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## **MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION (MIMC)**

### **Piano 2011: 24 pianists selected from around the world**

**Montreal, Tuesday, April 12, 2011** — As spring makes its way to Montreal, the MIMC's Direction is pleased to announce that 24 candidates, 8 women and 16 men from 12 countries have been invited to take part in the Quarter Final round. Leading the pack with the highest number of participants are Canada (4, including 1 from Quebec), China, South Korea, the United States and Russia (3 each) and Japan (2). They are followed by Australia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Poland and Switzerland, with 1 candidate from each. The mean age is of 25 years.

### **THE 24 SELECTED PIANISTS**

Mr. Carlos Avila, United States  
Ms. Julia Chaplina, Russia  
Mr. Shih-Wei Chen, China  
Ms. Tina Chong, Canada  
Ms. Lindsay Garritson, United States  
Ms. Dorel Golan, Israel  
Mr. Cédric Gremaud, Switzerland  
Mr. Xiang Huang, China  
Mr. Shinnosuke Inugai, Japan  
Mr. Won Jong Ho, South Korea  
Mr. Daiki Kato, Japan  
Mr. Kangun Kim, South, Korea  
Mr. Younggun Kim, Canada  
Mr. Henri Kramer, United States  
Ms. Sofya Lisichenko, Russia  
Mr. Steven Massicotte, Canada  
Mr. James Moon, Australia  
Ms. Zheeyoung Moon, South Korea  
Ms. Nadya Pisareva, Russia  
Ms. Beatrice Rana, Italy  
Mr. Konstantin Semilakovs, Germany  
Mr. Diyi Tang, China  
Mr. Krystian Tkaczewski, Poland  
Mr. Avan Yu, Canada

## **ESPACE MUSIQUE, OFFICIAL BROADCASTER**

Music lovers the world over can also follow the Competition and encourage the participants thanks to Espace Musique, Radio-Canada's music radio service, which will be broadcasting live audio-video coverage of each round on its website. Espace classique will also have a special blog dedicated to the Competition. Complete broadcast details will be announced very soon at [www.concoursmontreal.ca](http://www.concoursmontreal.ca)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Quarter-final round: from May 24 to 26 (Centre Pierre-Péladeau)

Semi-final round: May 27 and 28 (Centre Pierre-Péladeau)

Final round: May 31 and June 1 (Théâtre Maisonneuve, Place des Arts)

Gala concert: June 3 (Salle Wilfrid Pelletier, Place des Arts)

## **BOX OFFICE**

Tickets on sale now:

<http://www.concoursmontreal.ca/permanent/en/horaire/programmation.asp>

## **THE INTERNATIONAL JURY**

The international jury will be presided over by MIMC president and co-founder Mr. André Bourbeau and the jury for the 2011 edition will be made up of: Mr. Arnaldo Cohen (Brazil), Mr. Jean-Philippe Collard (France), Ms. Mari Kodama (Japan), Mr. James Parker (Canada), Mr. Benjamin Pasternack (United States), Mr. Imre Rohmann (Austria) and Ms. Lilya Zilberstein.

## **PRIZES AND ENGAGEMENTS**

Prizes and engagements valued at over \$150,000 CAD will be awarded to the winners and finalists (including, for the First Prize, \$30,000, a career development programme valued at \$20,000 and the recording of a CD). All the prizes will be officially awarded during the Gala Concert.

The MIMC, founded in 2002 at the initiative of the Jeunesses Musicales of Canada, plays a key role in the finest tradition of classical concert music. The Competition seeks to discover, reward and support young singers, violinists and pianists who have distinguished themselves as masters of their art. Since the very first edition, dedicated to voice, in 2002, over 1,700 candidates applied to take part in various editions, and of these, 282 were given the opportunity to perform in Montreal, to the great delight of music lovers.

More details at [www.concoursmontreal.ca](http://www.concoursmontreal.ca)

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