

## Presse Release

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### Worldwide Call for Applications

#### Application phase of Joseph Joachim Violin Competition has begun

*The application phase for the 10th International Joseph Joachim Violin Competition, due to be held in Hanover, Germany, has begun. From now until May 30, 2018, competition host Stiftung Niedersachsen invites young violinists between the ages of 16 and 27 to apply for a spot in the competition at [www.jjv-hannover.de](http://www.jjv-hannover.de). 35 violinists will compete in five competition rounds in Hanover between October 11 and October 27, 2018 for prizes totaling over Euro 140,000.*

**Worldwide Call for Applications** | Over 1,500 recipients – among them professors, conservatories, and universities all over the world – have been contacted by *Stiftung Niedersachsen* with information pertaining to the upcoming season of the Joseph Joachim Violin Competition. From now until May 30, 2018, young violinists between the ages of 16 and 27 are encouraged to apply online at [www.jjv-hannover.de](http://www.jjv-hannover.de). Based on an evaluation of video recordings submitted by applicants, the 35 most suitable candidates will be invited to Hanover, Germany, where they will present themselves with a multi-faceted repertory between October 11 and October 27, 2018.

**Realistic Repertory** | The repertory requirements have seen some changes: above all, violinists will be given more choices. Consequently, repertory selection will be a more prominent factor in the evaluation process. The competition's artistic director, Prof. Krzysztof Wegrzyn, explains: "Today's musicians are often faced with the challenge of quickly assembling and performing a convincing repertory, whether as part of a duo or in an ensemble constellation." The competition structure has been adjusted accordingly: The final round now contains two sessions, a string quintet followed by a violin concerto with orchestra accompaniment. The semifinal round is comprised of a recital with piano accompaniment and free choice of repertory. The only compulsories are the commissioned work and an encore; the selection of the latter will be explained to the audience by the performer.

**Attractive Awards** | With over Euro 140,000 in monetary awards alongside attractive non-cash prizes, the JJV Hannover features some of the most valuable prizes of any violin competition in the world. The first prize includes a monetary award in the amount of Euro 50,000, a 3-year loan of a Guaragnini violin (courtesy of Fritz Behrens Stiftung), as well as debut concerts and the international distribution of a CD. In addition to six main prizes, Stiftung Niedersachsen will also award a special prize for best interpretation of a commissioned work, an audience award, and the JJV Community Award.

**Hanover Hospitality** | In order to prepare for the competition in a supportive environment, young violinists will be taken in by local host families during their stay in Hanover. Additionally, they will be provided with practice rooms, as well as excellent piano accompanists. All competitors will have the opportunity to perform two programs in front of the jury before any decision is made.

[www.jjv-hannover.de](http://www.jjv-hannover.de)



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**Competition facts**

Since 1991, Stiftung Niedersachsen has been presenting the ›Joseph Joachim International Violin Competition Hannover with Prof. Krzysztof Wegrzyn as artistic director. The exceptional musician Joseph Joachim, who launched his international career from Hannover, lent his name to the competition, which also marks a starting point for international careers of the violinists, who apply every three years. Those who have been able to succeed in five competition rounds, having thus shown their special talent, virtuosity, and artistic personality, will be generously rewarded with impressive monetary prizes, a three-year loan of a violin by Giovanni Battista Guadagnini, debut performance opportunities, and the worldwide distribution of a CD recording.

**Competition**

October 11-27, 2018 in Hanover, Germany

**Application**

Violinists from all over the world between the ages of 16 and 27 may apply until May 30, 2018. For further information, please visit: [www.jjv-hannover.de](http://www.jjv-hannover.de).

**Artistic director**

Prof. Krzysztof Wegrzyn, the initiator of the competition, has served as its artistic director since 1991. He teaches violin at the Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media. Another focus of his artistic and educational work is the management of master classes in Europe, USA and Asia. Krzysztof Wegrzyn served as concertmaster for the Hannover State Orchestra for years and is regularly called on to join international juries, such as at the Tchaikovsky, Kreisler, Paganini, ARD and Sendai competitions recently.

**Partners**

Important players in the Hanoverian music scene merge together for the Joseph Joachim Violin Competition. Stiftung Niedersachsen collaborates with the Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media) and NDR Radiophilharmonie as well as Fritz Behrens Stiftung (Fritz Behrens Foundation).

**Stiftung Niedersachsen**

Since 1987, Stiftung Niedersachsen has been supporting the arts, as well as cultural, academic, and educational programs throughout Lower Saxony. With its state-wide endowment efforts, the foundation supports non-profit projects, strengthening the region's diverse cultural profile. In addition to its active involvement, Stiftung Niedersachsen supports around 200 projects per year.

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