

LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION – THURSDAY REPORT
3 FINALISTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Alexandria can count itself lucky to have so many phenomenal musicians making their home here, even if only for a week. Their playing has been so masterful; the judges couldn't limit themselves to 8 semifinalists, naming nine instead. However, with an entire orchestra rehearsing up to 3 concerti to perform with the finalists, the judges had to be decisive with their final cut. And the results have just been announced.

The first finalist to play at 6:00 Saturday night is Kun Yao of Canada with Beethoven's Concerto No.5 in E-flat major. The next finalist is Daniil Tsvetkov of Russia, who will play Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor. John Fisher of Australia rounds out the finalists, also with Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor.

The Rapides Symphony Orchestra has their work cut out for them as they rehearse 2 concerti with the 3 finalists over the next two days to prepare for what will surely be an amazing night. Purchase your tickets by going online to www.lacompetition.com. Tickets are also available at the door, so don't miss your opportunity to be a part of a truly amazing experience for music lovers of Central Louisiana. The final round will also be streamed live, and the link can be found on the festival's website.

Don't miss the junior-level competition at Weathersby Hall at Louisiana College Saturday morning. Even if the young competitors only have a fraction of the talent of their artist-level counterparts, you can still be assured the performances will be astounding.

With the junior-level competition in the morning and the final round of the artist-level competition in the evening, Saturday will be a red letter day for music lovers of Central Louisiana. Don't miss it.

Louisiana International Piano Competition
Streaming Live, Real-Time Video

Semifinals and Finals at www.LaCompetition.com
Thursday October 15, 2009 10:00am-9:00pm Saturday October 17, 2009 6:00pm -9:30pm