



# CHICAGO VIOLIN COMPETITION

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## **Brandon Du & Gustavo Guanipa Gil – WINNERS** **Chicago Violin Competition - 2022**

The Chicago Violin Competition is proud to Announce the Winners and Laureates for the 2022 CVC Competition... **Brandon Du (age 18) from USA (Senior Artist) and Gustavo Guanipa (age 17) from Venezuela (Young Artist) have Won this years' Competition.**

After over three weeks of deliberations by the CVC acclaimed international jury, over 100 contestants from 26 countries competed to be awarded winners of the Chicago Violin Competition. Having such a talented pool of contestants for both Divisions, coming to a decision and awarding winners was a tall order, but we are excited to announce that **Brandon Du (age 18) from USA** in the Senior Artist and **Gustavo Guanipa (age 17) from Venezuela** in the Young Artist have Won the 2022 Chicago Violin Competition.

**Senior Artist - Carlos Martinez Arroyo (23) of Spain** was awarded second prize and **Xiang Han (22) from China** was awarded third prize. **Young Artist – Dindin Jingyi Wang (17) of China** was awarded second prize and **Isabella Sun (15) from Australia** was awarded third prize. Also, 3 Laureates were awarded for both the Senior Artist and Young Artist Divisions, listed below.

Over 100 applications were received from all over the world for the 2022 Chicago Violin Competition, with the top contestants representing USA, Venezuela, Spain, China, and Australia, showcasing the truly global nature of the Competition.

As the winners of the Chicago Violin Competition, **Brandon Du & Gustavo Guanipa** will receive a cash prize of **USD \$5,000 and \$3000** respectively.

### **Brandon Du, said on how he felt after winning the CVC Senior Artist:**

*"It was such a great experience to be able to participate in this year's CVC! I didn't expect to win at all, especially among such a strong group of applicants, so I am truly honored and thankful for the support of my friends, family, and teachers."*



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**Gustavo Guanipa Gil, said on how he felt after winning the CVC Young Artist:**

*"I was surprised with the level of the participants, and I am very honored and excited to have won!"*

**Chair of the Jury, Robert Simonds on conclusion of the Competition said:**

*"This year's CVC judges heard tremendous talent from all over the world and it was an absolute joy to listen to these promising young artists. Congratulations to all the performers who competed and played so beautifully. We look forward to hearing your future performances."*

The Chicago Violin Competition is a yearly international violin competition held virtually online, with next year's competition date being **Nov 19, 2023**. This year, contestants from over 25 countries submitted videos to be judged by an acclaimed international jury. CVC was launched in 2008 as the AMI Violin Competition and in 2021, the competition was renamed the Chicago Violin Competition to include the international community. This year's international level serves as a testament and showcase for aspiring professional violinists from around the world. CVC is hosted by the American Music Institute in Chicago... [www.amimusic.org](http://www.amimusic.org) / [www.chicagoviolincompetition.com](http://www.chicagoviolincompetition.com).

## **Official Prizes – Senior Artist**

First Prize: USD \$5,000

Second Prize: USD \$3,000

Third Prize: USD \$2,000

Laureates:

**Brandon Du – age 18 (USA)**

**Carlos Martinez Arroyo – age 23 (Spain)**

**Xiang Han – age 22 (China)**

**Oliver Neubauer (USA), Julia Jones (USA), Jihyun Baik (South Korea)**

## **Official Prizes – Young Artist**

First Prize: USD \$3,000

Second Prize: USD \$2,000

Third Prize: USD \$1,000

Laureates:

**Gustavo Guanipa – age 17 (Venezuela)**

**Dindin Jingyi Wang – age 17 (China)**

**Isabella Sun – age 15 (Australia)**

**Elizabeth Song (USA), Jiwoo Son (South Korea), Natalie Oh (USA)**

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## CVC SENIOR ARTIST – WINNERS & LAUREATES



**Brandon Du – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**



**Carlos Arroyo – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**



**Xiang Han – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**



**Oliver Neubauer - Laureate**



**Julia Jones - Laureate**



**Jihyun Baik - Laureate**





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## CVC YOUNG ARTIST – WINNERS & LAUREATES



**Gustavo Guanipa Gil – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**



**Dindin Jingyi Wang – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**



**Isabella Sun – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**



**Elizabeth Song – Laureate**



**Jiwoo Son – Laureate**



**Natalie Oh – Laureate**