The International Rachmaninov Competition of Young Pianists
April 29 – May 8, 2012

Dear friends!

Tambov Music Institute named after S. Rachmaninov from 29.04.2012 to 05.08.2012 would be held VI International Rachmaninov Competition of Young Pianists. The founders of the contest: The Administration of Tambov Region, Department of Culture and archives of the Tambov region, Tambov Music Institute named after S. Rachmaninov. The Competition was started in 1994 and is held once in every four years. The competitors eligible for participation should be born not earlier than May 1, 1992.

Applications will be accepted until February 15, 2012.

Documents to be submitted:
- application form;
- letter of recommendation from a music organization or institution;
- birth certificate (copy);
- certificate of music education;
- curriculum vitae (for publication);
- press reports on performing activity (if any), letters of recommendation of well-known musicians;
- two photographs size 3x4 cm and 1x16 cm in digital and paper view; they must be signed on the reverse;
- receipt of application fee paid;
- programme of performance at the Competition with the indication of duration of each piece.

The documents are to be submitted in Russian or in English.

The documents are to be sent to:
The Rachmaninov Institute
87, Sovetskaya St., 392000, Tambov, Russia
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The Organizing Committee has the right to admit a limited number of participants to the competition. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance or rejection by March 15, 2012.

After the confirmation of participation each participant should transfer the application fee of 2500 rubles. In the case of registered party’s denial from participation, the application fee isn’t refundable.

Prizes and Awards

The Organizing Committee awards 3 prizes:
First Prize – 100000 rubles
Second Prize – 75000 rubles
Third Prize – 50000 rubles
The Organizing Committee awards Special prize “For the best performance of a composition by S. Rachmaninov” – 30000 rubles.

The head of the jury – People’s Artist of USSR, professor Victor Merzhanov.

Competition Programme

First round (not more than 30 minutes)
One polyphony piece by the following Russian composers: P. Tchaikovsky, S. Taneyev, A. Glazunov, N. Rimsky-Korsakov, D. Shostakovich, R. Shchedrin, S. Stroinskiy.*
One virtuoso etude by the following Russian composers: A. Rubinstein, A. Glazunov, S. Lyapunov, A. Arensky, F. Blumenfeld, A. Skrabin, S. Prokofiev, I. Stravinsky.
S. Rachmaninov. One piece of the early opuses or one prelude (op.23 or op.32).

* As an exception participants are allowed to perform polyphony piece by a western composer instead (under the program of the institution).

Second round (not more than 45 minutes)
One or several piano miniature (XIX–XX centuries) by the following Russian composers: M. Glinka, M. Balakirev, A. Arensky, A. Lyadov, P. Tchaikovsky (op. 19, op. 40, op. 72), A. Skrabin, N. Metner, S. Prokofiev, D. Shostakovich, R. Shchedrin.
S. Rachmaninov. Etude-piure or transcription.

* As an exception participants are allowed to perform major piece by a western composer instead (under the program of the institution).

Third round
One from S. Rachmaninov’s concertos (from the first four concertos either the 1st movement or the 2–3 movements must be performed).

Conditions of the Competition

No changes in the programme are allowed. A piece performed in one round must not be performed in other rounds. Foreign participants may have of charge copies of music never published abroad (except pieces by Rachmaninov, Scriabin, Shostakovich, Prokofiev, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky). The order of performances will be decided by drawing lots. The hearings will be held at the Rachmaninov Institute. Practice facilities are provided.

Financial Conditions

The Organizing Committee will pay all living expenses (hotel and meals) to the participants only during the period of their participation in the Competition. Those who withdraw may stay at their own expense. Foreign participants must obtain their passports and visas themselves upon confirmation of their status as a competition participant. The participants travelling expenses (to Tambov and back) are not paid by the Organizing Committee.

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