

# Competitors for the 2019 CMIM Violin edition revealed

24 of the world's most promising violinists to compete in Montreal

**Montréal, January 22, 2019** — 24 of the world's most promising young violinists—15 women and 9 men between the ages of 16 and 28, from 13 nations—have been selected to participate in the CMIM (Concours musical international de Montréal) running from May 29 to June 5, 2019. The United States leads the selection with seven violinists, followed by Japan and South Korea with 5 violinists each. Germany is represented by two competitors and the following nations are each represented by one competitor: Austria, China, Czech Republic, France, Latvia, Russia, Spain, Taiwan and Ukraine. The 24 competitors will vie for over \$150,000 in prizes, awards, and grants, including a First Prize worth more than \$100,000. Here is the list of the Violin 2019 competitors:

Zachary Brandon, United States Elina Buksha, Latvia Stella Chen. United States Elli Choi. United States Maria Dueñas, Spain Leonard Fu, Germany Stephen Kim, United States Gyehee Kim, South Korea William Lee. Taiwan Youjin Lee, South Korea Anna Lee, United States / South Korea Lun Li, China Hyun Jae Lim, South Korea Michiru Matsuyama, Japan Fumika Mohri, Japan / Germany Daichi Nakamura, Japan / Austria Yukari Ohno, Japan Fedor Rudin, France / Russia Olga Šroubková. Czech Republic Hannah Tarley, United States Coco Tomita, Japan Jinyoung Yoon, South Korea Vasyl Zatsikha, Ukraine Hao Zhou, United States

### The jury

Presided over by Zarin Mehta, the 2019 international jury is comprised of Pierre Amoyal (France), Michael Haefliger (Switzerland), Kim Kashkashian (United States), Boris Kuschnir (Austria), Cho-Liang Lin (United States), Mihaela Martin (Romania), Barry Shiffman (Canada), Dmitry Sitkovetsky (United Kingdom/United States), and Pavel Vernikov (Israel/Switzerland).

#### Box office and information

The First round (May 29 and 30) and Semi-final round (June 1 and 2) will be held at Montreal Museum of Fine Arts' Bourgie Hall with morning (11 am), afternoon (3 pm) and evening (7:30 pm) sessions.

The Final round will take place on June 4 and 5, both at 7:30 pm, at Maison symphonique, where violinists will be accompanied by the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal led by guest conductor Alexander Shelley. Before each final, jury member Cho Liang Lin (June 4, 6:30 pm) and maestro Alexander Shelley (June 5, 6:30 pm) will participate in a pre-concert talk.

- First round (May 29 & 30) and Semi-final round (June 1 & 2): Bourgie Hall / mbam.qc.ca/cmim | 514-285-2000, option 4
- Final round (June 4 & 5)
  Maison symphonique / placedesarts.com/cmim | 514-842-2112

## **ABOUT THE CMIM**

Founded in 2002, the CMIM (Concours musical international de Montréal) aims to further the development of the world's most promising young singers, violinists, and pianists, while making classical music more accessible to the greatest possible number of people. The CMIM is held annually and features three disciplines (piano, voice, and violin) in a three-year rotation. Since its first edition dedicated to Voice in 2002, 3,700 hopefuls have entered the Competition, and close to 500 have been welcomed to perform in Montreal.

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