

The  
**MUSICAL MERIT**  
*Foundation* OF GREATER SAN DIEGO



## The best kept secret in San Diego!

For over 60 years, the Musical Merit Foundation has been providing monetary awards to outstanding young classical musicians from the greater San Diego region. In 2011, we awarded \$82,000 to fifteen musicians. Amounts and levels vary each year, depending on the judges' determinations. We invite keyboard, brass, woodwind, string, percussion and vocal applicants. Participants must pass through the Preliminary Auditions on Wednesday to compete in the Final Auditions on Friday. Scholarship winners will be passed through to Saturday where they compete for awards allocations. All awards recipients must perform at the Awards Concert on Sunday, or forfeit their award. Along with the monetary awards, a full summer scholarship to attend the *Aspen School of Music*, Aspen, Colorado is awarded to the Grand Prize winner or a First Place winner.

The 2011 Awards were:

Grand Prize of \$12,000 to: Lisa Kim, Violinist (plus the Aspen Award)

First Place of \$8,000 each to: Kerrie Caldwell, Soprano  
James Romeo, Flute  
Eugene Ugorski, Violin

\$5,000 each awarded to: Sarah Davis, Harp, Thomas Mellan, Organ,  
Lóránt Najbauer, Baritone

\$4,000 each awarded to: Sasha Hashemipour, Mezzo-soprano,  
Carolyn Lee, Violin, Laura Mitchell, Soprano  
Christian Sanders, Tenor, Mark Teplitsky, Flute  
Shuo Vincent Yang, Piano, Joyce Yin, Soprano

\$3,000 awarded to: Jae Eun (Jenny) Shin, Flute

Please visit our website [Musicalmerit.org](http://Musicalmerit.org) for downloadable pdf files of audition requirements, regulations and application materials, located under the Auditions tab.

Preliminary Auditions are Wednesday, May 30, 2012  
venues in the SDSU Music Department  
Applications for the Preliminary Auditions are due April 30, 2012

First Round of the Final Auditions is Friday, June 1, 2012  
First Presbyterian Church ~ 320 Date Street, 92101

Award Allocation Round of the Final Auditions is Saturday, June 2, 2012  
First Presbyterian Church ~ 320 Date Street, 92101

Awards Concert is Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 5 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church ~ 320 Date St., 9210

Audition information contacts:

Connie Almond, Auditions Chair  
8331 Mono Lake Drive, San Diego 92119

Dr. Conrad Bruderer  
Tel 619/ 442-8201