

PRESS RELEASE
27TH INTERNATIONAL NEW ORLEANS PIANO COMPETITION
AND KEYBOARD FESTIVAL

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The Musical Arts Society of New Orleans (MASNO) presents the 27th New Orleans International Piano Competition (NOIPC). Carefully selected from over 150 international auditions, twelve of the world's top emerging pianists have been invited to New Orleans for a week of magnificent piano playing as the selected semi-finalists compete for cash and performance prizes totaling over \$35,000, including performances with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra, and a solo concert at New York City's Merkin Hall.

The competition is held concurrently with the New Orleans Keyboard Festival and Piano Institute. The New Orleans Piano Institute includes masterclasses as well as recitals featuring the students of the institute that are open to the public and free of charge. Guest Artists, Russian-American pianist and former Gold Medalist of the New Orleans International Piano Competition Alexandre Moutouzkine and French violinist Chloé Kiffer will open the Keyboard Festival with a recital featuring the works of Maurice Ravel and Igor Stravinsky, inspired by Robert Craft's book, *Stravinsky: Discoveries & Memories*. The artists' program explores repertoire written by both Ravel and Stravinsky, giving a personal insight into the emotional world of the two great artists of the 20th century. More information at www.masno.org.

The 12 semi-finalists invited to compete in the 27th NOIPC are:

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| Sung Chang, South Korea | Yixiang Hou, China | David Jae-Weon Huh, South Korea |
| Andreas Ioannides, United Kingdom | Arisa Onoda, Japan | Robert Levinger, USA |
| Misuzu Tanaka, Japan | Alessandro Tosi, Italy | Scott MacIsaac, Canada |
| Ziang Xu, China | Lin Ye, China | Hyun ji Serena You, South Korea |

When:

Sunday, July 22, 4:00 PM: Guest Artist Recital featuring Alexandre Moutouzkine and Chloe Kiffer
Monday, July 23, 7:00 PM: Semifinal Round I Day 1
Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 PM: Semifinal Round I Day 2
Wednesday, July 25, 7:00 PM: Semifinal Round I Day 3
Thursday, July 26, 7:00 PM: Semifinal Round II Day 1
Friday, July 27, 7:00 PM: Semifinal Round II Day 2
Saturday, July 28: New Orleans Piano Institute Student Showcase Recital (time TBA)
Sunday, July 29, 2:00 PM: Final Round

Where:

Roussel Hall, Loyola University
6363 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

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Admission/Prices:

All Event Pass: regular \$150, student/senior \$140
Semifinal Round I: regular \$22, student/senior \$17 (per day)
Semifinal Round II: regular \$27, student/senior \$22 (per day)
Final Round: regular \$35, student/senior \$30
New Orleans Piano Institute Student Showcase Recital: Free of charge

Guest Artists: Alexandre Moutouzkine (piano) and Chloé Kiffer (violin)

