
CMIM FIRST PRIZE NOW WORTH \$80,000

Montréal, September 14, 2016 – The Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) is pleased to announce the addition of the Joseph-Rouleau Career Development Grant worth \$50,000 to its roster of prizes for the next three editions: piano 2017, voice 2018, and violin 2019. Funded by the Azrieli Foundation and managed by the CMIM, this grant will be awarded to the First Prize winner, who will also receive \$30,000 in cash from the Ville de Montréal, bringing the total value of the First Prize to \$80,000.

This career development grant has been created to honour internationally-renowned bass Joseph Rouleau, co-founder of the CMIM, for his devotion and contribution to music in Québec and Canada, and for never ceasing to encourage musical careers. The Azrieli Foundation, a Canadian philanthropic organization, wishes to recognize his commitment to the next generation of artists locally and internationally.

“I am very grateful to the Azrieli Foundation for creating this grant which is in line with the CMIM’s mission aimed at discovering, promoting and supporting young musicians from all over the world who wish to pursue an international career. This grant will help consolidate the careers of future CMIM winners,” declared Joseph Rouleau.

With the creation of the Joseph-Rouleau Career Development Grant, total prizes and awards for the upcoming piano edition exceeds \$130,000. “This enhancement of the First Prize reinforces the CMIM’s positioning among top international competitions and provides young artists with the right tools to develop a career,” said André Bourbeau, CMIM president.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for CMIM 2017 entries is January 14. A preliminary selection committee will determine the 24 pianists who will be invited to Montreal to take part in the Competition from **May 2 to 12** at Bourgie Hall, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and Maison symphonique. Travel and accommodation are provided to all selected competitors.

- **Deadline for entries:** January 14, 2017
- **Age limit:** 30 years old on May 1, 2017
- **Rules, Conditions of participation and Repertoire :** concoursmontreal.ca/piano
- **Online application form:** <https://app.getacceptd.com/concoursmontreal>
- **Information:** info@concoursmontreal.ca

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ABOUT CMIM

The mission of the Concours musical international de Montréal is to discover and support exceptional young singers, violinists and pianists from around the world. The CMIM is the only international competition in North America to be held annually, presenting three disciplines in a three-year rotation. Since its first edition dedicated to voice in 2002, more than 2,500 hopefuls

have entered the Competition and some 450 have performed in Montreal, much to the delight of music lovers.

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