

CELEBRATE ASIA COMPOSITION COMPETITION SELECTION

World premiere: January 27, 2019

CHIA-YING LIN

Ascolsia

Shiyeon Sung, conductor

An admirable and meaningful initiative by the Seattle Symphony is the annual *Celebrate Asia* Composition Competition for young composers. The 2019 winner is 28-year-old Taiwanese **Chia-Ying Lin**, who was trained in Taiwan, Manchester UK, and Rome, and a mentorship program in Budapest. Having already won many competitions and with works performed widely in Asia and Europe, her compositions have been described as having “manifest flair” and “outstanding originality and creativity.” Her winning piece ***Ascolsia***, receiving its world premiere tonight, is inspired by and uses musical elements and instruments of the Beiguan music of Taiwan, a local folk genre that accompanies rituals such as weddings and funerals.

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