



2026
INTERNATIONAL
JUNIOR & YOUNG
ARTISTS
COMPETITION



PROGRAM SEOUL

WELCOME TO THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

2026 GINA BACHAUER INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR & YOUNG ARTISTS PIANO COMPETITIONS

The Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation is pleased to welcome audiences to the Preliminary Round events in Seoul.

These performances take place January 5-6, 2026, as part of the 2026 Gina Bachauer International Junior & Young Artists Piano Competitions. Over 150 pianists from 28 countries have been selected to perform 30-minute recital programs in one of five international cities: Hamburg, New York City, Seoul, Shanghai, and Salt Lake City. Each performer presents a program of their own choosing, showcasing their artistry, technique, and musical individuality.

In celebration of The Bachauer's 50th anniversary, the juries for the Preliminary Round feature esteemed laureates of Bachauer competitions. In each city, the Bachauer Artistic Director, Bachauer Executive Director, and two laureates will comprise the jury. In Seoul, the jury members are Douglas Humpherys, Kary Billings, Changyong Shin, and Kyu-Yeon Kim.

From these performances, 48 competitors will be invited to advance to the Solo Rounds in Salt Lake City in June 2026, where they will compete for over \$60,000 USD in prizes and the opportunity to perform in the Final Round with the Utah Symphony in Abravanel Hall.

Founded in 1976 and based in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, the Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation has earned a worldwide reputation for promoting excellence in piano performance. Through its competitions, concerts, and educational programs, the Foundation continues to provide extraordinary opportunities for young pianists and to enrich the cultural life of Utah and the international music community.

For more information about the Gina Bachauer International Junior & Young Artists Piano Competitions, please visit www.bachauer.com.

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JUNIOR COMPETITORS



HyeonSeo Cho

AGE 14, SOUTH KOREA

J. S. BACH

Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp Major from WTC II, BWV 882

MENDELSSOHN

Fantasy in F-sharp Minor, op. 28

LISZT

Paganini Etude No. 3 in G-sharp Minor

(La campanella)

CHOPIN

Etude in A Minor, op. 10, no. 2



Miyabi Haseo

AGE 12, JAPAN

RAMEAU

L'Egyptienne from Suite in G Major, RCT 6

MOZART

Sonata No. 18 in D Major, K. 576

Allegro

Adagio

Allegretto

CHOPIN

Etude in C-sharp Minor, op. 10, no. 4

RAVEL

Scarbo from *Gaspard de la nuit*



Chaeryeong Kim

AGE 14, USA / SOUTH KOREA

BEETHOVEN

Sonata No. 24 In F-sharp Major, op. 78

Adagio cantabile – Allegro ma non troppo

Allegro vivace

BRAHMS

Variations on a Theme of Paganini, op. 35, Book II

J. STRAUSS / GRÜNFELD

Soirée de Vienne, op. 56



Jueon Lee

AGE 14, SOUTH KOREA

MOZART

Sonata No. 12 in F Major, K. 332

I. Allegro

CHOPIN

Fantasy in F Minor, op. 49

BALAKIREV

Islamey, op. 18



Akin Nilphairojana

AGE 11, THAILAND

BEETHOVEN

32 Variations in C Minor, WoO 80

RAVEL

Toccata from *Le tombeau de Couperin*

LISZT

Paganini Etude No. 6 in A Minor

PROKOFIEV

Sonata No. 3 in A Minor, op. 28



Chanya Bayla Somboonvechakarn

AGE 13, THAILAND

MOZART

Sonata No. 13 in B-flat Major, K. 333

III. Allegretto grazioso

RACHMANINOFF / WILD

Floods of Spring, op. 14, no. 11

PROKOFIEV

Etude in B-flat Minor, op. 2, no. 4

LISZT

Transcendental Etude No. 12 in B-flat Minor

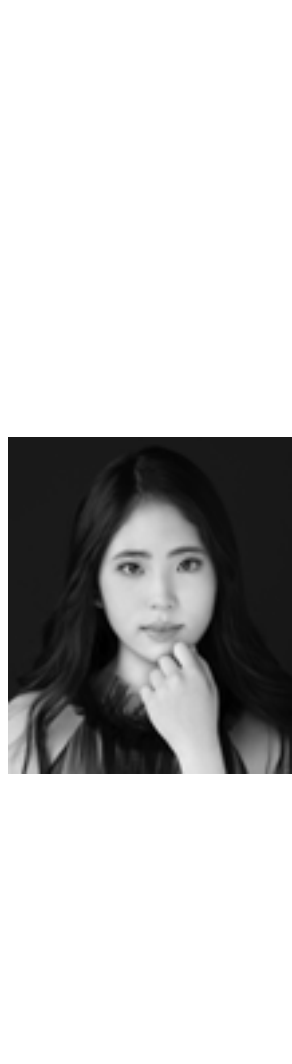
(Chasse-neige)

CHOPIN

Variations brillantes, op. 12

SANCAN

Toccata



Jayden Wayne

AGE 12, AUSTRALIA

MOZART

Sonata No. 9 in D Major, K. 311

I. Allegro con spirito

CHOPIN

Scherzo No. 1 in B Minor, op. 20

SCHUMANN

Fantasiestück in A-flat Major, op. 111, no. 2

LISZT

Transcendental Etude No. 10 in F Minor

MUCZYNSKI

Desperate Measures (Paganini Variations), op. 48



Hadam Youn

AGE 13, SOUTH KOREA

J. S. BACH

Sinfonia No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 788

CHOPIN

Etude in A Minor, op. 25, no. 11

HAYDN

Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Hob. XVI:46

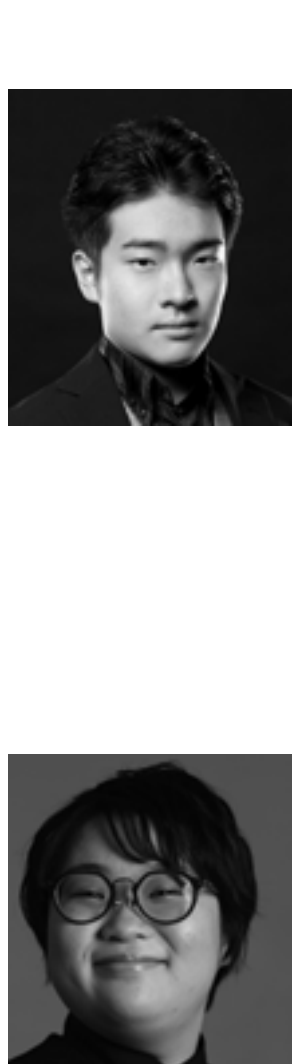
I. Allegro moderato

II. Adagio

LISZT

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 in C-sharp Minor

YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITORS



Riko Ando

AGE 18, JAPAN

J. S. BACH

Toccata in C Minor, BWV 911

CZERNY

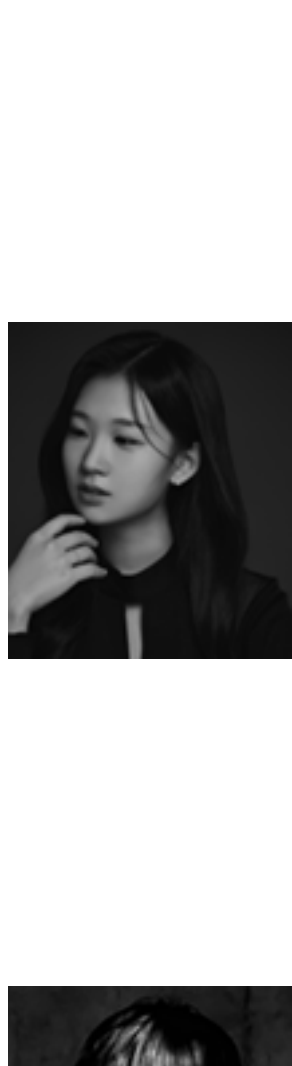
Variations on a Theme by Rode, op. 33

CHOPIN

Nocturne in F-sharp Major, op. 15, no. 2

KAPUSTIN

Concert Etude, op. 40, no. 3 (Toccata)



Sakina Hatakeyama

AGE 18, JAPAN

J. S. BACH

Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp Major from WTC I, BWV 858

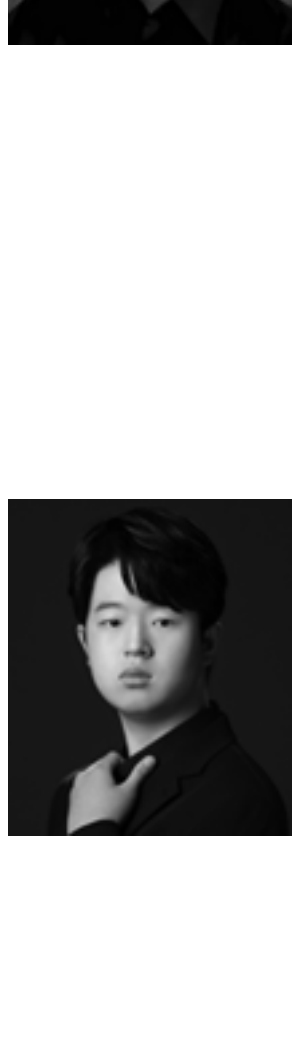
CHOPIN

Mazurka in C Major, op. 24, no. 2

Etude in F Major, op. 10, no. 8

SYMANOWSKI

Variations in B-flat Minor, op. 3



Minwoo Hong

AGE 18, SOUTH KOREA

HANDEL

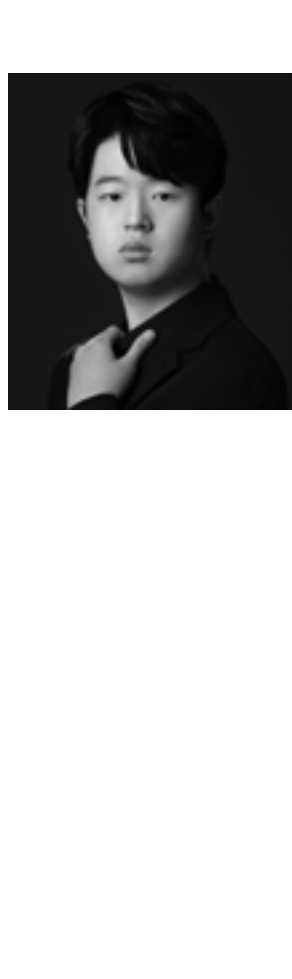
Chaconne in G Major, HWV 435

LISZT

Vallée d'Obermann from *Années de pèlerinage*

RACHMANINOFF

Prelude in D Major, op. 23, no. 4



Michael Ethan Hoo

AGE 16, INDONESIA

J. S. BACH

Prelude and Fugue in D-sharp Minor from WTC II, BWV 877

BEETHOVEN

Sonata No. 2 in A Major, op. 2, no. 2

I. Allegro vivace

CHOPIN

Ballade No. 3 in A-flat Major, op. 47

HOUGH

Fanfare Toccata

Geonho Kim

AGE 16, SOUTH KOREA

J. S. BACH

Italian Concerto in F Major, BWV 971

BEETHOVEN

Sonata No. 26 in E-flat Major, op. 81a

I. *Das Lebwohl*: Adagio – Allegro

RACHMANINOFF

Etude-tableau in C Minor, op. 39, no. 1

CHOPIN

Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, op. 23

Yurim Kim

AGE 17, SOUTH KOREA

MOZART

Sonata No. 3 in B-flat Major, K. 281

Allegro

Andante amoroso

Allegro

CHOPIN

Variations on *Là ci darem la mano*, op. 2

Jaeyong Lee

AGE 17, SOUTH KOREA

J. S. BACH

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor from WTC II, BWV 871

BEETHOVEN

Sonata No. 24 in F-sharp Major, op. 78

Adagio cantabile – Allegro ma non troppo

Allegro vivace

CHOPIN

Barcarolle in F-sharp Major, op. 60

RAVEL

Scarbo from *Gaspard de la nuit*

Seo Eun Lee

AGE 17, SOUTH KOREA

MOZART

Sonata No. 18 in D Major, K. 576

I. Allegro

SCHUMANN

Symphonic Etudes, op. 13

RAVEL

Toccata from *Le tombeau de Couperin*

Hiroki Nakayama

AGE 16, JAPAN

BRAHMS

Sonata No. 2 in F Minor, op. 2

I. Allegro non troppo, ma energico

RAMEAU

Gavotte with Six Doubles from Suite in A Minor, RCT 5

RAVEL

La valse

Soyo Sekiguchi

AGE 16, JAPAN

RAMEAU

Le rappel des oiseaux from Suite in E Minor, RCT 2

RACHMANINOFF

Six moments musicaux, op. 16

Andantino

Allegretto

Andante cantabile

Presto

Adagio sostenuto

Maestoso

Eunseo Yoo

AGE 18, SOUTH KOREA

BEETHOVEN

Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, op. 110

Moderato cantabile molto espressivo

Allegro molto

Adagio ma non troppo – allegro ma non troppo

CHOPIN

Nocturne in C sharp Minor, op. 48, no. 1

Ryugo Yoshino

AGE 17, JAPAN

RAMEAU

Les cyclopes from Suite in D Major, RCT 3

RAVEL

Scarbo from *Gaspard de la nuit*

PROKOFIEV

Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, op. 83

Allegro inquieto

Andante caloroso

Precipitato

Jaebin Yun

AGE 18, SOUTH KOREA

HAYDN

Sonata in E Minor, Hob. XVI:34

Presto

Adagio

Finale: Molto vivace

SCRIABIN

Etude in G-sharp Minor, op. 8, no. 9

MEDTNER

Forgotten Melodies, op. 39

IV. Canzona matinata

V. Sonata tragica