

VIOLIN 2023 EDITION

HOW WILL THE COMPETITORS STAND OUT? *Experience the thrill of a high-level competition*

Montreal, March 30, 2023 - The Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) is pleased to unveil the programs for the three stages of Violin 2023. The competitors have meticulously prepared for this high-level competition and have carefully selected their repertoire. The Violin 2023 edition of the CMIM will feature 42 recitals, including six (6) performances with the official orchestra of the competition.

Discover the violinists' programs today by visiting our [website](#).

STAND OUT FROM THE OTHERS

In selecting their repertoire, the competitors must use strategy and finesse to reach the highest steps of the podium. The choice of works and their order of execution often have a significant impact on the outcome of such a prestigious competition. Their programs give the violin virtuosos the opportunity to demonstrate not only their mastery of the instrument, but also their musicality and their gifts as an interpreter, in order to distinguish themselves from other participants.

FIRST ROUND

April 25, 26 and 27 at Bourgie Hall, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal

The first round consists of a total of 24 recitals (violin and piano) each lasting 25 to 30 minutes.

The program must comprise at least three works, including a work by J.S. Bach, a virtuosic work by Bazzini, Paganini, Ravel, Saint-Saëns, de Sarasate, Tchaikovsky, Waxman, Wieniawski or Ysaÿe, and another work of their choice.

The First round will be hosted by Marc-Antoine d'Aragon.

The twelve (12) violinists who receive the highest scores will advance to the Semifinal round.

SEMIFINAL

April 29 and 30 at Bourgie Hall, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal

The twelve semifinalists will offer a recital with piano of 55 to 60 minutes.

The repertoire for the Semifinal round must consist of a minimum of three (3) works, including a complete sonata by Bartók, Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy, Enescu, Fauré, Franck, Janáček, Prokofiev, Ravel, Schnittke, Schumann, Schubert, or R. Strauss. Additionally, the semifinalists must perform the imposed Canadian work, *L'Inconnu.e bouleversant.e*, by the Canadian-American composer Luna Pearl Woolf.

Learn more about the work of Luna Pearl Woolf on our [website](#).

The six (6) violinists who receive the highest scores will advance to the Final round.

FINAL: May 3 and 4 at Maison symphonique

On May 3 and 4, the six finalists will have the privilege of performing with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM), the official orchestra of the CMIM, under the direction of Maestro Rafael Payare. The finalists must perform one of the great concertos of the violin repertoire to demonstrate their exceptional technical prowess and artistry.

The Semifinal and the Final will be hosted by Marie-Christine Trottier.

WINNING PROGRAM

At the end of the competition, the jury will designate the laureates and the most deserving participants will also receive special prizes.

Once again, thanks to the generosity of partners and donors, the CMIM will offer winners prizes and awards worth over \$160,000 in total. The CMIM thanks the generous donors whose essential support contributes to the careers of the new generation of violinists.

The complete list of prizes and awards is available at:

<https://www.concoursmontreal.ca/en/violin-2023/competition/prizes-and-awards/>

DISCOVER THE PIANISTS OF VIOLIN 2023

As always at the CMIM, the competitors will perform under optimal conditions with exceptional pianists. During the first round and the Semifinal, competitors will perform with the Official Pianists of the competition, namely Carson Becke, Philip Chiu, Jinhee Park, and Francis Perron. Note that New York-based pianist Jinhee Park has been invited back to the CMIM this year, after winning the John Newmark Prize for Best Collaborative Pianist in 2022.

Two violinists have chosen to participate in Violin 2023 with their own pianists. We will be delighted to discover Jiarong Li and Umi Garrett, both eligible for this year's John Newmark Prize for the Best Collaborative Pianist, offered by the Lupien Family Foundation.

Learn more about the career of these pianists on our [website](#).

INTERNATIONAL JURY

Chaired once again by seasoned cultural manager Zarin Mehta, the prestigious jury for Violin 2023 will be comprised of seven members: Salvatore Accardo (Italy), Koichiro Harada (Japan), Yura Lee (Korea/USA), Mihaela Martin (Romania), Lucie Robert (Canada), Dmitri Sitkovetsky (United Kingdom/USA) and Krishna Thiagarajan (Germany/USA).

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST

Follow the competition rounds live on the CMIM website at concoursmontreal.ca

It will be possible to listen the Semifinal live on ICI Musique classique, available on Radio-Canada OHdio app as part of the "CMIM 2023" program hosted by Marie-Christine Trottier:

- On Saturday, April 29th from 5pm to 7:30pm and from 7:30 pm to 11pm
- On Sunday, April 30th, from 2pm to 5:30pm and from 7:30pm to 11pm.

The music news program *Toute une musique* will present a special edition dedicated to the CMIM on Saturday, April 29 at noon on ICI Musique classique.

On Monday, May 8, 2023, at 10pm, the program *Toute une musique*, also hosted by Marie-Christine Trottier, will present the best moments of the competition. It will be broadcast on ICI Musique and ICI Musique classique. *Toute une musique* is also available live and on-demand on the Radio-Canada OHdio app.

The Violin 2023 edition will also be broadcast on [The Violin Channel](#) and [Amadeus.tv](#) in Asia.

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ABOUT THE CMIM

The Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) is one of Canada's great cultural achievements. It is an exceptional springboard for classical musicians of the next generation. Over the past 20 years, the CMIM has shone a spotlight on the talent of over 600 international competitors and chosen 85 laureates. Montreal can take great pride in having had participants from over 90 countries perform here on stage!

Violin 2023: Experience the musical energy of passionate violinists, from April 22 to May 4, 2023.
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