

LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION – WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The weather cleared up just in time for the announcement of 9 semifinalists. As predicted by Nikita Fitenko at the beginning of the competition, the judges were unable to settle on 8 semifinalists. Even though one competitor was called away for a family emergency at the last minute, the remaining 23 still faced each other in what would prove to be very stiff competition. What has surely been nerve-wracking for the contestants has been exhilarating for music lovers in Alexandria. In fact, it's a shame we'll only get to hear 9. And those 9 are:

1. Joshua Chandra, USA
2. Kun Yao, Canada
3. Jee In Hwang, South Korea
4. Andreas Eggertsberger, Austria
5. Daniil Tsvetkov, Russia
6. Eric Clark, USA
7. Lin Peng, China
8. Yu-Chi Tai, Taiwan
9. John Fisher, Australia

The semifinal round will commence at 10 AM Thursday morning with performances of de Falla, Rachmaninoff, Brahms, Chopin, Barber, Schumann and Debussy, to name a little more than a few. Be sure to check www.lacompetition.com to see the performances streamed live online. Or go to Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center to see the best of the best perform. Don't miss the announcement when the round ends Thursday night, and find out who makes it to the finals and will play with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra Saturday night at 6PM.

Tickets are available at Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center or online at www.lacompetition.com Tickets for the semifinal round are 5 dollars, and tickets for the final round with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra are \$25. See you there!

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Thursday October 15, 2009 10:00am-9:00pm Saturday October 17, 2009 6:00pm -9:30pm