

Bonn, December 2, 2009



Ludwig van Beethoven's heirs perform again in Bonn –

Green turns blue: New design for website and Facebook page of the 3rd International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn – Over 600 visitors attend Welcome Concert

For two weeks, piano music will ring out at Group Headquarters in Bonn: The international piano competition is taking place for the third time from December 2 to 12, 2009. Following the 2005 and 2007 competitions, a total of 28 up-and-coming young pianists from 13 different countries are performing at this year's event. The young musicians (aged 20-32) are expected to demonstrate originality and a personal interpretation of Beethoven's piano works. The Beethoven Competition now has its own Facebook page, while the homepage at www.telekom-beethoven-competition.de has been redesigned: The characteristic background color, green in 2005 and 2007, is now blue, still featuring the outline of the German classical composer.

The Welcome Concert was opened yesterday by Timotheus Höttges, Chairman of the Organization Committee of the competition and Chief Financial Officer of Deutsche Telekom AG, in the presence of 600 audience members. "The universal language of music will take center stage at the Beethoven Competition over the next few days. A total of 28 first-class competitors from 13 different countries will demonstrate their skills at the event. I look forward to these next few days. Completely new sounds will be coming out of many conference rooms at our Headquarters building." This year's competition sees five competitors from Germany take to the stage: David Meier, Hinrich Alpers, Andrej Kasik, Andreas Hering and Bonn resident Camilla Köhnken.

Further information on the competition is available at:

www.telekom-beethoven-competition.de.

For telephone queries, please call +49 (0)228 181 11 181.

Schedule and repertoire:

First round of competition (all 28 competitors)

December 2 to 5, 2009

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., admission free

Second round (12 competitors)

December 7 to 8, 2009

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., admission free

Semi-final with chamber music (6 competitors)

December 10, 2009, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., admission free

Finals and prize-giving ceremony (3 competitors)

December 12, 2009, 7.00 p.m., tickets available from all the usual advance booking offices (EUR 15 standard, EUR 7.50 concessions)

Beethovenhalle Bonn, Wachsbleiche 17, 53111 Bonn, Germany

Recommended concerts around the competition:

December 13, 2009, 6.00 p.m.

Concert of audience favorites in the Chamber Music Hall of the Beethoven House with the winners of the Favorites Prize. Tickets available at www.beethoven-haus-bonn.de.

December 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Beethoven Night in the Beethovenhalle: The Beethoven Orchestra Bonn presents the three prize winners from the 2009 competition. Tickets available at

www.bonnticket.de.

