

Press Release

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10th Joseph Joachim Violin Competition concludes with dazzling Prize Winners' Gala Concert

Dmytro Udovychenko receives Audience Award and JJV Community Award, Cosima Soulez Larivière receives Special Prize for Best Interpretation of the Commissioned Work 'Hauch'

A festive Prize Winners' Gala Concert at NDR's Großer Sendesaal brought the 10th Joseph Joachim International Violin Competition Hannover to a close on Saturday, October 27, 2018. First prize winner Timothy Chooi once again dazzled the audience with Tchaikovsky's violin concerto, Op. 35, sharing the stage with the NDR Radiophilharmonie under the baton of Andrew Manze. The remaining awardees presented a chamber music program before the long-awaited awards ceremony, which also included the announcement and awarding of the competition's special prizes.

The € 3,000 special prize for best interpretation of the commissioned work 'Hauch' by Rebecca Saunders was awarded by the competition jury to Cosima Soulez Larivière.

The competition audiences awarded two prizes. The audience of the final concerts with the NDR Radiophilharmonie as well as the audience of the online live stream selected Dmytro Udovychenko as the recipient of the audience award and the JJV Community Award. Each of the audience prizes includes a monetary award of € 2,000.

Awardees

Timothy Chooi
€ 50,000
First Prize

The first prize winner will receive a violin by Giovanni Battista Guadagnini (Parma ca. 1765) on loan for the duration of three years from the Fritz Behrens Foundation. The prize also includes a CD production with Naxos, as well as the opportunity to play debut recitals and concerts with internationally renowned orchestras and ensembles.

Dmytro Udovychenko	€ 30,000	Second Prize
Cosima Soulez Larivière	€ 20,000	Third Prize
Rennosuke Fukuda	€ 8,000	Fourth Prize
Leonard Fu	€ 8,000	Fifth Prize
Youjin Lee	€ 8,000	Sixth Prize
Cosima Soulez Larivière	€ 3,000	Special Prize ›Best Interpretation of Commissioned Work‹
Dmytro Udovychenko	€ 2,000	Audience Award
Dmytro Udovychenko	€ 2,000	JJV Community Award

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.