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**Three Former CIPC Medalists Return to Cleveland to Perform as Part of Encore! Gala Benefit**

*Proceeds from October 12 event support CIPC outreach and education programs and 2020 Competition*

**CLEVELAND, OH – September 16, 2019** The Cleveland International Piano Competition (CIPC)

Enjoy a magnificent evening of dinner, drinks, raffle, and musical performances to support the Cleveland International Piano Competition in the beautifully appointed Founders Ballroom of the InterContinental Hotel Cleveland. CIPC welcomes the return of past medalists to Cleveland as they come together to play works for two pianos, one piano eight hands, and even four pianos in a thrilling musical tour de force.

Join us for this one-of-a-kind musical experience to benefit the Cleveland International Piano Competition!

6:00 pm Cocktails and Raffle

7:00 pm Performances by CIPC Medalists

Arianna Körting (2012), Konstantin Soukhovetski (2003), Jiayan Sun (2013)

7:30 pm Dinner

9:00 pm Musical Celebration

Cleveland native Arianna Körting (2012 CIPC for Young Artists 1st Prize Winner) is currently studying at The Juilliard School with Jerome Lowenthal and Hung-Kuan Chen. She has been featured on NPR's From the Top, performed the National Anthem for the Cleveland Indians Opening Day, and has also performed in Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Steinway Hall in NYC, and at the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival.

Russian pianist Konstantin Soukhovetski (2003 CIPC 3rd Prize Medalist) is an Artist-in-Residence at Pianofest in the Hamptons and an avid performer in the New York area. He is rapidly earning a reputation as a "young pianist who captivates" with his "distinctive lyricism," "immaculate technique," and "vigor...refinement... and drama" (The New York Times). Mr. Soukhovetski has performed in such notable venues as Wigmore Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Hall, the Phillips Collection, and many more.



Hailing from China, Jiayan Sun (2013 CIPC 4th Prize Medalist and Audience Prize Winner) received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The Juilliard School under the tutelage of Yoheved Kaplinsky and Stephen Hough. He has been praised by the Toronto Star for his “technically flawless, poetically inspired and immensely assured playing.” Mr. Sun is currently the Iva Dee Hiatt Visiting Artist in Piano at Smith College.

#### Master of Ceremonies

Zsolt Bognár will join the Encore! gala as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, interviewing the medalists and providing commentary. Mr. Bognár is an award-winning pianist, writer, and Ted Talk presenter. European critics characterize his playing as “overwhelmingly visceral” and “of crystalline precision.” His diverse projects have earned him an Arthur Loesser Prize and a Harvard Musical Association award. After studying at the Cleveland Institute of Music with Sergei Babayan, Bognár made his German debut in 2012 at Konzerthaus Berlin in a sold-out performance. The following year marked his recording debut, Franz & Franz, and his receipt of an International Festival Society Grant, which funded projects in Lugano with Martha Argerich and Sergei Babayan and studies with the Wilhelm Kempff Foundation in Italy. Mr. Bognár appears regularly with members of the Cleveland Orchestra and on National Public Radio both as a commentator and performer.

Individual Tickets: \$350 Ticket(s) (Tax deduction of \$224)

Table Sponsorship: \$3,500 for a table of ten (Tax deduction of \$2,240)

To sponsor a table, please contact Marissa Moore, Development Officer, at (216) 707-5397.

#### Buy Individual Tickets

Make a weekend of it with our special room rate from the Intercontinental Hotel and the Intercontinental Hotel Suites on Euclid Avenue.

Call: 855-765-8709 for the Hotel or 855-268-0352 for the Suites and mention the October 12 CIPC gala.