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Historical record : 418 apply for 73rd Geneva Competition

Geneva, 9 May 2018 – 418 young musicians aged 14 to 29 from 49 countries have applied for the 73rd Geneva International Music Competition, which offers piano & clarinet. The preselection Jury will meet in Geneva at the beginning of June to select the 80 candidates qualified for the competition, which will be held from 27 October to 14 November in Geneva, Switzerland.

Registration deadline for this year's piano & clarinet competition was 4 May 2018. A record number of applications has been recorded, with no less than 418 candidates aged 14 to 29 years representing 49 nationalities. Among them, 251 pianists (147 men / 104 women) and 167 clarinetists (119 men / 48 women).

Applicants for the piano competition include a large percentage of Asian countries (63%), followed by Europe (23%) and America (12%), reflecting a current trend in other international competitions of the same discipline. The clarinet competition is more balanced with an almost equal amount of candidates from Asia (38%) and Europe (36%), followed by Russia (13%) and America (12%). Applications rose 43% from latest piano competition in 2014 (Piano & Flute).

The preselection round will be held in Geneva from 4-6 June (clarinet) and from 11-13 June (piano). Some 40 candidates from each discipline will be selected to participate in the competition sessions. Results will be announced officially on Thursday 7 June for the clarinet competition and on Wednesday 14 June for the piano competition.

The 73rd Geneva International Music Competition will take place from 27 October - 14 November 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. Complete programme available on www.concoursgeneve.ch

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