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## Laurier students shine at 2016 SOCAN Foundation Awards

WATERLOO – Two Wilfrid Laurier University students and one alumna were honoured at the 2016 SOCAN Foundation Awards for Young Composers and Young Audio Visual Composers.

Fourth-year music student Dylann Miller received third place for the Godfrey Ridout Award for her piece, *Remember*. Miller studies composition under instructor Linda Caitlin Smith.

Second-year student Arie van de Ven brought home first place for Best Original Score – Fiction for his score to the film *High Scores Hang*. van de Ven studies under professor Glenn Buhr.

Alumna Katerina Gimon, (BMus '15), also placed first in the Godfrey Ridout Award for her piece, *Elements*, which is a choral work premiered originally by the Laurier Singers Choir. Gimon, a graduate of Laurier's Composition program, studied under Linda Catlin Smith and Glenn Buhr.

"The Faculty of Music's composition program is very strong and has produced a number of graduates who enjoy distinguished careers," said Glen Carruthers, dean of the Faculty of Music. "That three young composers from Laurier, writing in very different styles, have won major SOCAN awards attests to our success. The talent and technique of our composition students sets them apart in many ways; they are creative, confident and unfailingly innovative."

The annual SOCAN Foundation Awards for Young Composers and The Young Audio Visual competition is designed to recognize Canadian composers 30 years of age and under. This year's competition attracted 224 entries and awarded a total of \$51,000 to the prize winners.

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Laurier's Faculty of Music is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2016. The faculty has grown from 69 students in one program to over 400 students across seven degree and diploma programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Laurier also operates the Laurier Conservatory, is home to the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and was named Canada's Best Music campus by CBC Radio.