate correction in category 2/8/18.*) Congratulations!

As the contests unfold, finalists, runners-up and winners will be selected from this list. To know the exact date when finalists will be announced, please like our [Facebook](#) page or follow us on Twitter [#AmericanPrize](#), where that information will be published first.

All contestants are reminded they are responsible for the viability of their online links to audition materials. Those links must remain active until complete results in the contest are announced officially. Questions, or to make us aware of any misprints in the listings below, please email: theamericanprize@gmail.com

We invite semi-finalists to make the most of their selection by announcing it on their facebook page, tweeting the news, and including a link to this announcement on their website or blog. A sample announcement may be found at the end of the post.

SEMI-FINALISTS: The American Prize in Conducting—professional orchestra division, 2017-18

Roberta Carpenter
Janacek Philharmonic
Ostrava Czech Republic

Orlando Cela
London Classical Soloists
London UK

Cheung Chau

Lublin Philharmonic / Hunan Symphony / Kielce Philharmonic
Lublin/Kielce Poland / Hunan China

Nse Ekpo
Pazardjik Symphony
Pazardjik Bulgaria

Charles Gambetta
Vidin Sinfonietta
Vidin Bulgaria

Chris Younghoon Kim
Ensemble X
Ithaca NY

Yutaka Kono
Burlington Chamber Orchestra
Burlington VT

Chia-Hsuan Lin
Richmond Symphony
Richmond VA

Enrico Lopez-Yanez
Omaha Symphony
Omaha NE

Mark Mandarano
Sinfonietta of Riverdale
New York NY

Paul Mauffray
Hradec Kralove Philharmonic
Hradec Kralove Czech Rep.

Chris David Westover
Longview Symphony Orchestra
Longview TX

Dean Whiteside
New World Symphony
Miami Beach FL

Julius P. Williams
Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra
Jamaica Plain MA

SEMI-FINALISTS: The American Prize in Conducting—college/university orchestra division, 2017-18

Reuben Blundell
The Hunter Symphony
New York NY

Mathias Elmer
University of Memphis Symphony
Memphis TN

Kevin M. Gerald
UNCG Symphony Orchestra and Choirs
Greensboro NC

James A. Holleman
Hillsdale College Symphony Orchestra
Hillsdale MI

Chad Hutchinson
University Symphony Orchestra of Minnesota
Minneapolis MN

Tara Villa Keith
Davidson College Symphony Orchestra
Davidson NC

Danh T. Pham
Washington State University Symphony Orchestra
Pullman WA

Marguerite Richardson
Jacksonville University Orchestra
Jacksonville FL

SEMI-FINALISTS: The American Prize in Conducting—community orchestra division, 2017-18

Michael Avagliano
Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra
Branchburg NJ

Reuben Blundell
Chelsea Symphony / Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra
New York NY / Lansdowne PA

Orlando Cela
Arlington Philharmonic Orchestra
Arlington MA

Anna Edwards
Seattle Collaborative Orchestra
Seattle WA

Thomas E. Rainey
Williamson County Symphony Orchestra
Round Rock TX

Tara Villa Keith
Lee County Community Orchestra
Sanford NC

Walter Morales
Edgewood Symphony Orchestra
Pittsburgh PA

David P. Sartor
Parthenon Chamber Orchestra / Trevecca Symphony Orchestra
Nashville TN

Ty Turley-Trejo
Utah Philharmonic Orchestra
Riverton UT

Chris David
Westover Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra
North Newton KS

SEMI-FINALISTS: The American Prize in Conducting—youth orchestra division, 2017-18

Ryan Murray
Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra
Modesto CA

Ulli Reiner
California Music Educators Association Honor Orchestra
San Diego CA

Brad Smith
The HS for the Performing and Visual Arts
Houston TX

Michael Webster
Houston Youth Symphony
Houston TX

SEMI-FINALISTS: The American Prize in Conducting—high school orchestra division, 2017-18

Katharine Hafner
Iolani Orchestra
Honolulu HI

Michael Isadore
Dulles HS Honors Orchestra
Sugar Land TX