

Press Release
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International Cochran Piano Competition – 6th EDITION RESULTS

Pianists **Anca Stana** (Romania), **Julia Dmochowska** (Poland) and **Matteo Cardelli** (Italy/France) are laureates of the 6th edition of the International Cochran Piano Competition - the first online piano competition in the world created in 2014 for adults focusing on innovation, technology and comprehensive long-term artistic development.

The International Cochran Piano Competition Jury, composed of Tobias Koch and Gil Sullivan was impressed by the level of this years' edition performances.

A fabulous pianist with great sensitivity, colour & musical awareness – Gil Sullivan about Anca Stana

He knows about the art of musical characterization - that makes the difference between an interpreter and a reader – Tobias Koch about Matteo Cardelli

She plays with great beauty, imagination & warmth of expression – Gil Sullivan about Julia Dmochowska

ANCA STANA (b. 1985)

Pianist Anca Stana (Săftulescu), Lecturer at the *Ovidius* University in Constanța, Faculty of Arts, holds a Doctorate Degree in Music (2017). She completed her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree at the National University of Music in Bucharest. In 2006, she was awarded a scholarship for university studies at the *Conservatoire National Supérieure de Musique et de Danse de Paris*, studying under the guidance of Professor Jacques Rouvier.

Anca Stana has been invited on numerous occasions to participate in national and international music festivals, including the *George Enescu* International Festival, Cremona Summer Festival and Hungarian Music Festival in Bucharest. Prize winner at numerous international competitions.

MATTEO CARDELLI (b. 1992)

He got his Diploma at the Conservatory of Ferrara and Master degrees in Piano Performance and Specialized Piano Performance-Soloist with high distinction in Musik Akademie Basel. Finalist at *Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition* and at *Concours Géza Anda 2021*. He performs regularly both as soloist and in chamber music groups. He played in prestigious venues in Europe, North America and Asia.

JULIA DMOCHOWSKA (b. 2000)

Julia began her adventure with piano as a five-year-old, she is a laureate of many national and international competitions. Her big passion is chamber music-she performs frequently in piano duos, trios and several other ensembles. As part of her music activities, in addition to strictly artistic development, Julia is very actively involved in the life of the academic community. She initiates and presides over concerts, workshops and student exchange programmes.

The International Cochran Piano Competition is the world's first entirely online piano competition, established in 2014. It offers pianists the opportunity for artistic, professional and personal development. The competition has attracted participation from 600 pianists globally through its unique format of digital recording submission and one-on-one Zoom conversation with jury members. The competition is inclusive and accessible to all, with no upper age limit for participation.

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