

THE 17th
ARTHUR
RUBINSTEIN
INTERNATIONAL
PIANO
MASTER
COMPETITION
2023

14 March - 1 April,
Tel-Aviv, Israel

The Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition is organized by



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Dear Pianists,

We are pleased to present the 17th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition, to be held in March 2023, in Tel Aviv, Israel

Named after one of the 20th century's greatest pianists, the Rubinstein Competition is a wonderful tradition going back 48 years, and it is considered one of the leading and most influential piano competitions in the world.

The Competition's Jury members are leading musicians and pedagogues from around the world. They aim to discover not only technical ability and excellence but, inspired by Rubinstein's own musical personality, pianists whose music lies deep in their soul – pianists who can touch the audience with their playing.

The Rubinstein competition is a celebration for lovers of music in general and piano in particular. For three weeks, Tel Aviv rejoices with audience who come from around the country and from abroad. The last Competition was held in 2021, under the unusual circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic. And yet, participants got the opportunity to perform, play music and express themselves. Finalists performed in front of a live audience in Tel Aviv and experienced at least some of the Rubinstein Competition's festive atmosphere.

In 2023 we wish to return to our traditional format of live performances, with crowded halls and a festive atmosphere, from Stage I to the Finals.

I invite you to be a part of this celebration and continue the legacy of Rubinstein's renowned winners, such as Emanuel Ax, Gerhard Oppitz, Angela Cheng, Alexander Korsantia, Kirill Gerstein, Alexander Gavrylyuk, Igor Levit, Khatia Buniatishvili, Boris Giltburg, Daniil Trifonov and the most recent winner, Juan Pérez Floristán.

Good luck to all the young and talented pianists applying to the Competition!

I look forward to having you with us in March 2023.

Yours,
Ariel Cohen
Artistic Director



Photo from the archives of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

"There has to be an element of daring in great music making. These younger ones, they are too cautious. They take the music out of their pockets instead of out of their hearts."

Arthur Rubinstein

Objectives

- Continue the development of the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition
- · Promote the artistic careers of the Competition laureates
- · Issue and distribute publications, films, video, and CD productions
- Initiate and organize worldwide recitals, concerts and international festivals celebrating the great art of the piano
- Hold exhibitions and lectures on music, the art of piano playing and on Rubinstein's life and art
- · Promote the art of the piano worldwide
- Promote local and international activities for children, adolescents and adults with an interest or potential to become interested in the art of piano playing.
- Take part, both directly and indirectly, in projects and competitions related to the art of music in general and the art of piano.
- Promote, enrich, improve and expand research, study and musical knowledge in general and the art of piano in particular.

JURY

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Robert Levin (USA)

Émile Naoumoff (Bulgaria)

Noriko Ogawa (Japan)

Ronan O'Hora (UK)

Katarzyna Popowa-Zydroń (Poland)

Xiaohan Wang (China)

Asaf Zohar (Israel)

TIMETABLE

March 14	Gala Concert	Tel Aviv
March 15-20	Stage I Recitals	Tel Aviv Museum of Art
March 21-23	Stage II Recitals	Tel Aviv Museum of Art
March 24-25	Stage III Finals: Chamber Music	Tel Aviv Museum of Art
March 26-27	Classical Concerto	Tel Aviv Museum of Art
March 29-30	Grand Concerto	Charles R. Bronfman Auditorium, Tel Aviv
March 31	Awards Ceremony and Winners' Concert	Charles R. Bronfman Auditorium, Tel Aviv
April I	Winners` Gala Concert	The National Library of Israel, Jerusalem

RULES & REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

- The 17th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition will take place from 14 March to 1 April 2023.
- The Competition is open to pianists of all nationalities.
- Applicants shall be between 18 and 32 years of age, within the calendar year of the Competition.
- All applications must be submitted online via GETACCEPTED.COM, according to the instructions given in "How to Apply" (see Section VIII).
- · All complete applications will be screened by the Screening Committee.
- · Candidates who studied with a Jury member (not including Master Classes) after I August 2022 shall not be allowed to compete.
- · All stages of the Competition will be open to the public.

II. REPERTOIRE

STAGE I Recital (All competitors) Duration of the performance: 35-40 minutes

Recital (16 competitors) Duration of the performance: 50-60 minutes

The Competitor may choose the repertoire and decide the playing order of the recital program in Stages I and II, but must include, either in Stage I and/or in Stage II, each of the following:

- A CLASSICAL work
- A ROMANTIC work
- One of the three pieces written by Israeli composers:

Yaron Gottfried, Marc Lavri and Tal Haim Samnon.

Duration of each piece: 8 – 10 minutes.

STAGE III Finals (6 competitors)

A) CHAMBER MUSIC

The Competitor must choose one of the following:

Mozart Quintet K 452 for Piano and Winds Mozart

Trio K 498 ("Kegelstatt") for Piano,

Clarinet and Viola

Beethoven Trio Op. 11 for Piano, Clarinet

and Cello

Beethoven Quintet Op. 16 for Piano and Winds

Trio Op. 38 for Piano, Clarinet Beethoven

and Cello

Beethoven Trio WoO 37 for Piano, Flute

and Bassoon

Ries Trio No. 2 Op. 28 (1810) for Piano,

Clarinet and Cello

Brahms Trio Op. 114 for Piano, Clarinet

and Cello

Rimsky-Korsakov Quintet in B-flat major, for Piano,

Flute, Clarinet, Horn and Bassoon

B) Classical CONCERTO

The Competitor must choose one of the following:

Mozart Concerto No. 20 in D minor, K 466

Concerto No. 23 in A major, K 488 Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K 491 Concerto No. 25 in C major, K 503 Concerto No. 26 in D major, K 537 Concerto No. 27 in B-flat major, K 595

Concerto INO. 27 III D-IIat I

Beethoven Concerto No. 1 or No. 2.

Concerto No. 3, Op. 89 in B minor Concerto No. 5, Op. 113 in A-flat major

C) Grand CONCERTO

Hummel

The Competitor must choose **one** of the following:

Beethoven Concerto No. 3, No. 4 or No. 5

Brahms Concerto No.1 or No.2
Chopin Concerto No. 1 or No. 2
Schumann Liszt Concerto No. 1 or No. 2
Saint-Saëns Concerto No. 2 or No. 5
Tchaikovsky Concerto No. 1

Rachmaninov Concerto No. 2 or No. 3
Ravel Concerto in G major
Bartók Concerto No. 2 or No. 3
Prokofiev Concerto No. 2 or No. 3

NOTES:

- · The Competitor shall choose editions that adhere to the original text.
- All pieces must be performed from memory, except for the Chamber Music.
- The Competitor shall play only those pieces which she/he has stated on the online Application Form. No changes will be permitted after 5 January 2023.
- Accurate timings of all pieces chosen must be indicated on the online Application Form.
- The Competitor must ensure that the time limits stipulated for Stages I and II in the Competition Rules, shall not be exceeded.
- Competitors who adhere to the given time limits will not be interrupted.
- The pieces may be performed with or without repeats, at the Competitor's discretion.
- No work shall be repeated at any stage of the Competition.
- The Competitor may add an encore of not more than 3 minutes, in all stages of the Competition. The duration of the optional encore is in addition to the given time frames.

III. PRIZES

- All prizes will be awarded unless the Jury unanimously decides not to award one or more of the prizes.
- In case of a tie, the Jury may decide to split a prize between two competitors.
- · All decisions of the Jury shall be final and cannot be appealed.
- All prizes and/or earnings are subject to taxation in accordance with the Israeli tax regulations.

Ist Prize, The Arthur Rubinstein Award
Gold Medal and \$40,000

2nd Prize Silver Medal and \$20,000

3rd Prize Bronze Medal and \$10,000

Additional prizes, as well as engagements offered to the prizewinners, will be announced on the Competition website and in the Competition program.

IV. CONCERTS AND RECORDING ENGAGEMENTS

- The Arthur Rubinstein Society or its assignees or licensees will organize concerts and recordings for the winners of the Competition.
- During the three years following the Competition, winners may be required to give one concert a year, free of charge, for the Arthur Rubinstein Society.
- c. The Society and its assignees or licensees, at their own discretion, will also have the prerogative to sign recording and/or concert representation agreements with any of the competitors and/or winners during the three-year period following the date of the Competition.
- d. Immediately after the Competition, winners may be invited to play concerts in different venues in Israel. Competitors are asked not to plan any concerts until 26 April 2023.
- e. During the three years following the Competition, winners may accept other engagements with prior consultation with the Arthur Rubinstein Society or its assignees or licensees.
- f. Competitors, who have been exclusively represented by official and/or commercial management prior to the Competition, are requested to inform the Arthur Rubinstein Society about such agreements.
- g. A list of engagements will be published in the Competition program. Scheduling of these engagements will take into account any prior commitments of the winners.

V. COPYRIGHT

Full copyright is held by the Arthur Rubinstein Society and/or its assignees and licensees.

All stages of the Competition may be broadcast and streamed live and may be recorded and videotaped for subsequent broadcast, video, DVD audio recording or equivalent or any other format/media use. It is anticipated that CD recordings of selected Competition performances will be commercially produced, that a documentary of the Competition incorporating selected performances might be produced for television, and that the Competition will be made available on the internet and/or an equivalent media. Camera crews may photograph all Competition events.

Neither the Arthur Rubinstein Society nor its assignees or licensees may be held liable for any payments to pianists arising out of materials derived from Competition performances.

VI. FLIGHTS

The Arthur Rubinstein Society will reimburse up to USD500 to each Competitor, to partly cover his/her flight ticket.

VII. ACCOMMODATION AND PRACTICE

Each Competitor will be provided with hotel accommodation on a half-board basis, from two days prior to the commencement of Stage I through the period of his/her participation in the Competition.

Each hotel room will be equipped with a practice piano.

VIII. HOW TO APPLY

- All applications must be submitted online via https://app.getacceptd.com/arims
- Application will commence on I February 2022 and must be submitted by I June 2022.
- All documents must be submitted in English. If the original is in a different language, an English translation must be attached to the original.
- 4. Only complete applications will be considered.
- All documents listed below (a k) must be uploaded through the online application.
- 6. Confirmation of receipt of the online application is immediate.
- Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to the Competition will be sent to applicants by email no later than 1 November 2022.
- Copies of the Israeli compositions will be sent to competitors by 15 November 2022.

Requisite documents

- Birth certificate or any other official document establishing the age of the applicant.
- Biography (curriculum vitae) which should include details of musical activity.
- c. List of performances, solo and with orchestras, including names of orchestras, conductors, venues and dates.
- d. Articles, reviews, press releases etc.
- e. List of awards received in national and international competitions, including relevant documents.
- f. Certificate of studies, including names of teachers.
- g. letters of recommendation from applicant's current or most recent institution of musical studies and/or teachers.
- h. Letters from musicians of international standing, specifically recommending participation in the Competition.
- i. A high-resolution photograph.
- j. Registration fee: a non-refundable fee of USD 175.
- k. Important! A formal document from the tax authorities of the country of the applicant's residence, confirming that he/she pays taxes there. All prizes and/or earnings are subject to taxation in accordance with the Israeli Tax regulations.

Guest Artists

The Israel Camerata Jerusalem, conducted by Avner Biron The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Lahav Shani



Winners of the 16th Competition, 2021 (left to right): Cunmo Yin, Juan Pérez Floristán, Shiori Kuwahara



Registration via: acceptd https://app.getacceptd.com/arims

I February - I June, 2022

THE COMPETITION MEDALS

The medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) bear three different portraits of Arthur Rubinstein, drawn by Pablo Picasso, engraved with Rubinstein's signature and the emblem of the State of Israel.

Especially minted by the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, they are individually numbered on the rim.

The sketches were donated by Arthur Rubinstein himself, as part of his support of the Competition.







PAST COMPETITIONS

Ist Competition, September 1974

Jury

Arthur Rubinstein, Guido Agosti (Italy), Enrique Barenboim (Israel), Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli (Italy), Jacques Fevrier (France), Henri Gagnebin (Switzerland), Eugene Istomin (U.S.A.), Mindru Katz (Israel), Irving Kolodin (U.S.A.), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Michal Smoira-Cohn (Israel), Alexander Tansman (France), Dieter Weber (Austria)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Emanuel Ax (U.S.A.) **2nd Prize:** Eugene Indjic (U.S.A.)

3rd Prize: Janina Fialkowska (Canada) and Seta Tanyel (Austria)

2nd Competition, April 1977

Jury

Arthur Rubinstein, Guido Agosti (Italy), Jan Ekier (Poland), Jacques Fevrier (France), Marian Filar (U.S.A.), Rudolf Firkusny (U.S.A.), Akiko Iguchi (Japan), Nikita Magaloff (Switzerland), André-François Marescotti (Switzerland), Robert Ponsonby (England), Michal Smoira-Cohn (Israel), Hugo Steurer (W. Germany), Josef Tal (Israel), Arie Vardi (Israel), Ilona Vincze (Israel)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Gerhard Oppitz (West Germany)

2nd Prize: Diana Kacso (Brazil)3rd Prize: Etsuko Terada (Japan)

3rd Competition, April 1980

Jury

Guido Agosti (Italy), Arthur Balsam (U.S.A.), Jan Ekier (Poland), Leon Fleischer (U.S.A.), Hans Graf (Austria), Akiko Iguchi (Japan), Nikita Magaloff (Switzerland), André-François Marescotti (Switzerland), Michal Smoira-Cohn (Israel), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Hugo Steuer (W. Germany), Arie Vardi (Israel)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Gregory Allen (U.S.A.)
2nd Prize: Ian Hobson (Great Britain)
3rd Prize: Jeoffrey Tozer (Australia)

4th Competition, April 1983

Jury

Pierre Colombo (Switzerland), Orazio Frugoni (Italy), Eugene List (U.S.A.), Nikita Magaloff (Switzerland), Pierre Petit (France), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Harold Schonberg (U.S.A.), Michal Smoira-Cohn (Israel), Takahiro Sonoda (Japan), Hugo Steurer (W. Germany), Maria Tipo (Italy), Arie Vardi (Israel)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Jeffrey Kahane (U.S.A.)
2nd Prize: Hung-Kuan Chen (Taiwan)
3rd Prize: Fei-Ping Hsu (China)

5th Competition, April 1986

Jury

Marcello Abbado (Italy), Michael Bugoslavsky (Israel), Pierre Colombo (Switzerland), Halina Czerny-Stefanska (Poland), Dean Elder (U.S.A.), Gary Graffman (U.S.A.), Gerhard Oppitz (W. Germany), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Michal Smoira-Cohn (Israel), Takahiro Sonoda (Japan), Joaquin Soriano (Spain), Fanny Waterman (Great Britain), Arie Vardi (Israel)

Laureates

Ist Prize: No First Prize was awarded 2nd Prize: Thomas Duis (West Germany) 3rd Prize: Angela Cheng (Canada)

6th Competition, April 1989

Jury

Zvi Avni (Israel), Boris Berman (Israel), Halina Czerny-Stefanska (Poland), Joseph Dorfman (Israel), Claude Frank (U.S.A.), Karl Heinz Kaemmerling (West Germany), Emanuel Krasovsky (Israel), Gyorgy Nador (Hungary), Hiroko Nakamura (Japan), Marlos Nobre (Brazil), Vyacheslav Ovchinnikov (U.S.S.R.), Bao Hui Quao (China), Joaquin Soriano (Spain), Gordon Stewart (Great Britain), Fanny Waterman (Great Britain)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Ian Fountain (U.K.) and Benjamin Frith (U.K.)

2nd Prize: No Second Prize was awarded3rd Prize: Krzysztof Jablonski (Poland)

7th Competition, April 1992

Jury

Marcello Abbado (Italy), Zvi Avni (Israel), Joseph Banowetz (U.S.A.), Dmitri Bashkirov (Russia), Noel do Carmo Flores (Austria), Dean Elder (U.S.A.), Valentin Gheorghiu (Romania), John Lill (Great Britain), Hiroko Nakamura (Japan), Pierre Petit (France), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Jose de Sequeira Costa (Portugal), Joaquin Soriano (Spain), Arie Vardi (Israel), Lev Vlasenko (Russia)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Giorgia Tomassi (Italy) 2nd Prize: Simone Pedroni (Italy) 3rd Prize: Ilya Itin (Russia)

8th Competition, April 1995

Jury

Sulamita Aronovsky (Great Britain), Lazar Berman (Italy), Andre Hajdu (Israel), Andrzej Jasinski (Poland), Jerome Lowenthal (U.S.A.), Joachim Kaiser (Germany), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Arie Vardi (Israel), Mikhail Voskressensky (Russia), Alexis Weissenberg (Switzerland), Guangren Zhou (China)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Alexander Korsantia (Georgia) 2nd Prize: Sergei Tarasov (Russia) 3rd Prize: Ohad Ben-Ari (Israel)

9th Competition, April 1998

Jury

Martha Argerich (Argentina), Dmitri Bashkirov (Russia), Michel Dalberto (France), François-René Duchâble (France), Andrzej Jasinski (Poland), Jerome Lowenthal (U.S.A.), Viktor Merzhanov (Russia), Hiroko Nakamura (Japan), Gyorgy Sandor (U.S.A.), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Uriel Segal (Israel), Maria Tipo (Italy), Arie Vardi (Israel)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Igor Tchetuev (Ukraine)
2nd Prize: Vitaly Samoshko (Ukraine)
3rd Prize: Iong-Gyung Park (Korea)

10th Competition, March 2001

Jury

Halina Czerny-Stefanska (Poland), Eugen Indjic (Russia), Yoheved Kaplinsky (U.S.A./Israel), Emanuel Krasovsky (Israel), Li Ming Qiang (China), Hiroko Nakamura (Japan), Lev Naumov (Russia), Cécile Ousset (France), Sergio Perticaroli (Italy), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Hans Ulrich Schmid (Germany), Arie Vardi (Israel), Elisso Virsaladze (Georgia)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Kirill Gershtein (Russia)
2nd Prize: Ferenc Vizi (Romania)
3rd Prize: Massimiliano Ferrati (Italy)

11th Competition, April 2005

Jury

Michel Beroff (France), Carsten Durer (Germany), Yoheved Kaplinsky (U.S.A./Israel), Vladimir Krajnev (Russia), Hiroko Nakamura (Japan), John O'Conor (Ireland), Cécile Ousset (France), Piotr Paleczny (Poland), Matti Raekallio (Finland), Mendi Rodan (Israel), Pnina Salzman (Israel), Arie Vardi (Israel)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Alexander Gavrylyuk (Ukraine)

2nd Prize: Igor Levit (Germany)
3rd Prize: Yeol Eum Son (Korea)

12th Competition, March 2008

Jury

Peter Cossé (Austria), Dang Thai Son (Vietnam), Claude Frank (U.S.A.), Yoheved Kaplinsky (U.S.A./Israel), Robert Levin (U.S.A.), Piotr Paleczny (Poland), Nikolai Petrov (Russia), Menahem Pressler (U.S.A.), Uriel Segal (Israel), Arie Vardi (Israel), Tamás Vásáry (Hungary)

Laureates

Ist Prize: No First Prize was awarded

2nd Prize: Roman Rabinovich (Israel) and Ching Yun Hu (Taiwan)

3rd Prize: Khatia Buniatishvili (Georgia)

13th Competition, May 2011

Jury

Dmitri Bashkirov (Russia), Yefim Bronfman (Israel/U.S.A.), lan Fountain (U.K.), Peter Frankl (U.K./Hungary), Bernd Goetzke (Germany), Andrzej Jasinski (Poland), Yoheved Kaplinsky (Israel/U.S.A.), Robert Levin (U.S.A.), Hiroko Nakamura (Japan), Cécile Ousset (France), Alexander Tamir (Israel), Arie Vardi (Israel).

Laureates

Ist Prize: Daniil Trifonov (Russia) 2nd Prize: Boris Giltburg (Israel) 3rd Prize: Ilya Rashkovskiy (Russia)

14th Competition, May 2014

Jury

Sergei Babayan (U.S.A.), Andrea Bonatta (Italy), Martin Engström (Sweden/Switzerland), Yoheved Kaplinsky (Israel/U.S.A.), Daejin Kim (South Korea), Alexander Korsantia (Georgia/U.S.A.), Emanuel Krasovsky (Israel), Robert Levin (U.S.A.), Cécile Ousset (France), Piotr Paleczny (Poland), Awadagin Pratt (U.S.A.), Yoni Rechter (Israel), Arie Vardi (Israel), Ramzi Yassa (Egypt/France).

Laureates

Ist Prize: Antonii Baryshevskyi (Ukraine)

2nd Prize: Steven Lin (U.S.A.)

3rd Prize: Seong-Jin Cho (South Korea)

15th Competition, April - May 2017

Jury

Hui-Qiao Bao (China), Josef Bardanashvili (Israel), Michel Béroff (France), Peter Donohoe (UK), Janina Fialkowska (Canada/Poland), Ian Hobson (UK/USA), Menahem Pressler (USA), Eliso Virsaladze (Russia/Germany), Arie Vardi (Israel), Ramzi Yassa (Egypt/France), Dina Yoffe (Israel/Germany)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Szymon Nehring (Poland)

2nd Prize: Daniel Petrica Ciobanu (Romania)

3rd Prize: Sara Daneshpour (USA)

16th Competition, March-May 2021

Jury

Yefim Bronfman (USA/Israel), Hung Kuan Chen (USA), Thomas Duis (Germany), Taiseer Elias (Israel), Christopher Elton (UK), Tomer Lev (Israel), Ewa Poblocka (Poland), Menahem Pressler (Israel/USA), Craig Sheppard (USA), Arie Vardi (Israel)

Laureates

Ist Prize: Juan Pérez Floristán (Spain) 2nd Prize: Shiori Kuwahara (Japan) 3rd Prize: Cunmo Yin (China)



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