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INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION
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Finalist
Artem Abashev - Russia

Artem Abashev was born in Tchaikovsky, Russia in 1983. He enrolled in a music school at the age of five, where his first piano teacher was Ol'ga Denisova. After graduation in 1998 he went on to study at the Tchaikovsky Music College with Valentin Shlyomov, a disciple of Nikolai Igumnov.

In 2002, in addition to winning second prize in the Sofronitsky Regional Piano Competition held in Kazan, Mr. Abashev became a student of nationally acclaimed Prof. E.V. Burnasheva at the Kazan Conservatory of Music. During the course of his studies at the conservatory, Mr. Abashev has been a frequent guest of various venues throughout Russia. In 2005, the Rostropovich Foundation in Moscow awarded him a stipend, and for the next two years Mr. Abashev would be invited to perform in numerous concerts given by the foundation in Moscow.

Among his competitive accolades are 1st prize in the Second International Piano Competition held in Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan in 2002, 3rd prize in the National Piano Competition in Ruza, 4th prize in the International Scriabin Piano Competition in Moscow, in 2008, 2nd prize in the "A. Scriabin 2008" International Piano Competition (a 1st prize was not awarded), and most recently, in June 2008, 2nd prize in the Rachmaninoff International Piano Competition in Los Angeles (a 1st prize was not awarded).

Mr. Abashev is currently a post-graduate student of the Kazan State Conservatory of Music and will graduate in 2010.



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First Stage

L. Beethoven	Sonata No. 17 in d minor, Op. 31 No. 2 <i>“The Tempest”</i> I – <i>Largo, Allegro</i> II – <i>Adagio</i> III – <i>Allegretto</i>
F. Chopin	Etude in c# minor Op. 10 No.4
S. Rachmaninoff	Etude Tableau in D Major, Op. 39 No.9
S. Rachmaninoff	Prelude in g ^b minor, Op. 32 No. 12
P. Tchaikovsky-S. Rachmaninoff	Lullaby, Op. 16 No. 1
S. Rachmaninoff-E. Wild	Do Not Grieve, Op. 14 No. 8
S. Rachmaninoff-E. Wild	O, Cease Thy Singing, Op. 4 No. 4

Second Stage

S. Rachmaninoff	Sonata No. 2, Op. 36 (2 nd ed.) I – <i>Allegro agitato</i> II – <i>Non allegro, Lento, Poco piu mosso</i> <i>Tempo I</i> III – <i>L'istesso tempo, Allegro molto</i>
S. Rachmaninoff	Moment Musical, Op. 16 No. 1
S. Rachmaninoff	Prelude in c ^b minor, Op. 3
A. Scriabin	Sonata No. 8, Op. 66 I – <i>Lento, Allegro agitato</i>

Final Round – Walt Disney Concert Hall

With the Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra of Moscow, Conducted by Terje Mikkelsen

S. Rachmaninoff	Concerto No. 2 in c minor, Op. 18 I – <i>Moderato</i> II – <i>Adagio sostenuto</i> III – <i>Allegro scherzando</i>
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