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**MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION AND YOUNG CHAMBER MUSICIANS
ANNOUNCE AVETA TRIO
WINS GOLD MEDAL AT 2021 FISCHOFF CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION;
THIS IS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE WIN FOR BAY AREA'S YOUNG CHAMBER MUSICIANS**



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Burlingame, CA (May 17, 2021) — **Music at Kohl Mansion** and **Young Chamber Musicians** (YCM) today announced the **Aveta Trio** has won the 2021 Junior String Division Gold Medal in the 48th **Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition**. The winners were announced Sunday, May 16 following the spirited three-day competition that featured over 60 international music ensembles. The Junior String Division Gold Medal win includes a \$2,300 cash prize and an appearance on the acclaimed NPR show, "From the Top."

YCM's Aveta Trio musicians **Sarah Yuan**, piano; **Eunseo Oh**, violin; and **Elliott Kim**, cello, all 16 years of age, dazzled the Fischhoff Competition judges with their virtual performance of excerpts from Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 70. No. 2; Antonin Dvořák's Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 26; and Gaspar Cassadó's Piano Trio in C Major.

This year's gold medal represents the third consecutive win for the Bay Area's Young Chamber Musicians organization at the Fischhoff Competition, following their success with the **Arcturus Trio** in 2020 with the Bronze Medal, and the **Fervida Trio** earning the Gold Medal in 2019.

Susan Bates, Young Chamber Musicians Founder and Director said, "The Gold Medal win of the Aveta Trio at this year's Fischhoff Competition is truly a special gift, as the odds of achieving such a high honor seemed almost unattainable at the beginning of the season. I wasn't sure we could keep the program going during the pandemic, but much praise goes to YCM piano coordinator, **Jeffrey LaDeur**, and all YCM coaches for their dedication to our students, and their imagination in creating new curriculum and finding new ways to

experience chamber music - even when we couldn't play together in-person. In particular, the Aveta Trio's determination did not allow the restrictions of this challenging year to interrupt their goal of mastering and performing Beethoven, Dvořák and Casadó with maturity and great spirit. They were an inspiration to us all this season, and I couldn't be prouder of what they have achieved."

Music at Kohl Mansion Executive Director **Patricia Kristof Moy** said, "Music at Kohl Mansion is bursting with pride at the news of our resident Young Chamber Musicians winning the Gold Medal today in the prestigious Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. These three musicians, under the leadership of Susan Bates and the talented pianist and coach Jeff LaDeur, have excelled beyond all imaginable expectations in a pandemic year when getting together to practice was nearly impossible. Having the YCM program as our partners in music education since 2010 has provided unique opportunities of symbiosis between our celebrated performing ensembles and the highly accomplished teenage musicians who will one day grace the world's concert stages."

ABOUT YOUNG CHAMBER MUSICIANS

Founded in 2008, Young Chamber Musicians offers advanced chamber music instruction and exciting performance opportunities to string players and pianists ages 14-19. The program immerses its students in the chamber music repertoire to develop technical skill, encourage musical imagination, and experience the art of working with others. Through its collaboration with Music at Kohl Mansion and Mercy High School, Burlingame, the program fosters "*learning through listening and performing*" with a series of free public master classes, student performances and a unique weekly curriculum led by founder and director, violist Susan Bates, and a faculty of the Bay Area's best chamber music performing artists. For more details, visit www.youngchambermusicians.org

ABOUT AVETA TRIO

The Aveta Trio formed in 2020, and is coached by Susan Bates and Jeffrey LaDeur. As soloists, each member of the Aveta Trio has earned top prizes in competition, and as chamber musicians Sarah and Eunseo formed a chamber music partnership that earned them a prize in February 2020 at the Galante Prize Competition followed by a special appearance in August 2020 at the San Francisco International Piano Festival. Last fall, to form the Aveta Trio, they invited cellist Elliott Kim who brought his chamber music experience as cellist of YCM's Bravi String Quartet, the 2020 winners of the International Grande Music Competition.

ABOUT MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION

Inspired by the belief that the arts strengthen communities, Music at Kohl Mansion presents world-class chamber music concerts in the historic Kohl Mansion and music education in public schools on the San Francisco Peninsula. Outreach programs provide access to interactive musical experiences for diverse populations of all ages. Located on the Mercy High School campus in Burlingame, California, the Kohl Mansion is a jewel-like setting for fine music. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this 1914 landmark features a gracious setting in the Elizabethan style Great Hall for intimate music on a grand scale. Music at Kohl Mansion will conclude its 38th season with upcoming virtual concerts of the Maxwell Quartet on June 6 and 10. For more details, visit www.musicatkohl.org

ABOUT THE FISCHOFF COMPETITION

In 1973, **James E. Fischhoff** and fellow members of the South Bend Chamber Music Society, sought an innovative way of encouraging young people to pursue chamber music study and performance – resulting in the idea to establish an annual competition. Today, still at home in South Bend, Indiana, the Fischhoff

Competition is the largest and longest running chamber music competition in the nation. Since its founding, more than 7,400 musicians have competed, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in music performance and education, including Indiana native and three-time Grammy Award-winner, violinist Joshua Bell; the genre defying contemporary ensemble Eighth Blackbird, and the Grammy Award-winning Pacifica Quartet. The Fischhoff distinguishes itself from all other music competitions by remaining true to its core mission: to encourage and educate young musicians in the discipline and expression of chamber music. Visit www.fischhoff.org for more details.

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Aveta Trio Performance Excerpts:

Dvořák Piano Trio in G minor, Mvmt I: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afzXMgn3WsU>

Beethoven Piano Trio in Eb Major, Mvmt I: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8a0Kn1na3J8>

Casadó Piano Trio in C Major, Mvmt III: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcUkblIPot4>