

Press Release

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Joseph Joachim International Violin Competition Hanover announces 12 semifinalists

12 of the 32 participants advanced into the semifinal round of the ›Joseph Joachim International Violin Competition Hanover‹. Timothy Chooi, Leonard Fu, Rennosuke Fukuda, Yuichiro Fukuda, Mayumi Kanagawa, Cosima Soulez Larivière, Anna Lee, Youjin Lee, Mathilde Milwidsky, Seiji Okamoto, Olga Šroubková and Dmytro Udovychenko won over the international jury in two preliminary rounds.

The semifinal round will start Thursday, October 18, at 7:30 pm at the Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media's Richard Jakoby Hall. In each concert, two of the young violinists will present a chamber music program with a duration of about 65 minutes. The repertory selection was left up to the participants and will be part of the evaluation. The only compulsory part of the program is the premiere of the contemporary commissioned piece ›Hauch‹ by Rebecca Saunders, with a performance time of about 8 minutes. Additionally, participants are to perform an encore of their choice, which they will first introduce to the audience.

On October 21, 2018, the jury will decide which participants will advance into the final round after having successfully completed this demanding recital.

All rounds are public. Tickets are available at all Reservix ticket agencies, such as the ticket agency at Künstlerhaus Hannover. Tickets may also be purchased at the box office of the respective venue. All competition concerts will be available via livestream worldwide at www.jjv-hannover.de.

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Semifinale

18. Okt Donnerstag/Thursday			19. Okt Freitag/Friday			20. Okt Samstag/Saturday			21. Okt Sonntag/Sunday		
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			11:00	3	Cosima Soulez Lariviere	11:00	7	Youjin Lee	11:00	11	Dmytro Udovychenko
			12:30	4	Mayumi Kanagawa	12:30	8	Seiji Okamoto	12:30	12	Mathilde Milwidsky
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19:30	1	Anna Lee	19:30	5	Yuichiro Fukuda	19:30	9	Leonard Fu			
21:00	2	Rennosuke Fukuda	21:00	6	Timothy Chooi	21:00	10	Olga Šroubková			

Competition facts

Since 1991, Stiftung Niedersachsen has been presenting the 'Joseph Joachim International Violin Competition Hannover' with Prof. Krzysztof Wegrzyn as artistic director. The competition was named after the exceptional musician Joseph Joachim, who was concert master in Hanover, the starting point of his international career. In keeping with this tradition, the competition marks a starting point for the international careers of the violinists who come to Hanover to compete. Those who have been able to prevail in five competition rounds with their special talent, virtuosity, and artistic personality will be amply rewarded with generous monetary prizes, a three-year loan of a violin by Giovanni Battista Guadagnini, debut performance opportunities, and the worldwide distribution of a CD recording.

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.

Artistic Director

Prof. Krzysztof Wegrzyn is the initiator and artistic director of the Joseph Joachim Violin Competition. Since 1993, he holds a professorship at the Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media while also serving as vice president of the university. He teaches master classes throughout Europe, the United States, and Asia, has been involved in chamber music for many years and is the founder of the ensemble 'il gioco col suono'. He has received the Music Award of the State for his musical and artistic efforts in Lower Saxony.

Partners

Many important institutions of the Hanoverian and Lower Saxony music scene collaborate in and with the Joseph Joachim Violin Competition. Stiftung Niedersachsen will team up with the Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media, the NDR Radiophilharmonie, the Fritz Behrens Foundation, and NDR Kultur.

Tickets

Tickets are available now at the internet platform Reservix and at all Reservix ticket agencies and at the box office of the respective venue.