48. Budapesti Nemzetközi Zenei Verseny
International Music Competition Budapest

Pablo Casals Nemzetközi Gordonkaverseny
Pablo Casals International Violoncello Competition

4–13 September 2014

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48TH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION BUDAPEST
PABLO CASALS INTERNATIONAL VIOLONCELLO COMPETITION
4–13 SEPTEMBER 2014
CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The International Pablo Casals Violoncello Competition - organized by Philharmonia Hungary Concert and Festival Agency - will be held between 4 and 13 September 2014.

APPLICATION

The competition is open to cellist of all nationalities who were born on or after 1 January 1982. The application form should be mailed by 1 May 2014 (at latest) to the address of Philharmonia Hungary Concert and Festival Agency (H-1094 Budapest, Páva u. 10-12.) Application can be send by e-mail as well (maria.liszkay@philharmonia.hu).

All of the following documents must be enclosed with the application form:

a/ brief curriculum vitae
b/ certificate of musical qualification (copy of a diploma)
c/ letter of recommendation from a prominent personality in music life
d/ birth certificate (copy)
e/ two recent photographs (one passport and one postcard size) with your name for the detailed brochure of the competition
f/ the copy of the receipt about the transfer of the entry fee

The entry fee of equivalent to € 140 is to be remitted to the following bank account:

Hungarian National Bank
1051 Budapest, Szabadság tér 8-9.
Philharmonia Hungary Concert Agency – International Cello Competition

SWIFT: MANEHUHB
IBAN: HU69 1000 4885 1000 2010 0022 3335
(Please cover the costs of the transfer!)

The application is valid only after the letter of confirmation has been received. The entrance fee will not be refunded to contestants who withdraw from the competition. Candidates will be informed of the acceptance of their application by 10 June 2014. The number of participants will be determined by the Organizing Committee which reserves the right of pre-selection.
LOCATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The event will take place in the Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music. The competition is divided into three rounds: preliminary, semi-final, final. All rounds will be open for the public. Before each round, each competitor have the opportunity of a short acoustic rehearsal on the stage. The order of appearance will be decided by ballot at the opening of the competition. This order will be valid throughout the whole event.

The Organizing Committee has distinguished official piano accompanists available to the competitors free of charge. Competitors may bring their own accompanist on their own expense if they wish so.

After the distribution of the prizes, the prizewinners will perform a Gala Concert. No payment will be made for this or any of the contestants’ performances, radio and TV recordings during the competition, and any further use of these recordings.

JURY

The jury will evaluate the performances with points ranging from 1 to 25 and will handle the points strictly confidential. The competitors selected for the next round will be listed in alphabetical order. 12 contestants are to pass to the semi-final and 6 contestants to the final round. The jury reserves the right to decide whether or not to award the prizes, or to change the contents of any of the prizes. The jury’s decisions are final and are not open to any appeal or discussion.

INTERNATIONAL JURY

Co - Presidents:
CASALS ISTOMIN, Marta – United States of America
ONCZAY Csaba - Hungary

BERGER, Julius – Germany
COLON, Emilio – United States of America
FENYŐ László - Hungary
MÉREI Tamás - Hungary
MÜLLER, Philippe - France
ACCOMMODATION

The organizers of the competition offer a reduced-price accommodation possibility for the participants of the competition and their accompaniment. Detailed information will be provided after the acceptance of the application.

Those selected to play in the final will be the guests of the competition till the end of the competition. The invitation is valid in the hotel offered by the organizers.

PRIZES

First Prize  € 8000
Second Prize € 6000
Third Prize  € 4000

Beyond these prizes concert engagements and special prizes will be offered to the winners by foreign and Hungarian institutions, festivals and concert organizers.

SECRETARIAT OF THE COMPETITION

All communications should be addressed to

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