

DMYTRO UDOVYCHENKO IS NAMED THE GRAND LAUREATE OF VIOLIN 2023

Montreal, May 5, 2023 – Violinist **Dmytro Udovychenko** from **Ukraine** has been awarded the Grand Prize of the Violin 2023 edition of the Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM).

Demonstrating a remarkable mastery of technique and brilliant musicality, violinist Dmytro Udovychenko distinguished himself in the Final, and throughout the 2023 Violin Edition.

The Grand Prize winner of Violin 2023 was also recognized by special prizes.

The Final took place on the evenings of May 3 and 4 at the Maison symphonique, as six finalists performed a concerto of their choice with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM), the official orchestra of the Concours musical international de Montréal, conducted by guest conductor Rafael Payare.

Since April 25, 24 violin virtuosos from 11 different countries have been vying to rise through the ranks of this prestigious Montreal competition. Chaired by **Richard Rodzinski**, the international jury is comprised of: **Koichiro Harada** (Japan), **Yura Lee** (Korea/USA), **Malcom Lowe** (Canada), **Mihaela Martin** (Romania), **Lucie Robert** (Canada), **Dmitry Sitkovetsky** (United Kingdom/USA), and **Krishna Thiagarajan** (Germany/USA).

In total, more than \$160,000 in prizes was awarded.

TOP PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize

Valued at \$95,000

DMYTRO UDOVYCHENKO, UKRAINE

- Grand Cash Prize (\$30,000) offered by la Ville de Montréal
- Joseph Rouleau Career Development Grant (\$50,000) offered by The Azrieli Foundation
- Winner's Tour to Three North American Cities (\$15,000)
- An engagement with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal for a concert or recital in a subsequent season

Pierre Péladeau and Raymonde Chopin's Second Prize

SONGHA CHOI, SOUTH KOREA

\$15,000 offered by *Quebecor*

Third Prize

SOOBEEN LEE, SOUTH KOREA

\$10,000 offered by *Stingray Classica*

ADDITIONAL PRIZES

Best Performance of a Work by J.S. Bach

Dmytro Udovychenko, Ukraine

\$2,500 offered by *Andrew Wan, Concertmaster of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal*

Best Performance of a Virtuositic Work

Yesong Sophie Lee, United States

\$2,500 offered by *the Rouleau Family and the Morris and Rosalind Goodman Family Foundation*

André Bachand Award for the Best Performance of an Imposed Canadian Work

SongHa Choi, South Korea

\$2,500 offered by *Claudette Hould*

Best Interpretation of a Sonata in the Semifinal

SongHa Choi, South Korea

\$5,000 offered by *Louise Roy*

John Newmark Prize for the Best Collaborative Pianist

Umi Garrett, United States

\$5,000 offered by *the Lupien Family Foundation*

Bitá Cattelan Philanthropic Engagement Award

Aaron Chan, Canada/Hong Kong

\$5,000 offered by *Bitá & Paolo Cattelan*

Audience Choice Award

SongHa Choi, South Korea

\$5,000 offered by *ICI Musique*

CMIM Grants for Unranked Finalists

Michael Shaham, Israel

Ruslan Talas, Kazakhstan

Nathan Meltzer, United States

\$3,000 each offered by the Huguette and Jean-Louis Fontaine Foundation and by John Farrell and François Leclair

All rounds of the CMIM are webcast live and are available for listening on-demand at concoursmontreal.ca.

On Monday, May 8th at 8 pm, the program *Tout une musique*, broadcast on ICI Musique, will air the highlights of the Violin 2023 edition.

Thank you for joining us and see you at the next edition!

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ABOUT THE CMIM

The Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) is one of Canada's great cultural achievements, serving as an exceptional springboard for classical musicians of the next generation. Over the past 20 years, the CMIM has shone a spotlight on the talent of over 600 international competitors and chosen 84 laureates. Montreal can take great pride in having had participants from over 90 countries perform here on stage!

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