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Emily Sun wins the Stage III Strings Final in the prestigious 2011 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards.

The Strings Final of the 2011 Young Performers Awards took place on Thursday 30 June at 7.30pm at Federation Concert Hall in Hobart. The four violinists performed brilliantly with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the esteemed Vladimir Verbitsky.

With her dazzling performance of the 1st movement of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, Emily Sun was announced the winner of the Strings Category securing her a cash prize of \$5,000 and a place in the Grand Final. The other contestants were Rebecca Chan (NSW) performing the 1st movement of the Brahms Violin Concerto, Anna Da Silva Chen (NSW) performing the Saint-Saens Violin Concerto No.3 and Lillian So (NSW) performing the Stravinsky Violin Concerto. Emily Sun is the third and final contestant to advance to the Grand Final which will be held on **Saturday 3 September in Brisbane.**



20 year old Emily Sun from Sydney's Concord West is a second-year Bachelor of Music Performance (Hons) student at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with a full merit scholarship, studying with Robin Wilson. Emily began playing the violin at the age of five under the tutelage of her late father, Australian composer Daniel Yi Sun. Her unique musical talent was recognized early and she was awarded a full music scholarship at both the MLC School and the Sydney Conservatorium Open Academy. She attained her AMusA in piano at the age of 13 and LMusA in violin at 14.

As a performer, Emily made her debut at the age of ten with the East-West Philharmonic Orchestra. She has since been a guest soloist with the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra, Queensland Youth Orchestra, Balmain Sinfonia and the Ku-Ring-Gai Philharmonic Orchestra, and a featured soloist at the Sydney Opera House.

Emily's skill as a violinist has earned her several awards and allowed her to travel widely to perform in Germany, New York and San Francisco with the Sydney Conservatorium Chamber Orchestra. She is currently featured in the documentary *Mrs Carey's Concert* with her performance of the Bach Violin Concerto at the Sydney Opera House.

Emily Sun will next compete against the winners of the Keyboards and Other Instruments categories in the Grand Final on **Saturday 3 September** at the **Queensland Performing Arts Centre**, for the highly coveted title of **ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year**. The Young Performer of the Year receives a further \$20,000 cash prize, multiple CD recordings of their winning performance and opportunities for future concert performances with major Australian symphony orchestras.

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