

2021

Winners of previous editions

RAFAŁ BLECHACZ

SZYMON NEHRING

IULIANNA AVDEEVA

VALENTINA IGOSHINA

JOANNA MARCINKOWSKA

JOSIF SERGEI

TOMASZ RITTER

ARSENII MUN

DENIS ZHDANOV

MICHAŁ PIERZAK

PIOTR ŻUKOWSKI

ANNA FEDOROVA

XII INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PIANISTS

Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam

up to 22 years old!

XII Międzynarodowy Konkurs Młodych Pianistów

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wiek uczestników do 22 lat!

7 - 13. 12. 2021, BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND

12th International Competition for Young Pianists
Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam.
We open the door to a great career!

*It reaches an extremely high level and fills an important space
in today's music world, the gap that exists between two big competitions:
the Chopin Competition in Warsaw and the Tchaikovsky in Moscow.*
J. Kański, music critic

There are over 750 international piano competitions all over the world, but the Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam International Competition for Young Pianists, held in Bydgoszcz, is in many ways unrivaled. It is one of the most important music competitions for young pianists, up to 22 years old, in the world. Great prestige. It owes its world fame not only to the fame of the great Arthur Rubinstein, but above all to young pianists who, following in the footsteps of the great master, begin their great artistic careers here in Bydgoszcz. The honorary chairman of the Competition is Ewa Rubinstein - the daughter of the great pianist.

In the past, amazing talents have manifested themselves here - pianists who by a lot they have been recording for major record companies for years, winning top positions at Chopin Competition in Warsaw, for example, Rafał Blechacz or Juliana Avdeeva. In 2014, the 10th International Competition for Young Pianists „Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam” was won by 19-year-old Szymon Nehring, who then became a finalist of the 17th International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw, and in 2017 he won - as the first Pole in history - extremely difficult and prestigious XV International Master Competition Arthur Rubinstein in Tel-Aviv.

12th International Competition for Young Pianists „Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam” will be held from 7 to 13 December 2021 in Bydgoszcz - in a city known as the „City of Music”, with great cultural and artistic traditions. In addition to financial prizes, the winners will receive the Chopin Prize and the Special Prize for the best performance of a piece by Karol Szymanowski, as well as awards in the form of concerts and scholarships.

International Competition for Young Pianists „Artur Rubinstein in memoriam” has been organized since 1993 by the State Music School Complex Artur Rubinstein in Bydgoszcz and the Mozart Society in Bydgoszcz with the participation of: the Ministry of Culture, National Heritage and Sports in Warsaw, the Marshal's Office of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship in Toruń, the City Hall of Bydgoszcz. The competition is recommended by the Ministry of Culture, National Heritage and Sports.

The idea of searching for talents and facilitating their start into adult life was inspired by the words of Artur Rubinstein himself, who gave concerts in the newly built Philharmonic Hall Pomorska in 1960, he said: „You have a great concert hall, you should organize international competitions here”. Following the thought of the great pianist, the director of the State Music School Complex Artur Rubinstein in Bydgoszcz, Ewa Stąporek-Pospiech initiated an international competition. Jan Popis - musicologist and music critic, created its program and artistic formula and has been the artistic director since the first edition. **In 2000, the competition was entered into the European Association of Music Competitions for Young People (EMCY).**

