

**24 EXCEPTIONAL VIOLINISTS SELECTED FOR
VIOLIN 2023**
A new generation of virtuosos

Montréal, February 2, 2023 – The Concours Musical international de Montréal reveals its selection of the world's most outstanding violinists of the new generation. These 24 candidates have been invited to participate in the CMIM Violin edition, taking place from April 22 to May 4, 2023. These talented violinists between the ages of 17 and 27, from 11 different countries, including two from Canada, will compete to share in nearly \$160,000 in prizes and awards.

The CMIM received **248 applications** from **37 countries**, a record for a Violin edition. The notoriety of the CMIM has attracted the most exceptional players for this promising Violin 2023 edition, who are not only astounding technical players, but already complete musical artists.

David Bernat USA
Claire Bourg USA
Aaron Chan, Canada / Hong Kong
Elli Choi USA
SongHa Choi South Korea
Gabrielle Després Canada / USA
Leonard Fu Germany
Yeyeong Jenny Jin South Korea
Lorenz Karls Sweden
Yesong Sophie Lee USA
SooBeen Lee South Korea
Bohdan Luts Ukraine
Nathan Meltzer USA
Georgii Moroz Ukraine
Kyumin Park South Korea
Aoi Saito Japan
Michael Shaham Isarel
Dongyoung Jake Shim South Korea
Karen Su USA
Ruslan Talas Kazakhstan
Dmytro Udovychenko Ukraine
Pauline van der Rest Belgium
Shihan Wang China
Zhixin Zhang China

“We are delighted to welcome these young and talented violinists to Montreal. The exceptional quality of the selected violinists will undoubtedly offer our audiences a superlative musical experience. What a pleasure to gather around them and our prestigious jury, and to live the thrill of the competition together.” highlighted CMIM Executive and Artistic Director, Christiane LeBlanc.

BOX-OFFICE AND INFORMATION

Discover the Mini Violini!

On April 22 and 23 (both days at 2 pm), five extraordinary child prodigies will open the Violin edition 2023.

April 22 (2 pm), the Mini Violini will perform with pianist Carson Becke.

April 2023 (2 pm) each violinist will perform a movement from a concerto by Mozart or Vivaldi, with the Orchestre de l'Agora (OA), under the direction of Nicolas Ellis.

The concerts will be hosted by Mario Paquet.

Let yourself be charmed by these Mini Violini, the great violinists of tomorrow!

First round and Semi-final

The first round (April 25, 26, and 27) and the **semi-final** (April 29 and 30) will be held at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts' Bourgie Hall with afternoon (2 pm) and evening (7:30 pm) sessions each day.

Final

The final will take place on **May 3 and 4**, both at 7:30 pm at the Maison symphonique de Montréal. The guest conductor maestro Rafael Payare will conduct the CMIM's official orchestra, the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM) for both evenings of the final.

ABOUT CMIM

Le Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) is a springboard for the next generation of the world's greatest classical music talent. In total, 84 winners, proud ambassadors of CMIM, from all over the world, have had this unique experience. After their participation in CMIM, many of these musicians have been invited to perform in prestigious venues and are now pursuing successful international careers. Since its first edition dedicated to Voice in 2002, 500 competitors have been welcomed to perform before enthusiastic audiences in Montreal.

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