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Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists names six finalists

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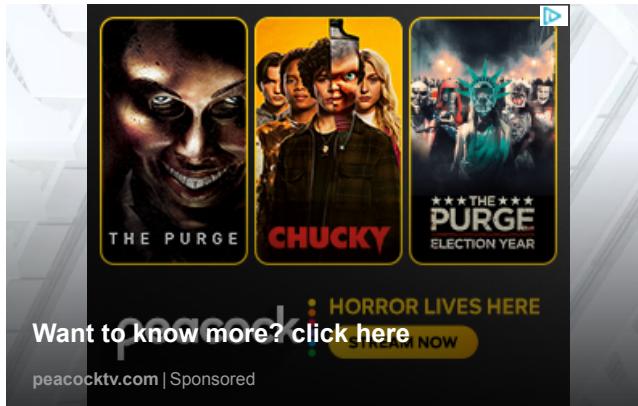
Piano Cleveland received 213 applications of the highest performance level from 27 countries and regions for the 2023 Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists. One of the Steinway pianos that piano technician Jeff Krill keeps well adjusted for the Cleveland International Piano Competition. A Steinway New York made piano photographed on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at Severance Hall. (Lonnie Timmons III / The Plain Dealer) ORG XMIT: CLE2013072511400812 The Plain Dealer The Plain Dealer

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- The field is set for the 2023 [Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists](#). The competition, set for July 13 and 15, will feature six piano players from Asia, Europe and North America.

The event is divided into divisions: junior (ages 11-15) and senior (ages 15-18). The junior finalists are Qinyaoyao Ji, 13, of China, Elisey Mysin, 12, of Russia, and Zhonghua Wei, 14, also of China. The senior finalists are Yanyan Bao, 16, of China, Ryan Wang, 15, of Canada and Saehyun Kim, 16, of South Korea. The six were selected by an esteemed panel of judges from a pool of 32 semifinalists after their first-round performances, which took place at several locations across the globe from Jun. 22-Jul. 2.

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In preparation for their final-round performances, the contestants will have the opportunity to work with conductor Steven Byess and the Canton Symphony Orchestra, professional chamber musicians from the Cleveland Orchestra and faculty members at the Cleveland International Piano Institute. They'll also perform free community concerts at the University of Akron on July 6, Tri-C Metro Campus on July 7 and Temple-Tifereth Israel on July 8.

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Then on July 13, the finalists will kick off the competition by performing classic piano chamber trios with members of the Cleveland Orchestra at Cleveland Institute of Music's Mixon Hall. The week concludes on July 15 when the contestants showcase their best concertos with the Canton Symphony Orchestra at the

Cleveland Museum of Art's Gartner Auditorium. Prizes for first, second, and third place along with several special prizes will be awarded at the end of the night.

Tickets for each round are \$25 (\$10 for students). To purchase or get information about the free community concerts, visit pianocleveland.org.

The Cleveland International Piano Competition returns for its 50th anniversary with a new format next year.

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