

RESULTS 2000

The third annual Zellmer-Minnesota Orchestra Trombone Competition was held in Minneapolis on May 27, 2000. Tenor trombonist, Nathan Zgonc was awarded the grand prize of \$5,000. Mr. Zgonc, a former student of Mark Lawrence and Keith Brown, is currently studying with David Finlayson at the Manhattan School of Music. A week prior to his winning the competition, Mr. Zgonc won a position with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra. This year's other finalists, all tenor trombonists, were Philip Brown, James Kazik, Jeremy Moeller, and Gregory Spiridopoulos. Adjudicating the competition were the members of the Minnesota Orchestra trombone section; David Herring, bass trombone, Kari Sundström, second trombone, and Douglas Wright, principal trombone.

In the final round, each of the finalists began with the designated accompanied solo, Concerto by Henri Tomasi. Next, each participant played selected excerpts from the standard orchestral repertoire. This round was conducted like a final round of a professional orchestral audition in its length and content. However, a major difference from a professional audition was the unique opportunity for each finalist to speak with and receive comments from each of the judges about their performance at a post-competition reception.