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PIANISTS CHOSEN AS QUARTERFINALISTS OF HONENS COMPETITION –

THE RICHEST PRIZE IN THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITIONS

CALGARY, AB, March 12, 2012 – Fifty concert pianists from six continents have been chosen from a field of more than 125 to perform in the Quarterfinals of Canada's Honens International Piano Competition.

The Quarterfinals / International Audition Round of the Honens Competition takes place in London (April 2 at The Guildhall School of Music), Berlin (April 4 and 5 at the Konzerthaus), New York (April 30 and May 1 at The DiMenna Center for Classical Music) and Los Angeles (May 10 at the Colburn School). Each pianist performs a 40-minute solo recital made up of repertory of his or her choice. Performances are open to the public. Admission and schedule information is available at honens.com.

These 50 public performances are recorded on video for review by the Artist Selection Panel (First Jury), made up of both pianists and arts professionals, which views the performances during deliberations at The Banff Centre in June. Ten pianists will be chosen to advance to the Semifinals / Recital Round in Calgary. The Artist Selection Panel is made up of William Aide (pianist, Canada), Leila Getz (Founder, Vancouver Recital Society, Canada), Charles Hamlen (Chairman, IMG Artists, United States) and Benedetto Lupo (pianist, Italy).

Honens International Piano Competition is a leader in discovering and launching the careers of young concert pianists. It searches for Complete Artists – 21st century musicians for 21st century audiences. The Competition awards its Laureate the $100,000 CAD Enbridge Prize and a three-year artistic and career development program valued at a half million dollars – the largest prize in the world of international music competitions. The Competition is presented by Nexen Inc.; Lead Partners include Enbridge Inc., Statoil and TransAlta; Supporting Partners include: Norton Rose Canada LLP and RBC Charitable Foundation. Other Competition Partners include: ARC Financial, Bantrel Co., Canadian Natural Resources Limited, WAX Partnership Inc., Deluxe Design Group, ecentricarts inc., Pattison Outdoor Advertising and Hôtel Le Germain Calgary. Honens also thanks corporate partners Mawer Investment Management Ltd, Masters Gallery, Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc., and public and foundation partners Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Alberta Lottery Fund, Calgary Arts Development Authority / City of Calgary, The Calgary Foundation and the Rozsa Foundation. The Competition culminates to the Semifinals / Recital Round and Finals / Concerto Round in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from 17 to 26 October 2012.

Background Information Attached

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Summary of Quarterfinalist Nationalities (16)

Australia	2
Brazil	1
Bulgaria	1
Canada	6
China	6
Finland	1
France	1
Italy	5
South Korea	3
Poland	1
Romania	1
Russia	7
South Africa	1
Ukraine	2
United Kingdom	3
United States	9

Summary of Quarterfinalist Ages

20	2
22	2
23	6
24	3
25	8
26	3
27	11
28	4
29	5
30	6

Summary of Quarterfinalist Genders

Male	43
Female	7

Number of Performances per Quarterfinals City

Berlin	13
London	14
Los Angeles	4
New York	19

Other Facts

Number of Quarterfinalists living / studying in Canada: 3
Number of Berlin Quarterfinalists living / studying in Germany: 4 of 13
Number of London Quarterfinalists living / studying in the United Kingdom: 8 of 14
Number of Los Angeles Quarterfinalists living / studying in Los Angeles: 1 of 4
Number of New York Quarterfinalists living / studying in New York: 4 of 19

QUARTERFINALS SCHEDULE

London
The Guildhall School of Music
Silk Street, Barbican
April 2, 2012
Performance Sessions at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Admission: Free

April 2, 2012

9:30 - 10:10 Jayson Gillham
Age 26
AUSTRALIA

10:20 - 11:00 Cordelia Williams
Age 24
UNITED KINGDOM

11:10 - 11:50 Pavel Kolesnikov
Age 23
RUSSIA

12:00 - 12:40 Sasha Grynyuk
Age 29
UKRAINE

interval

13:30 - 14:10 Ben Schoeman
Age 29
SOUTH AFRICA

14:20 - 15:00 David-Huy Nguyen-Phung
Age 20
FRANCE

15:10 - 15:50 Oxana Shevchenko
Age 25
RUSSIA

16:00 - 16:40 Angelo Arciglione
Age 30
ITALY

16:50 - 17:30 Carson Becke
Age 23
CANADA

17:40 - 18:20 Aleyson Scopel
Age 30
BRAZIL

interval

19:00 - 19:40 Giulio Biddau
Age 27
ITALY

19:50 - 20:30 Dimitar Dimitrov
Age 25
BULGARIA

20:40 - 21:20 Alessandro Deljavan
Age 25
ITALY

21:30 - 22:10 Clare Hammond
Age 27
UNITED KINGDOM

Berlin
Konzerthaus: Werner-Otto-Saal
Gendarmenmarkt
April 4 and 5, 2012
Performance Sessions at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Tickets: 5 Euros per session | www.konzerthaus.de

April 4, 2012

13:30 - 14:10 Jong Hai Park
Age 22
SOUTH KOREA

14:20 - 15:00 Vadym Kholodenko
Age 26
UKRAINE

15:10 - 15:50 Federico Colli
Age 24
ITALY

interval

19:00 - 19:40 Maria Mazo
Age 30
RUSSIA

19:50 - 20:30 Tuomas Kyyhkynen
Age 25
FINLAND

20:40 - 21:20 Przemyslaw Witek
Age 27
POLAND

April 5, 2012

13:30 - 14:10 Avan Yu
Age 25
CANADA

14:20 - 15:00 Samson Tsoy
Age 23
RUSSIA

15:10 - 15:50 Da Sol Kim
Age 23
SOUTH KOREA

16:00 - 16:40 Chi Ho Han
Age 20
SOUTH KOREA

interval

19:00 - 19:40 Lorenzo Cossi
Age 30
ITALY

19:50 - 2030 Konstantin Shamray
Age 27
RUSSIA

20:40 - 21:20 Yury Favorin
Age 25
RUSSIA

New York
The DiMenna Center for Classical Music
450 W 37 Street
April 30 and May 1, 2012
Performance Sessions at 10 a.m. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Admission: April 30: Free; May 1: $7/session; $15 day pass
Tickets: honens.com

April 30, 2012

10:00 - 10:40 Kwan Yi
Age 27
UNITED STATES

10:50 - 11:30 Shichao Zhang
Age 23
CHINA

11:40 - 12:20 Jiayan Sun
Age 22
CHINA

interval

14:00 - 14:40 Charlie Albright
Age 24
UNITED STATES

14:50 - 15:30 Amy Yang
Age 28
UNITED STATES

15:40 - 16:20 Jean-Philippe Sylvestre
Age 30
CANADA

16:30 - 17:10 Tanya Gabrielian
Age 29
UNITED STATES

interval

19:00 - 19:40 David Fung
Age 27
AUSTRALIA

19:50 - 20:30 Christopher McKiggan
Age 27
UNITED KINGDOM

20:40 - 21:30 Eric Zuber
Age 27
UNITED STATES

May 1, 2012

10:00 - 10:40 Xixi Zhou
Age 27
CHINA

10:50 - 11:20 Alexei Tartakovski
Age 23
UNITED STATES

interval

14:00 - 14:40 Todd Yaniw
Age 27
CANADA

14:50 - 15:30 Miao Hou
Age 30
CHINA

15:40 - 16:20 Alexander Seredenko
Age 25
CANADA

16:30 - 17:10 Michael Bukhman
Age 28
UNITED STATES

interval

19:00 - 19:40 Wayne Weng
Age 29
CANADA

19:50 - 20:30 Zenan Yu
Age 25
CHINA

20:40 - 21:20 Lu Shen
Age 27
CHINA

Los Angeles
The Colburn School
200 South Grand Avenue
May 10, 2012
Performance Session at 2 p.m.
Admission: Free

May 10, 2012

14:00 - 14:40 Vladimir Khomiakov
Age 28
RUSSIA

14:50 - 15:30 Bogdan Dulu
Age 28
ROMANIA

15:40 - 16:20 Andrew Staupe
Age 26
UNITED STATES

16:30 - 17:10 Chetan Tierra
Age 29
UNITED STATES