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PETER MENDELL AWARD 2015 WHO WILL WIN THE \$2,500 BURSARY?

Montreal, January 16th 2015 — The Jeunesses Musicales Canada Foundation announces that candidacy may be deposit for the Peter Mendell Award bursary. Assorted by a bursary of \$2500, this prize exist to reward a full-time student learning in a 3rd, 4th and 5th cycles of a classical music performance program in violin, viola, cello, or bass provided by the Province of Quebec's universities or by the Conservatoire de musique du Québec.

To be qualified, applicants must be **25 years old or under on May 1**st, **2015**, and submit before May 1st 2015 a duly completed application including an audio recording (MP/) and a letter of reference from his or her instrument teacher. The recording must be solo or with piano accompaniment only. The details and registration form are available online on the Foundation website at <u>www.fondationjmc.ca</u>.

Established in 2005, this annual award bears the name of its founder, Peter Mendell. Actually retired, the attorney Peter Mendell get his notoriety while he was working at law firm Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg. Also a devoted music enthusiast and one-time cellist himself, he wants to encourage JMC Foundation as a partner intended to foster the development of musical excellence.

Historical laureates since 2005:

2014 : Marianne Di Tomasso, violin, Conservatoire de musique de Montréal
2013: Joshua Peters, violin, McGill University Schulich School of Music
2012: Christopher Whitley, violin, McGill University Schulich School of Music
2011: Julie Hereish, cello, Faculté de musique de l'Université de Montréal
2010: Bénédicte Lauzière, violin, McGill University Schulich School of Music
2009: Edward Cheung, violin, McGill University Schulich School of Music
2008: Marie-Ève Poupart, violin, Conservatoire de musique in Montréal
2007: Alexander Read, violin, McGill University Schulich School of Music
2006: Jeffrey Dyrda, violin, McGill University Schulich School of Music
2005: Christian J. Elliott, cello, McGill University Schulich School of Music

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