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winners named in first concerto/aria
competition at WLU's music workshop

Melanie DeMent, a soprano from Swarthmore, Pa., who holds a doctorate in musical arts, was first-place winner in the first concerto/aria competition held as part of the annual baroque and classical music workshop at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Second-place winner is Larry Hamberlin, harpsichordist, from Bloomington, Ind. He has been a participant for the past three years in the early music institute at the University of Indiana. He is working on a master's degree in early music.

There were five finalists in the competition, narrowed down from 12 contestants. The Laurier workshop and competition attracted 45 students from Canada and the United States.

Both DeMent and Hamberlin will perform as part of the final concert of the workshop on July 18 at 8 p.m. at the Laurier theatre auditorium.

All five semi-finalists were awarded tuition-free scholarships for the workshop.