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YPF presents the first EUROPEAN edition of the YPF Piano Competition / Grand Prix Youri Egorov from 10-20 February 2022

The Young Pianist Foundation (YPF) will present the first edition of the YPF European Piano Competition - Grand Prix Youri Egorov (as the competition is now known) from 10-20 February 2022. According to artistic director and pianist Thomas Beijer, this will be the eighth competition presented by the YPF. The renowned international jury will consist of Severin von Eckardstein (Germany), Jean-Claude Vanden Eynden (Belgium), Edith Fisher (Chile), Nino Gvetadze (Georgia - Netherlands), Hannes Minnaar (Netherlands), Ronan O'Hora (Great Britain, non-voting Chairman), Marco Riaskoff (Netherlands) and Malcolm Singer (Great Britain). Participating pianists will compete for a first prize of €15,000 and a range of other prizes, including a series of international masterclasses and concerts, plus other cash prizes. Registration is now open to participants, and the deadline is 1 November 2021. Visit the YPF website to find out more about the varied repertoire required for the first YPF European Piano Competition - Grand Prix Youri Egorov and to view the trailer.

Young Pianist Foundation and the upcoming YPF Competition in 2022

The YPF Competition, as it was formerly known, is famous for its demanding repertoire, outstanding eight-member international jury, and valuable prizes, placing it on par with other leading international competitions. The YPF's motto, *Select, Invest, and Launch*, is as up to date today as it was twenty years ago. The upcoming YPF European Piano Competition will take place in February 2022. For the first time, participants holding a European Union or United Kingdom passport will be allowed to take part in this competition, organized by the YPF.

Competition practicalities

During the Grand Finale on Sunday, 20 February 2022, in Amsterdam's Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ, the three finalists – all under the age of 28 – will have the opportunity to test their mettle before an independent, eight-member, international jury. The finalists will compete for the first prize by playing either a Beethoven Piano Concerto or the Schumann Piano Concerto, plus the world premiere of a newly commissioned work by the Dutch composer Reza Namavar. The accompaniment will be in the capable hands of conductor Antony Hermus, leading Phion, Orkest van Gelderland & Overijssel.

Participants will be competing for a **first prize of €15,000**, along with a range of other prizes, including a series of international masterclasses and concerts, plus other cash prizes. In addition, the jury may also award the **Grand Prix Youri Egorov** if the winning pianist has demonstrated exceptional musical talent. This special prize

includes a concert with the Mariinsky Orchestra in St. Petersburg conducted by Valery Gergiev.

Ticket sales Entrance to the competition itself (10-18 February, exact times to follow) is **free**. However, the YPF European Piano Competition will conclude with *A Tribute to Youri Egorov* on Saturday 19 February, and the competition's Finale on Sunday 20 February. Both events will be held in Amsterdam's Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ, and tickets for 19 and/or 20 February 2022 are available now at www.ypf.nl or www.muziekgebouw.nl

A Tribute to Youri Egorov, Saturday 19 February 2022 at 20:15

No edition of the YPF would be complete without *A Tribute to Youri Egorov*, a piano recital showcasing all the YPF European Piano Competition jury members. This year, winning laureates from previous editions of the YPF Piano Competition will also grace the stage.

FINALE YPF European Piano Competition 2022, Sunday 20 February 2022, 14:15 cet

The three finalists will be selected from outstanding pianists from the European Union and the United Kingdom (under the age of 28). They will conclude this challenging competition with some breathtaking and remarkable repertoire, accompanied by Phion, Orkest van Gelderland & Overijssel, conducted by Antony Hermus.

While the jury deliberates, Yang Yang Cai (winner of the 2019 YPF Piano Competition) will perform. The awards ceremony will take place immediately after the jury has reached its decision.

For further information: www.ypf.nl **Trailer:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3wzoPMnPos>

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