

INTERNATIONAL PIANO FORUM FRANKFURT – FRIENDS AND PROMOTERS ASSOCIATION

“To the true, the beautiful, the good” – the International Piano Forum has taken Johann Wolfgang von Goethe’s guiding principle to heart. The association was established in 2008 by friends and promoters of classical piano music and offers a platform to outstanding national and international young artistic personalities, in order to accompany them when starting their international career.

INTERNATIONAL GERMAN PIANO AWARD

The International German Piano Award is donated yearly. The prize money of €20,000 is set up to find and promote outstanding pianists. Yet alone being nominated to the International German Piano Award is an honor to extraordinary talent. An international jury of noted experts elects the nominated pianists by means of an independent notary procedure. A second jury, independent to the first, then votes for the winner of the International German Piano Award in Frankfurt. In the past few years the award went to **Amir Tebenikhin** in 2011, **Lukas Geniusas** in 2012, **Dmitri Levkovich** in 2013, and in 2014 to **Misha Namirovsky**. Aim and purpose of the International German Piano Award is to present artists to the audience who have an outstanding artistic expression. The following support of the nominated artists provides concerts at famous national and international Concert Halls and contacts to conductors as well as orchestras. Last not least the association supports the production of CDs, websites and an exclusive artist portfolio.

Preview:

International German Piano Award 2015: April 16 through 18, Concert and Laureate Announcement: April 18, 2015, Alte Oper Frankfurt, Mozart Saal

International German Piano Award 2016: Laureate Concert – Review: January 10, 2016, Konzerthaus Berlin Gendarmenmarkt, Grand Hall



NOMINATED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL GERMAN PIANO AWARD

2011

Nareh Arghamanyan . Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover . **Joseph Moog** . Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Medien in Hannover . **Christopher Park** . Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt am Main . **Amir Tebenikhin** . Hochschule für Musik Theater und Medien in Hannover . **Hélène Tysman** . Conservatoire Nationale Supérieur de Musique de Paris . **Anna Vinnitskaya** . Hochschule für Musik und Theater (HfMT) Hamburg

2012

Ah Ruem Ahn . Hochschule für Musik Detmold . **Lukas Geniusas** . Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory. **Andrey Gugnin** . Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory . **Toghrul Huseynli** . Hochschule für Musik und Tanz Köln . **Ho Jeong Lee** . Hochschule für Musik Detmold . **Igor Levit** . Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover . **Dudana Mazmanishvili** . Hochschule für Musik und Theater München . **Igor Tchetuev** . Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover .

2013

Gábor Farkas, University of Music Franz Liszt Budapest . **Viviana Lasaracina**, Royal Academy of Music London . **Dmitri Levkovich** . Cleveland Institute of Music . **Alexey Pudinov** . Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt am Main . **Edoardo Turbil** . University of Music Fiesole . **Thomas Wypior** . Hochschule für Musik Detmold .

2014

Valentina Babor, Hochschule für Musik und Theater München. **Lindsay Garritson**, Yale School of Music New Haven . **David Gray** . Royal Academy of Music London . **Misha Namirovsky** . New England Conservatory Boston . **Albertina Song** . Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Stuttgart . **Jie Yuan** . Manhattan School of Music New York .

LAUREATES

2011 . **Amir Tebenikhin** . Hochschule für Musik Theater und Medien in Hannover .

2012 . **Lukas Geniusas** . Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory .

2013 . **Dmitri Levkovich** . Cleveland Institute of Music .

2014 . **Misha Namirovsky** . New England Conservatory Boston .

AUDIENCE LAUREATES

2013 . **Thomas Wypior** . Hochschule für Musik Detmold .

2014 . **Albertina Song** . Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Stuttgart

Members of the Jury

International German Piano Award

To uphold the independence of the jury the names of the members of the Panel I are not made public.

Jurors Panel II German Piano Award 2011

DR. ELEONORE BÜNING . Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Music Journalist
DR. ALEXANDER BUHR . Deutsche Grammophon
ENRICO FISCHER . Konzertdirektion Schmid
DR. MILTON RUBÉN LAUFER . United States, Pianist
PROFESSOR DR. SIEGFRIED MAUSER . President, Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, Pianist
PROFESSOR DR. RUDOLF MEISTER . President, Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Mannheim, Pianist
MICHAEL PONTI . German-American Pianist
PROFESSOR FRIEDRICH SCHENCK . Robert-Schumann-Hochschule Düsseldorf, Pianist
PROFESSOR WOLFRAM SCHMITT-LEONARDY . Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, École Normale de Musique de Paris Alfred Cortot, Pianist
PIETER VAN WINKEL . Head of Classic Department, Piano Classics, Pianist
PROFESSOR CATHERINE VICKERS . Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt am Main, Pianist
GREGOR WILLMES . Music Journalist, Culture Manager for C. Bechstein Pianofortefabrik

Jurors Panel II German Piano Award 2012

PROFESSOR OGTAY ABASGULIYEV . Vice President Baku Academy of Music, Azerbaijan
DR. ELEONORE BÜNING . Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Music Journalist
PROFESSOR DAVID LIVELY . United States of America, Pianist
PROFESSOR DR. SIEGFRIED MAUSER . President, Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, Pianist
PROFESSOR DR. RUDOLF MEISTER . Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Mannheim, Pianist
PROFESSOR FRIEDRICH SCHENCK . Robert Schumann-Hochschule Düsseldorf, Pianist
PROFESSOR WOLFRAM SCHMITT-LEONARDY . Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, École Normale de Musique de Paris Alfred Cortot, Pianist
LIOR SHAMBADAL . Chief Conductor Berlin Symphoniker
AMIR TEBENIKHIN . Laureate German Piano Award 2011, Concert Pianist
PIETER VAN WINKEL . Head of Classic Department, Piano Classics, Pianist
PROFESSOR CATHERINE VICKERS . Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt am Main, Pianist
SEBASTIAN WEIGLE . General Music Director of Frankfurt Opera and Artistic Director of Frankfurt Opera and Museums Orchestra
ANDREA ZIETZSCHMANN . Head of Music and Orchestra Manager, Hessischer Rundfunk

Jurors Panel II German Piano Award 2013

PROF. DR. PAUL BADURA-SKODA . Concert Pianist

PROF. THOMAS DUIS . Concert Pianist

LUKAS GENIUSAS . Laureate German Piano Award 2012, Concert Pianist

DR. MILTON RUBÉN LAUFER . Dean of Music New World School of Arts Miami

PROF. DR. SIEGFRIED MAUSER . President Hochschule für Musik und Theater München

PROF. DR. RUDOLF MEISTER . President Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Mannheim

FREDERIC ANTHONY RZEWSKI . Composer, Concert Pianist

PROF. GEORG FRIEDRICH SCHENCK . Robert-Schumann-Hochschule Düsseldorf

PROF. WOLFRAM SCHMITT-LEONARDY . Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, École Normale de Musique de Paris Alfred Cortot, Pianist

PROF. ALEXANDER TCHAIKOVSKY . Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory, Composer

AMIR TEBENIKHIN . Laureate German Piano Award 2011, Concert Pianist

PIETER VAN WINKEL . Head of Classic Department, Piano Classics, Pianist

PROF. CATHERINE VICKERS. Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt am Main, Pianist

BOIAN VIDENOFF . Artistic Director and Founder Mannheimer Philharmoniker

Jurors Panel I German Piano Award 2014

For reasons of even higher transparency the International Piano Forum has decided to make the members of the first or nomination panel nomination public shortly before the German Piano Award since 2014.

PROF. PAUL DAN . Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Mannheim

PROF. NORMA FISHER . Royal College of Music London

PROF. BERND GOETZKE . Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hannover

PROF. WOLFGANG MANZ . Hochschule für Musik Nürnberg

Jurors Panel II German Piano Award 2014

GUDNI EMILSSON . Chief Conductor Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra

GIORGI JORDANIA . Artistic Director and Chief Conductor Tbilisi State Opera & Ballet Theatre

GAETAN LE DIVELEC . Senior Artist Manager, Askonas Holt

DMITRI LEVKOVICH . Laureate German Piano Award 2013, Concert Pianist

PROF. JURA MARGULIS . University of Arkansas

PROF. DR. SIEGFRIED MAUSER . President Hochschule für Musik und Theater München

PROF. GEORG FRIEDRICH SCHENCK . Robert-Schumann-Hochschule Düsseldorf

PROF. WOLFRAM SCHMITT-LEONARDY . Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, École Normale de Musique de Paris Alfred Cortot, Pianist

AMIR TEBENIKHIN . Laureate German Piano Award 2013, Concert Pianist

CONRAD VAN ALPHEN . Artistic Director and Chief Conductor Sinfonia Rotterdam

PIETER VAN WINKEL . Head of Classic Department, Piano Classics, Pianist

PROF. CATHERINE VICKERS. Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt am Main, Pianist