

CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL DE PIANO CHOPIN

July 28th and 29th, 2010

BAGNERES DE BIGORRE (Hautes Pyrénées)

The first International Chopin Competition in Bagnères de Bigorre will be held on the 28th and 29th of July 2010.

It is organized by the City Council of Bagnères in the frame of the PIANO-PIC Festival, which takes place since several years during the second half of July in Bagnères and its surroundings.

It aims to promote young pianists from the age of 14 to 30.

ORGANIZATION AND REGULATIONS:

1. Admisión of candidates:

This contest is open to the public, and for young pianists of all nationalities willing to start a concert career.

The maximum age for participation is 30 years old on 1 July 2010.

2. Registration and Admission:

IMPERATIVELY BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 10th 2010. After this delay any request will be rejected.

Each candidate must submit together with their application the following documents:

- Registration form duly completed has to be send by e-mail to the following address:

concoursbagneres@piano-pic.com

and the copies by regular mail to:

Concours Chopin

Association Piano-Pic

Hôtel de Ville

65200 BAGNERES de Bigorre

France

- Photocopy of passport or national identity card.
- A recent photo.
- Curriculum Vitae indicating studies, graduations and any other information concerning the career (articles in newspapers, CDs, etc.).
- Permanent mailing address, telephone and e-mail.
- Receipt of payment of registration fees
- Two handwritten letters of recommendation from renowned International musicians
- The application form must indicate the details of the program chosen by the candidate.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail on the reception of their material.

A selection of more than 20 candidates accepted for the eliminatory stage will be decided based on their file and made public on June 1st 2010.

The selected candidates should send a registration fee of 120 euros to the Association Piano-Pic

Account number: 653 19 7976 3 3

Clé RIB: 32

IBAN: FR76 1780 7000 4265 3197 9763 332

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Bank charges for this transfer will be assumed by the candidate.

The payment of the registration fee is required for candidates and in no

case will be refunded.

STAGES

The competition will consist of two public stages, a screening test, and final test.

Draw order of candidates: 28 July at 9:15 in the Halle aux Grains de Bagnères de Bigorre.

Eliminatory stage on July 28th , from 11am to 1pm and from 2.30pm to 8pm

At the end of this stage, the Jury will select the 5 finalists.

Final stage on July 29th in the evening and it will be part of the concerts of the Piano-Pic Festival.

For the eliminatory stage test and the final stage the order of the candidates will remain the same.

The pianists who are not selected for the final will receive a Participation Diploma.

After the final stage, the Jury will deliberate and the results will be announced by the Mayor of Bagnères de Bigorre on the stage of the Halle aux Grains, before the Public of the Competition and the Festival.

AWARDS AND REWARDS

FREDERIC CHOPIN FIRST PRIZE OF THE CITY OF BAGNERES DE BIGORRE.

8000 euros by check delivered to the winner of the contest at the

announcement of the results.

A commitment for a recital at the Festival Piano-Pic 2011.

Other commitments are under review and will be announced shortly.

SECOND PRIZE FREDERIC CHOPIN OF THE CITY OF BAGNERES
DE BIGORRE:

3000 Euros

AUDIENCE PRICE

1000 Euros

The first Prize is indivisible.

There may be two Second Prizes *ex-aequo*, the sum of 3000 Euros, in this case will be shared between the two winners.

The Audience Price is given by vote after the final stage.

COMPETITION PROGRAM

Eliminatory stage: 25 minutes maximum

A Study of Chopin choose between opus10 and 25.

A Chopin Nocturne.

A Chopin Ballade to choose between the 4 Ballades

Final stage: 30 minutes maximum

Program of free choice by the candidate, which consist only of works by Chopin. In any case, not a work that has already been played in the eliminatory tests may be placed at the final.

All works will be played by memory and without repetition.

In case of exceeding the allowed time, the Jury reserves the right to interrupt the candidate.

Jury decisions are final.

Competition stages are public, and tickets will be sold.

The Competition reserves the right to record and broadcast audio, video, television or other media publicity.

The Final Contest will be recorded and available on the Internet the day after the Competition.

JURY

The Jury shall consist of the usual concert players of The Festival Piano-Pic, its two directors Pierre Reach and Christophe Baillet, and one or two personalities of the musical world.

The Jury is the same for the two stages.

Its decisions are not subject to complaint.

Each Jury member must abstain from voting for a candidate who has been or is currently a student of his.

HOUSING FOR CANDIDATES:

One accommodation night will be offered to each of the finalists for the night's final.

Possibility of accommodation in private homes for the first 10 registered candidates.

Transportation costs to and from Bagnères will be paid by the candidate.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGULATION:

Registration for the competition implies acceptance by the candidate of all terms of the agreement.

In case of complaint, the French text of the regulation will be the reference