

Nami SHIGIHARA from Japan reached the top at the 7th Shizuoka International Opera Competition

The 7th Shizuoka International Opera Competition was held from November 8 through November 16 at ACT City Hamamatsu Main Hall in Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture. Among the finalists with distinctive musical personalities, the first prize was awarded to Nami SHIGIHARA (Japan) .

The results are as follows : (Finalist prizes are in sequence by Entry number.)

rank	name	nationality	sex	Type of voice
1 st prize	Nami SHIGIHARA	Japan	F	soprano
2 nd prize	Kihun YOON	South Korea	M	baritone
3 rd prize	Anastassiya KOZHUKHAROVA	Kazakhstan	F	soprano
Finalist prize	Rena FUJII	Japan	F	soprano
〃	Yusuke KOBORI	Japan	M	tenor
〃	Eri OTO	Japan	F	soprano

Mr. KOBORI was awarded the MIURA Tamaki Special Prize, which is a special award granted for a talented and promising contestant from among Japanese nationals.

The Audience Prize went to Ms. SHIGIHARA.

The winners also will be appeared in the concerts, both in Shizuoka and in Tokyo, following the competition. Please look forward to the performances of opera stars in the future!

Concerts by Prizewinners

Event	Date	Start	Seat type	Admission fee
Shizuoka Concert Concert Hall Shizuoka	November 18 th (tues)	19:00	General Non-reserved	¥1,500
			Student Non-reserved	¥500
Tokyo Concert Hamarikyu Asahi Hall	November 20 th (thurs)	19:00	General Non-reserved	¥2,000
			Student Non-reserved	¥1,000

Please see the official competition website for details.

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