

Press release For immediate release

PIANO 2011: AND THE SEMI-FINALISTS ARE ...

Montreal, Thursday, May 26, 2011 – The Montreal International Musical Competition (MIMC) announces the twelve semi-finalists and the detailed schedule of the Semi-finals (Salle Pierre-Mercure, Centre Pierre-Péladeau):

Friday, May 27 1st session 7:30 p.m.: Henry Kramer, United States 8:20 p.m.: Beatrice Rana, Italy 9:30 p.m.: Zheeyoung Moon, South Korea 10:20 p.m.: Lucas Porter, Canada

Saturday, May 28	
2 nd session	3 rd session
1:00 p.m.: Shinnosuke Inugai, Japan	7:30 p.m.: Xiang Huang, China
1:50 p.m.: Tina Chong, Canada	8:20 p.m.: Dorel Golan, Israel
3:00 p.m.: Nadya Pisareva, Russia	9:30 p.m.: Yulia Chaplina, Russia
3:50 p.m.: Lindsay Garritson, United States	10:20 p.m.: Jong Ho Won, South Korea

The complete musical programme of each round is available at www.concoursmontreal.ca

The announcement of the six finalists will be made following the last Semi-final session on Saturday, May 28. The announcement of the laureates will be made following the last Final session on Wednesday, June 1.

DON'T MISS THE GALA CONCERT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3!

With the Orchestre Métropolitain conducted by Jean-François Rivest

Passports and packages:

Montreal International Musical Competition 514 845-4108, extension 0 www.concoursmontreal.ca

Single tickets:

Salle Pierre-Mercure : 300, boulevard de Maisonneuve East 514 987-6919 or Réseau Admission : 514 790-1245 Théâtre Maisonneuve / Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier : 175, Ste-Catherine West 514 842-2112

NOT TO BE MISSED: COMPETITION +!

The MIMC also invites you take to part in the two remaining days of free piano-related activities for one and all in Place des Arts' NEW GRAND FOYER CULTUREL, the Espace Georges-Émile-Lapalme:

MY FIRST PIANO LESSON (May 27 and 28: from Noon to 5 p.m.) Meet piano professor Richard Keighan and try our grand piano, it's free!

HAMMER AWAY! (Saturday, May 28:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.) Jeunesses Musicales of Canada music workshops, for 3 to 9 year-olds.

PIANO-BAR HAPPY HOUR

At the Place Deschamps Wine Bar (May 27 and 28: 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Friday – 27: Silent films with piano accompaniment

Piano: composer and improviser Gabriel Thibodeau Program: "The General" by Buster Keaton (1927) and "It" by Badger and Sternberg (1926). www.gabrielthibaudeau.com

Saturday – 28: TrioSphère

Piano: Dominic Boulianne; violin: Lizann Gervais; cello: Élisabeth Giroux

Program: A classical trio...? The TrioSphère ensemble invites you to explore an innovative repertoire inspired by jazz, pop, techno, and world music. During Happy Hour, these daring and energetic musicians will take you on an escapade to their thrilling musical world. <u>www.myspace.com/ensembletriosphere</u>

MASTER CLASSES:

The MIMC is also offering a unique opportunity to attend Master Classes (Tanna Schulich Hall, McGill University) on Sunday, May 29, at 2:30 p.m. with Jean-Philippe Collard and at 7 p.m. with Arnaldo Cohen. <u>http://www.mcgill.ca/music/events/halls/tanna-schulich-hall</u>

WEB

ESPACE CLASSIQUE (Radio-Canada.ca/cmim) FRIDAY, MAY 27 (7:30 p.m.) SATURDAY, MAY 28 (1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) Live audio/video webcast Françoise Davoine interviews with semi-finalists

RADIO

ESPACE MUSIQUE, Official broadcaster (100,7 FM in Montreal) MONDAY, MAY 30 (8 p.m.) Broadcast of Semi-Final highlights Hosts: Michel Keable and Mario Paquet

CBC RADIO 2 (93.5 FM in Montreal) TEMPO TUESDAY, MAY 24 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 * Noon Daily Competition Updates Host: Julie Nesrallah

CBC RADIO ONE (88.5 FM in Montreal) HOMERUN WEEKDAYS * from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. TUESDAY, MAY 24 - THURSDAY, JUNE 2 Daily Competition Updates Journalists: Kelly Rice and Jeanette Kelly Host: Sue Smith

Details : www.concoursmontreal.ca

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