



Media information

Bonn, December 2, 2011

4th International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn greeted participants from 13 countries with the Welcome Concert

- Winners of the 2009 competition inspired the public in the Large Hall of the Telekom Headquarters
- From December 2-8, 2011, up-and-coming international pianists will demonstrate their talent in three public rounds of competition.
- The final round and the award ceremony take place on December 10, 2011 in the Beethovenhalle in Bonn

The 4th International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn greeted its 28 participants yesterday with a Welcome Concert. The young musical hopefuls, who this year are drawn from a total of 13 different nations, will over the next few days perform classical music at its best. The final round on December 10 will decide who wins the International Telekom Beethoven Competition 2011.

Hinrich Alpers, Jordi Bitlloch and Einav Yarden, the winners of the Piano Competition in 2009, played works by Schubert, Debussy, Beethoven and Bartók and gained great applause from the 900-strong audience in the Large Hall of the Telekom Headquarters. The concert began with Einav Yarden's performance of Beethoven's Sonata in G major, op 14/2 and the Bagatelles op. 6 by Bartók. Jordi Bitlloch played Schubert's Impromptu D 946 No.1 and

L'Isle Joyeuse by Debussy. Hinrich Alpers performed Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. The audience showed its appreciation to all three laureates with enthusiastic applause. Before the start of the concert, the young pianists chosen for this year's competition by the Selection Commission in mid-June 2011 were introduced.

Timotheus Höttges, Member of the Board of Management of Deutsche Telekom AG responsible for Finance and Controlling and Chairman of the Organization Committee of the Competition revealed on the occasion of the Welcome Concert how happy he was about the positive response of competitors from all over the world: "This year more young artistes have applied to take part than ever before. That proves how well the International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn has established itself within a few years alongside the great traditional competitions. I'm looking forward to the next 10 days, in which talented young people from 13 nations will come together to share classical music."

Prof. Pavel Gililov welcomed the participants in his role as Chairman of the Jury. "It is always a very special experience for me to get to know our young and talented contestants personally after a long selection process," said Gililov. "I am really excited about the performances of our participants from countries around the globe." A total of 95 young pianists from 33 nations had applied to take part in this year's contest for up-and-coming musicians and 28 of them were selected. The jury will accompany the pianists from December 2, 2011 through a total of three public rounds of competition. The three finalists will be announced at the end of the third round. The final round on December 10, 2011 will reveal who will win the International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn of 2011.



Schedule of the International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn:

Competition program:

First round

December 2-4, 2011

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Headquarters of Deutsche Telekom AG

Admission free

Second round

December 5-6, 2011

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Headquarters of Deutsche Telekom AG

Admission free

Semifinal round with chamber music

With Mihaela Martin (violin) and Frans Helmerson (cello)

December 8, 2011

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Headquarters of Deutsche Telekom AG

Admission free

Venue for the first and second rounds and the semifinal chamber music round:

Deutsche Telekom AG,

Zentrale, Großer Saal [Headquarters, Large Hall]

Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 140

53113 Bonn, Germany



There will be no special car parking facilities at Telekom Headquarters. All visitors are therefore recommended to use public transport if possible. The 'Deutsche Telekom' U-Bahn (subway) stop is very close to the venue.

Final round and prize-giving ceremony
with the Beethoven Orchestra Bonn under its Chief Conductor, Stefan Blunier

December 10, 2011

7 p.m.

Beethovenhalle Bonn,
Wachsbleiche 16
53111 Bonn, Germany

Tickets for the final concert on December 10, 2011 can be obtained from all the usual advance booking offices in and around Bonn. They cost EUR 15 for all seats, or EUR 7.50 (concessions) for all seats (plus service fees).

Further information can be found at: www.telekom-beethoven-competition.de
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