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[FINALISTS: orchestra conductors, 2017-18](#)



The American Prize is pleased to announce 2017-18 FINALIST conductors in orchestra divisions. Congratulations!

"There is certainly variety here, in terms of repertoire, and quality of program (and conducting), but each candidate below was considered deserving of a written evaluation, to encourage, confirm good points, identity any bad habits, give advice."—DK

Runners-up and winners will be selected from this list. To know the exact date when results 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

#At The American Prize, there is never a set number of finalists in any category or division. We also try hard to not be about "winners" and "losers," but always seek to encourage excellence, creativity and imagination. That is one

reason why we post the following statement with every finalist listing."—DK

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

Nashville Symphony

Nashville TN

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

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



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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
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Richmond Symphony
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