

SIX YOUNG PIANISTS, AMONG WHICH TWO CANADIANS, REACH THE FINALS OF THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION

Finalists play concerto of choice with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Montreal, May 31, 2014 — The semi-finals of the Montreal International Musical Competition (MIMC) came to a close tonight as the international jury, presided by Mr. André Bourbeau, selected six finalists. Following the Quarter-Final round in which 24 competitors from 15 countries competed at Salle Bourgie between May 26 and 28, twelve semi-finalists took the same stage on May 30 and 31. "While we can only select six for the Finals, I am extremely proud of all our candidates. They are talented and incredibly brave. It takes a lot of determination for them, and in such a short time, to prepare for a Competition of this calibre," said Christiane LeBlanc, Executive and Artistic Director of the MIMC.

Here is the list of the finalists who will perform a concerto of their choice with the Orchestre symphonique de Montreal, conducted by Maestro Giancarlo Guerrero, at Maison symphonique on June 3 and 4:

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

7:30 p.m.: Alexander Ullman (United Kingdom) – P. I. Tchaïkovsky: Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor, Op. 23

8:15 p.m.: Charles Richard-Hamelin (Canada) – S. Rachmaninov: Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18
Break

9:20 p.m.: Kate Liu (United States) – S. Prokofiev: Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 16

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

7:30 p.m.: Xiaoyu Liu (Canada) – S. Rachmaninov: Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18

8:15 p.m.: Jayson Gillham (Australia/UK) – L.V. Beethoven : Concerto No. 4 in G major, Op. 58
Break

9:20 p.m.: Annika Treutler (Germany) – S. Prokofiev: Concerto No. 3 in C major, Op. 26

Following the last recital on Wednesday, June 4, the jury will deliberate and announce the prizewinners. Don't miss the closing gala concert at the Maison symphonique on June 6 at 7:30 pm and be there to applaud the laureates who will be performing with the Orchestre symphonique de Montreal right after the official awards ceremony. Let us note that the international jury is composed of Mr. Michel Béroff (France), Mr. Daniel Blumenthal (United States), Mr. Hung-Kuan Chen (Taiwan), Mr. Abdel Rahman El Bacha (France/Lebanon), Ms. Janina Fialkowska (Canada), Ms. Blanca Uribe (Colombia), and Ms. Zhu Xiao-Mei (China).

WHERE AND WHEN TO HEAR THE CANDIDATES

FINALS

JUNE 3 & 4, 7:30 p.m.

Maison symphonique de Montréal

Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Guest Conductor: Giancarlo Guerrero

\$45, \$32, \$21 /

\$22.50, \$16, \$10.50 student, 60+

GALA CONCERT

JUNE 6, 7:30 p.m.

Maison symphonique de Montréal

Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Guest Conductor: Giancarlo Guerrero

\$45, \$32, \$21 /

\$22.50, \$16, \$10.50 student, 60+

▪ INFORMATION AND BOX OFFICE

Tickets for the Final round and the Gala Concert of the laureates are available at the Place des arts box office: www.laplacedesarts.com | 514-842-2112 | 1 866-842-2112.

Packages are available. Prices may vary depending on service charges.

COVERAGE & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

▪ ON-AIR

ICI MUSIQUE / 100.7 FM in Montréal

Monday, June 2, 8 p.m. / *Le Printemps des musiciens*: Highlights from the Semi-Final round.

Tuesday, June 3 & Wednesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. / *Soirées classiques*: Live broadcast of the Final round.

CBC RADIO 2 / 93.5 FM in Montréal

Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. / *In Concert*: Full Competition highlights.

▪ ONLINE

icimusique.ca/cmim

Final round live: June 3 and June 4, from 7:30 p.m.

Chat with hosts Françoise Davoine and Mario Paquet: #CMIM2014

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From May 26 to June 4 / Day-to-day coverage of the MIMC, including live streaming and on demand listening.

Streaming of Semi-Finals and Finals will be available on icimusique.ca/cmim and cbcmusic.ca/mimc for listening on demand for one year.

More details: www.concoursmontreal.ca

The Montreal International Musical Competition seeks to discover and support young singers, violinists, and pianists who have distinguished themselves as masters of their art. Since its first edition dedicated to voice in 2002, 2,300 candidates have applied to take part in the competition, with 350 given the opportunity to perform in Montreal, to the great delight of music lovers. Presented by Hydro-Québec, the MIMC is proud to count on the support of such major arts partners as Radio-Canada and the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal.

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