



The International Piano Forum is presenting the annually awarded International German Piano Award in the Grand Hall of the Alte Oper, Frankfurt on April 1st, 2019.

### **Conditions for participants**

Pianists who have already taken important steps in their careers may participate. They are personalities who have demonstrated, that they have the potential for a concert career, both artistically and in their overall presence or are already performing in concerts. Already nominated participants are welcome to apply again.

### **Application documents**

- **DVD 30 Min.** The recording should be as recent as possible and not older than two years. Professional recordings with the highest sound quality are expected. Video or sound editing is not permitted. Each pianist is kindly asked to send 5 copies of his or her DVD.  
**Or**

Via Wettransfer to [office@german-piano-award.com](mailto:office@german-piano-award.com) - **.mp4 or .mov**

- Repertoire: A variety of styles is desired. Piano Solo repertoire is only admitted.
- The selection of the repertoire is at the artist's discretion. If you play your own compositions, the jury must be submitted or send note material of professional print quality.
- CV, picture and contact details.
- Please send the documents to the following address:

International Piano Forum  
Persönlich – Vertraulich – Confidential  
z. Hd. Maryam Maleki  
Wiesenu 1, 60323 Frankfurt am Main

- **Important: Both piano concertos must be available for the Grand-Prix-Final concerts:**

**Sergei Rachmaninoff - Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Opus 18**

**Johannes Brahms - Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Opus 15**



**Application Open now until December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Nomination and selection procedure of the Nomination Jury**

- Out of respect for all participants, the names of the applicants will only be published on their nomination.
- After the documents have been received, the International Piano Forum will allocate a number to each Video without making any connection to the name of or any other details about the person. The Videos, each identify with a number, will be sent to the Nomination Jury appointed by the International Piano Forum. To guarantee the independence of the decisions made by the Nomination Jury, the Nomination Jury will not be informed of the numbers allocated to the respective pianist.
- The Nomination Jury, which makes the preliminary selection, will not be identical to the final Laureate Jury at the International German Piano Award 2019. To guarantee the independence of the decisions made by the Nomination Jury, the names of its members will only be announced on the publication of the nominations. The members of the Nomination Jury will not be known to each other.
- After listening to all videos, each member of the Nomination Jury will select their nomination proposals from all application videos sent for the International German Piano Award 2019. The jurors' decisions will be sent directly to the notary Rainer Wicke, who will evaluate all the jury submissions and identify the 6 nominees. If the Nomination Jury cannot take a clear and definitive decision on 6 nominees, the International Piano Forum reserves the right to nominate a candidate itself from the 10 best placed pianists.
- The 6 nominated Pianists will be officially informed by the International Piano Forum. The nominations will be officially announced on the website of the International Piano Forum: [www.ipf-frankfurt.com](http://www.ipf-frankfurt.com) /News on February 8th, 2019.
- The decision of the Nomination jury is final and cannot be appealed.



### Schedule 9th International German Piano Award

- Arrival of all 6 nominees in Frankfurt am Main

#### Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

- Welcoming reception and drawing of lots for the order of performances.

#### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> | Semi-Finals Part 1 and Part 2

- The 6 nominees that have emerged from the Nomination Jury selection process present themselves to the newly constituted jury (Laureate Jury) in a **30-minute solo recital in Semi-Final Part 1 with a free choice of repertoire each**. The first performance will take place at 9.30 am. The **1st Laureate Jury** voting will take place after all **6 nominees** have performed. **4 pianists** will be selected in this vote.
- The decision of the Laureate Jury is final and cannot be appealed.
- The 4 pianists present themselves to the Laureate Jury in a **30-minute solo recital in Semi-Final Part 2 with a free choice of repertoire each**, from 2.00 pm. The programme for this performance must not include any of the pieces played in Semi-Final Part 1. **The 2nd Laureate Jury** voting will take place after all 4 pianists have performed. **2 pianists** will be selected for the Final and the Grand-Prix Final concerts.
- The decision of the Laureate Jury is final and cannot be appealed.
- The first orchestra rehearsals with the 2 Finalists will take place from 6.00 – 7.30 pm and 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

#### Monday, April 1<sup>th</sup> | Final

- The 2 finalists selected for the Final and Grand-Prix Final Concerts present themselves to the Laureate Jury in a **45-minute solo recital with a free choice of repertoire each** from 10.00 am. The programme for this performance must not include any of the pieces played in Semi-Final Part 1 or Semi-Final Part 2.
- The **3rd Laureate Jury** voting will take place after the 2 nominees have performed.



## Monday, April 1<sup>th</sup> | Grand-Prix Final Concerts

### Both finalists agree to prepare both piano concerti:

Sergei Rachmaninoff - Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Opus 18

Johannes Brahms - Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Opus 15

The decision which finalist performs which work will be made after the Semi-Final part 2

- The dress rehearsal will take place in the Grand Hall of the Alte Oper, Frankfurt (1 1/2 hours each) from 1.30 pm with orchestra.
- The Grand-Prix Final concerts starts officially at 7.00 pm, followed by the announcement of the winner. All concerts will be open to the public.

### Laureate Jury voting after the Grand-Prix Final Concerts

- On April 1st, 2019, directly after the public performance of the 2 pianists in the Alte Oper Frankfurt, the members of the jury will cast their votes in a secret ballot under notarial supervision in the **4th Laureate Jury** voting.
- The decision on the Winner of the International German Piano Award 2019 will be taken after all 4 preceding performances in front of the jury and will be announced directly after the concert. Thus, the jury result consists of the 4 performances in front of the jury on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- The decision of the Laureate Jury is final and cannot be appealed.

### Prizes and awards

- The Laureate of the International German Piano Award 2019 will receive €20,000.00.
- FAZ-Audience-Award: the audience will select the audience awardee. The prize is endowed with € 3,000. -
- Winners' concert
- CD recording
- Jury membership at the International German Piano Award 2020.
- All nominees will receive a valuable certificate.
- Since 2015, the International Piano Forum has also offered artistic management for its nominees and Laureates:



IPF Masters Management

Nominees and Laureates will be accepted at IPF Masters Management by mutual consent. IPF Masters stands for artistic excellence and offers services such as performance opportunities, contacts with record labels, orchestras and promoters, thus supporting the development of a professional and international stage career.

**Jury members of Semi-Final, Final and Grand-Prix Final Concerts:**

The nomination and laureate jury consists of conductors, intendants, and pianists from the international music world and the previous year's Laureate of the International German Piano Award.

The jury members are appointed by the International Piano Forum.

The names of the members of the both juries will be announced on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 on the website of the International Piano Forum [www.ipf-frankfurt.com](http://www.ipf-frankfurt.com).

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Departure of all participants.