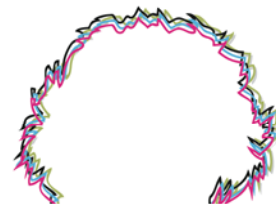




INTERNATIONAL TELEKOM  
BEETHOVEN  
COMPETITION BONN



## Media information

Bonn, December 9, 2011

### **The finalists of the 4th International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn have been chosen**

- Finalists of 2011 come from France, Korea and China
- Gala final and prize-giving ceremony on December 10, 2011 in the Beethovenhalle in Bonn

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The three finalists of the 4th International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn have been decided: Rémi Geniet from France, Chi Ho Han from Korea and Jingge Yan from China convinced the jury with their performances. They will take part in the grand final on December 10, 2011 in the Beethovenhalle Bonn. Deutsche Telekom yesterday invited the public to the semi-final round with chamber music in the Company's Headquarters. Accompanied by the artists Mihaela Martin (violin) and Frans Helmerson (cello), the six young pianists presented their own interpretations of works by Beethoven, Schoenberg, Bartók, Stravinsky and other composers. This gained great applause for the semi-finalists from the 800-strong audience. In addition to the chosen finalists, Stephanie Proot from Belgium, Varvara Nepomnyashchaya from Russia and François Dumont from France contested in the semi-final round.

Prof. Pavel Gililov, the Artistic Director and Chairman of the Jury, declared that he was impressed by the continuous high level of the competition. "It was not easy for the jury to decide between such highly motivated and very talented

pianists. All six of them have great musical skills, but in the final analysis it was perfection and a powerful stage presence which proved decisive in the selection of the three finalists,” is how Gililov explains the decision of the jury.

The moment of truth will be on December 10, 2011: In gala surroundings, the prizewinners of the 4th International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn will be chosen. The winner of first prize will take home EUR 30,000, with EUR 20,000 and EUR 10,000 going to the second and third places respectively. That same evening the audience will also vote to award a prize to the competitor it considers the best finalist, and the winner will receive an additional EUR 3,000. In addition, the finalists will receive valuable concert engagements in Germany and abroad. The final round, which is already sold out, will be broadcast by audio-streaming at [www.telekom-beethoven-competition.de](http://www.telekom-beethoven-competition.de).

#### **Schedule of the International Telekom Beethoven Competition Bonn:**

Final round and prize-giving ceremony (sold out)

With the Beethoven Orchestra Bonn under Chief Conductor, Stefan Blunier

December 10, 2011

7 p.m.

Beethovenhalle Bonn,

Wachsbleiche 16

53111 Bonn, Germany

#### **Other recommended concerts:**

Concert of audience favorite in the Chamber Music Hall of the Beethoven House

December 11, 2011, at 6 p.m.



BeethovenNacht in the Beethovenhalle  
Performance by the prizewinners during Beethoven Night  
December 16, 2011, 7 p.m.

Further information can be found at: [www.telekom-beethoven-competition.de](http://www.telekom-beethoven-competition.de)  
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