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THE CANADIAN UNIVERSITY MUSIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE WINNER OF THE 2015 STUDENT COMPOSER COMPETITION

The Canadian University Music Society is pleased to announce that Roydon Tse is the recipient of the 2015 STUDENT COMPOSER COMPETITION.

The jury selected Roydon Tse’s outstanding work: Memories as the First Prize winner. This work was performed by University of Ottawa faculty members and students as part of a concert of contemporary music presented on June 3, 2015 at Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa.

Hailed as a composer “glittering with professionalism” (Vancouver Sun) writing “music mature beyond his years” (Christos Hatzis), Roydon Tse is an award-winning Chinese Canadian composer.

Roydon’s music has been presented internationally by a host of ensembles including the Brno Philharmonic; the Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Victoria, Kitchener-Waterloo, and East Carolina University Symphonies; the Nova Scotia, Toronto Symphony, Central Kentucky and Idaho Falls Youth Orchestras; Orchestre Nouvelle Generation, Ensemble Contemporain de Montreal, Bozzini Quartet, Land’s End Chamber Ensemble, Trio Anima Mundi, Mississauga Festival Choir and the University of Toronto Opera Company. In May 2015, the Hong Kong Philharmonic under the direction of Bright Sheng will perform his “Sinfonia Concertante” as part of a showcase of Hong Kong’s most promising composers.

Roydon is a recipient of several awards, recently winning the grand prize of the Etobicoke Philharmonic Young Composers Competition, the MusCan 2015 Student Composition Competition, the CMC Prairies Emerging Composers’ Prize, NewMusic @ ECU Orchestral Composition Competition, and the Trio Anima Mundi International Composition Prize among others. Other notable awards include a Wesbrook Scholarship, UBC’s highest student honor; a nomination for the Rhodes Scholarship, and the STANTEC Youth Artist’s Award at the Edmonton Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts gala.

Roydon was born in Hong Kong and began studies on the piano and violin at a young age. He studied music in Hong Kong and England, holds a composition degree from UBC (B.M) and is completing his M.M at the University of Toronto. He has studied with Christos Hatzis, Dorothy Chang, Stephen Chatman, Gary Kulesha, and John Estacio. (www.roydontse.com)

The Student Composer Competition is open to any university student who is a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant or who is studying at a Canadian institution, does not yet hold a doctorate and does not hold a full-time teaching position. The competition takes place in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Canadian University Music Society.