

**Press release
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**THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION (MIMC)
ANNOUNCES SELECTION DETAILS FOR THE 2013 VIOLIN EDITION**

Montreal, Tuesday, February 12, 2013 —The application process for the 2013 violin edition of the Montreal International Musical Competition ended on January 18. 122 applications from 27 countries were received from 62 men and 60 women, with an average age of 22 years. The highest number of candidates comes from the United States (29) and China (23), followed by the Republic of South Korea (15), Japan (12) and Canada (8, including 3 from Quebec). Among others are France (6), Germany (3) and Armenia, Australia, Czech Republic, Greece, Poland and Ukraine (2 candidates each). Finally, the following fourteen countries are represented by one participant each: Belarus, Bulgaria, Belgium, Finland, Israel, Lithuania, Mexico, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Russia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.

Over the next few weeks, after anonymous auditions of the recordings, three different juries will select the 24 candidates who will be welcomed in Montreal next May. In April, the official list of candidates will be announced after this important step. The competition will take place from May 7 to 17, at the Bourgie Concert Hall and at the Maison symphonique de Montréal.

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The MIMC plays a key role in the finest tradition of classical music. The Competition seeks to discover and support young singers, violinists, and pianists who have distinguished themselves as masters of their art. The MIMC is a member of the World Federation of International Music Competitions, and of the Alink-Argerich Foundation.

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