



Press Release, for immediate release
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MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION, MAY 23 – JUNE 3 CANDIDATES, PROGRAMMING AND NEW ACTIVITIES

HIGHLIGHTS

- 24 candidates (8 women and 16 men). Average age: 25.
- Candidates from 12 different countries. 4 candidates from Canada including 1 from Quebec.
- Explore 24 individual portraits of the candidates, recorded around the world via *Skype*, at www.concoursmontreal.ca
- Spokesperson : for the fourth time, Simon Durivage, RDI news anchor.
- Total prizes and engagements: over \$150,000.
- For the winner of the First Prize: a \$30,000 cash prize, and a Career development program valued at \$20,000.
- Imposed Canadian Work: *A Wild Innocence*, by David L. McIntyre.
- The \$5,000 Radio-Canada People's Choice Award will be awarded during the gala evening on June 3. It is possible to vote online!
- Beginning on May 17, and over the course of each of the rounds, Espace musique, official broadcaster of the MIMC, and Espace classique internet radio will present unique coverage of the competition, both on the air and over the web at Radio-Canada.ca/cmim
- CBC Radio Two and Radio One are also offering coverage of the Competition as part of their programming.
- In addition to these live broadcasts, the Final round will be heard in several countries around the world through Radio-Canada's association with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

NEWS FROM THE WINNER OF THE 2010 VIOLIN EDITION

Analekta is proud to release the first album by Benjamin Beilman, First Prize winner of the 2010 Violin edition of the Montreal International Musical Competition. Prokofiev: Complete Violin Sonatas, on sale now at Analekta.com, among others.

NEW! “COMPETITION +” OPEN TO ALL AND FREE OF CHARGE

This year, several piano-related activities are also being held, free of charge and open to one and all. These activities take place from May 24 to 28, in Place des Arts’ NEW GRAND FOYER CULTUREL, the Espace Georges-Émile-Lapalme:

- **MY FIRST PIANO LESSON**

Members of the public can explore a grand piano and take their first lesson with a professional on site.

- **HAMMER AWAY!**

Jeunesses Musicales of Canada music workshops, for 3 to 9 year-olds.

- **PIANO-BAR HAPPY HOUR** (at the Place Deschamps wine bar)

Four-hand piano with Janelle Fung and Philip Chiu, double-bass and piano duo with Jean-Félix Mailloux and François Bourassa, live accompaniment for silent films (Laurel & Hardy, Buster Keaton) by pianist Gabriel Thibodeau... Quite the program!

OTHER FREE ACTIVITIES

- **MASTER CLASSES** (Tanna Schulich Hall l’Université McGill)

May 29, 2:30 p.m.: Jean-Philippe Collard

May 29, 7 p.m.: Arnaldo Cohen

- **PHOTO EXHIBIT: “AN OVERVIEW OF THE VIOLIN 2010 EDITION”**

May 9 to June 5, Hall of Centre Pierre-Péladeau

THE 24 CANDIDATES

AUSTRALIA

Mr. James Moon

CANADA

Ms. Tina Chong

Mr. Younggun Kim

Mr. Steven Massicotte

Mr. Avan Yu

CHINA

Mr. Shih-Wei Chen

Mr. Xiang Huang

Mr. Diyi Tang

GERMANY

Mr. Konstantin Semilakovs

ISRAEL

Ms. Dorel Golan

ITALY

Ms. Beatrice Rana

JAPAN

Mr. Shinnosuke Inugai

Mr. Daiki Kato

POLAND

Mr. Krystian Tkaczewski

RUSSIA

Ms. Sofya Lisichenko

Ms. Nadya Pisareva

Ms. Yulia Chaplina

SOUTH KOREA

Mr. Kangun Kim

Ms. Zheeyoung Moon

Mr. Jong Ho Won

SWITZERLAND

Mr. Cédric Gremaud

UNITED STATES

Mr. Carlos Avila

Ms. Lindsay Garritson

Mr. Henry Kramer

THE MEMBERS OF THE JURY

AUSTRIA

Mr. Imre Rohmann

BRAZIL

Mr. Arnaldo Cohen

CANADA

Mr. James Parker

FRANCE

Mr. Jean-Philippe Collard

JAPAN

Ms. Mari Kodama

RUSSIA

Ms. Lilya Zilberstein

UNITED-STATES

Mr. Benjamin Pasternack

President of the jury: Mr. André Bourbeau

WHERE AND WHEN TO HEAR THE CANDIDATES

CONCERT HALLS

QUARTER FINALS (Salle Pierre-Mercure)

MAY 24, 25, and 26, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Per session: \$10 / \$5 student

SEMI-FINALS (Salle Pierre-Mercure)

MAY 27, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 28, 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Per session: \$12 / \$5 student

FINALS (Théâtre Maisonneuve)

MAY 31 and JUNE 1st, 7:30 p.m.

With the **Orchestre Métropolitain** conducted by Jean-François Rivest

\$32.50 / \$22.50 / \$10 student

GALA CONCERT (Salle Wilfrid- Pelletier)

JUNE 3, 7:30 p.m.

With the **Orchestre Métropolitain** conducted by Jean-François Rivest

\$45 / \$27.50 / \$10 student

WEB & RADIO

ESPACE MUSIQUE & ESPACE CLASSIQUE

QUARTER FINALS

www.radio-canada.ca/cmim

TUESDAY, MAY 24, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, THURSDAY, MAY 26 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Live audio/video webcast

SEMI-FINALS

www.radio-canada.ca/cmim

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Live audio/video webcast

Françoise Davoine interviews with semi-finalists

Espace musique (100,7 FM in Montreal)

MONDAY, MAY 30, 8 p.m.

Broadcast of semifinal highlights

FINALS

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TUESDAY, MAY 31, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 7:30 p.m.

(Live audio/video webcast)

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TUESDAY, MAY 31, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 7:30 p.m.

Live broadcast of final round

The program will then be available for listening on demand for one year on Radio-Canada.ca/cmim and Tou.tv

CBC RADIO TWO, 93.5 FM

TEMPO

WEEKDAYS, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 - THURSDAY, JUNE 2, Noon

Daily Competition Updates

IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 11 a.m.

Highlights from the Competition

CBC RADIO ONE, 88.5 FM

HOMERUN

WEEKDAYS, from 3 - 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 - THURSDAY, JUNE 2

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INFORMATION AND BOX OFFICE

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Salle Pierre-Mercure : 300, boulevard de Maisonneuve East
514 987-6919 or Réseau Admission : 514 790-1245
Théâtre Maisonneuve / Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier : 175, Ste-Catherine West
514 842-2112

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. The MIMC is a member of the World Federation of International Music Competitions (WFIMC), and is a member of the Alink-Argerich Foundation.

More details: www.concoursmontreal.ca

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