2011

Aglaia Graf (3rd prize)



Aglaia Graf was born in Basel. At the age of 14 she became a junior student in the piano class of Adrian Oetiker at the Musikhochschule der Stadt Basel where she passed her Concert Diploma with distinction in summer 2007. Since October 2007 she has been continuing her studies in Vienna at the University of Music and Performing Arts and in Paris. Master classes with teachers such as Andràs Schiff, Paul Badura-Skoda, Klaus Hellwig, Andrzej Jasinski, Ferenc Rados, Claudio Martinez-Mehner, Alain Planès, Pietro de Maria and have deepened her musical and pianistic knowledge. In 2007 she was awarded a grant by the Lyra Foundation and for the years 2008/2009 Aglaia won the music grant of the MIGROS-Kulturprozent and the Ernst Göhner Foundation.

Sergei Kiselev (3rd prize)



Sergei Kiselev was born in Tbilisi, Georgia, in 1987. Aged seven he began piano lessons. In 2004 he commenced studies at the State Conservatory of his native town. Since 2008 he has been a

student of Hans Jürg Strub at the University of the Arts Zurich. Currently he is developing his reputation as a soloist and chamber musician..

Pavel Yeletskiy (Kurt Leimer – special distinction)



Pavel Yeletskiy was born in Kalinkovitchi, Belarus, in 1982, and started playing the piano at five years of age. In 1993 he was a laureate of the International Zvetajewa Junior Support Competition. In 1995 he was accepted to study at the Moscow State Conservatory and four years later he became student of Lev Naumov. Currently Yeletskiy is a postgraduate student at the Berne University of the Arts. In 2001 he won the Vladimir Horowitz Competition in Kiev and at the Minnesota Piano Contest of 2009 he was placed second, and awarded the special Schubert Prize.