

PRESS RELEASE

69 candidates selected for the 75th Geneva International Music Competition

Geneva, 4 June 2021 – 69 cellists and oboists aged 15 to 30 years old from 29 countries have been selected, from 429 applicants, to take part in the 75th Geneva International Music Competition. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the first stage of the competition has been shifted online. The semi-final and final rounds will be held from 23-29 October in Geneva, Switzerland.

Following the preliminary rounds of the Cello & Oboe Competition 2021, which were held in Geneva during the past ten days, the juries have released the list of candidates selected upon video recording to participate in this year's competition: 37 cellists aged 15 to 30 years old from 19 nationalities (10 women / 27 men) and 32 oboists aged 19 to 29 from 32 nationalities (9 women / 23 men) have been selected to take part in the 2021 edition. The full list is available on page 2 of this press release and on www.concoursgeneve.ch

Due to the ongoing global pandemic, the first part of the 75th Geneva International Music Competition will be held online. Selected candidates will have until August 15th to submit their video recordings of the Online Recital, which will be streamed virtually mid-September. Candidates qualified for the Semi-Finals (8 cellists & 8 oboists) will be invited to pursue the competition from October 23rd in Geneva, Switzerland. The Final rounds will be held on 28 and 29 October at Victoria Hall with the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, conducted by Georg Fritsch (Cello Final) and Douglas Boyd (Oboe Final).

Candidates born after 29 October 1991 had until April 30th to apply for the 75th Concours de Genève. A record number of applicants was recorded, with no less than 429 candidates aged 14 to 30 years representing 52 nationalities. Among them, 259 cellists (97 women and 162 men) and 170 oboists (77 women and 93 men). Applicants include a large percentage of European countries (49%), followed by Asia (29%) and America (15%). These record figures represent a seventy percent increase compared to the two previous cello and oboe competitions.

Programme, rules, registration: www.concoursgeneve.ch

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Founded in 1939, the Geneva Competition is one of the world's leading international music competitions. It aims at discovering, promoting and supporting young talented artists, giving them the necessary tools to launch an international career. Several main disciplines rotate annually, including piano, flute, oboe, clarinet, cello, viola, string quartet, voice, percussion and composition, which is held every second year.

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SELECTED CANDIDATES

75th GENEVA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION

CELLO COMPETITION

Mr. Matthias BALZAT, 22 y.o., New Zealand
Mr. Willard CARTER, 19 y.o., United Kingdom
Mr. Bryan CHENG, 23 y.o., Canada
Ms Hayoung CHOI, 23 y.o., South Korea
Ms Elia COHEN-WEISSERT, 26 y.o., Israel
Mr. Christoph CROISÉ, 27 y.o., Switzerland
Ms Alessandra DONINELLI, 25 y.o., Switzerland
Mr. Rolando FERNANDEZ, 30 y.o., Mexico
Mr. Jeremias FLIEDL, 21 y.o., Austria
Mr. Sebastian FRITSCH, 24 y.o., Germany
Mr. Johannes GRAY, 24 y.o., United States
Ms Anouchka HACK, 25 y.o., Germany
Mr. Jaemin HAN, 15 y.o., South Korea
Mr. Christoph HEESCH, 25 y.o., Germany
Ms Stéphanie HUANG, 25 y.o., Belgium
Ms Jakyoung HUH, 23 y.o., South Korea
Mr. Raphaël JOUAN, 27 y.o., France
Ms Min Ji KIM, 26 y.o., South Korea
Mr. Marcel Johannes KITS, 26 y.o., Estonia
Mr. Leland KO, 23 y.o., United States
Mr. En-Chun LIN, 19 y.o., Taiwan
Mr. Constantin MACHEREL, 29 y.o., Switzerland
Mr. Mauro Paolo MONOPOLI, 20 y.o., Italy
Mr. Samuel NIEDERHAUSER, 23 y.o., Switzerland
Mr. Chase PARK, 23 y.o., United States
Mr. Florian PONS, 26 y.o., France
Mr. Maxime QUENNESSON, 26 y.o., France
Mr. Till SCHULER, 21 y.o., Germany
Mr. Oleksiy SHADRIN, 27 y.o., Ukraine
Mr. Ivan SKANAVI, 24 y.o., Russian Federation
Mr. Anton SPRONK, 26 y.o., Switzerland
Mr. Daniel THORELL, 23 y.o., Sweden
Ms Joanna TWADDLE, 25 y.o., United Kingdom
Mr. Michiaki UENO, 25 y.o., Japan
Ms Milena UMIGLIA, 23 y.o., Switzerland
Mr. Aaron WOLFF, 27 y.o., United States
Ms Maria ZAYTSEVA, 19 y.o., Russian Federation

OBOE COMPETITION

Ms Kanami ARAKI, 27 y.o., Japan
Ms Natalia AULI, 26 y.o., Venezuela
Mr. Louis BAUMANN, 26 y.o., France
Mr. Ilyes BOUFADDEN, 26 y.o., France
Mr. Chi-Yuen CHENG, 29 y.o., Hong Kong
Mr. Andrey CHOLOKYAN, 28 y.o., Russian Federation
Ms Iria FOLGADO DOPICO, 25 y.o., Spain
Mr. Sigurd GREVE, 26 y.o., Norway
Ms Yijea HAN, 25 y.o., South Korea
Mr. Eloi HUSCENOT, 25 y.o., France
Mr. Nevio KELLER, 25 y.o., Switzerland
Mr. Ivan KOBYSKIY, 28 y.o., Russian Federation
Mr. Christopher KOPPITZ, 28 y.o., Portugal
Mr. Alexander KRIMER, 25 y.o., Germany
Mr. Fernando Jose MARTINEZ ZAVALA, 28 y.o., Honduras
Ms Alicja MATUSZCZYK, 22 y.o., Poland
Mr. Juan Esteban MENDOZA BISOGNI, 26 y.o., Venezuela
Mr. Pedro PEREIRA DE Sá, 19 y.o., Portugal
Mr. Alexis PEYRAUD, 23 y.o., France
Mr. Edoardo PEZZINI, 29 y.o., Italy
Mr. Gabriel PIDOUX, 25 y.o., France
Mr. Omer Itzhak POSTI, 21 y.o., Israel
Mr. Ryan ROBERTS, 24 y.o., United States
Mr. Angel Luis SANCHEZ MORENO, 26 y.o., Spain
Mr. João SILVA, 25 y.o., Portugal
Ms Erica SMETAK, 23 y.o., Brazil
Ms Joana SOARES, 24 y.o., Portugal
Ms Anna ŠTRBOVÁ, 26 y.o., Slovakia
Mr. Leonid SURKOV, 20 y.o., Russian Federation
Mr. Zhiyu Sandy XU, 28 y.o., Australia
Mr. Seongyoung YUN, 25 y.o., South Korea
Ms Sofía ZAMORA MESEGUER, 24 y.o., Spain

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JURY MEMBERS 2021

OFFICIAL JURY - CELLO

Ivan Monighetti (Russia / Switzerland, Chair), Thomas Demenga (Switzerland), Michaela Fukačová (Czech Republic), Ophélie Gaillard (France), Clive Greensmith (United Kingdom), Qin Li-Wei (China / Australia), Shauna Rolston (Canada).

PRESELECTION JURY - CELLO

Ivan Monighetti (Russia / Switzerland, Chair), Ophélie Gaillard (France), Joël Marosi (Switzerland), Ewa Miecznikowska (Poland), Martina Schucan (Switzerland).

OFFICIAL JURY - OBOE

Alexei Ogrintchouk (Russia / Netherlands, Chair), Rossana Calvi (Italy), Nora Cismondi (France), Gordon Hunt (United Kingdom), Eugene Izotov (United States), Yiu Song Lam (Hong Kong, China), Marie-Luise Modersohn (Germany).

PRESELECTION JURY - OBOE

Alexei Ogrintchouk (Russia / Netherlands, Chair), Jean-Louis Capezzali (France), Nora Cismondi (France), Johannes Grosso (France), Marie-Lise Schüpbach (Switzerland)

CALENDAR – 2021 COMPETITION

- 04/06: Results of the Preliminary Round (selected candidates)
- 15/08: Deadline for submitting videos for the Online Recital
- 13-19/09: Cello Online Recital (virtually streamed)
- 13-19/09: Oboe Online Recital (virtually streamed)
- 23-24/10: Cello Semi-Final Round (Conservatoire, Geneva)
- 25-26/10: Oboe Semi-Final Round (Conservatoire, Geneva)
- 28/10: Cello Final Round with the OSR (Victoria Hall, Geneva)
- 29/10: Oboe Final Round with the OSR (Victoria Hall, Geneva)

NEXT COMPETITIONS

- 2021 – Cello & Oboe
- 2022 – Piano & Composition
- 2023 – Flute & String Quartet
- 2024 – Voice & Composition

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