

## Prix de Lausanne 2017

### Opening of the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the competition

International competition for young dancers - Théâtre de Beaulieu

**Lausanne January 30th, 2017: the competition starts today with 68 young dancers from 17 different countries.**

Registration and first warm-up classes were broadcasted live yesterday on our Facebook page. Official competition week opens live on ARTE Concert today (from 3pm to 4.30pm - everyday until Thursday). On Friday and Saturday, the entire Selections and Finals will be live-streamed.

**Shelly Power, Artistic Director and CEO:** *"It gives me great pleasure to open the 45th anniversary week of the Prix de Lausanne. 68 students are ready to experience a unique week of access to the professional world of ballet. Each student will have an opportunity to test their skills but more than that to find from within their courage, strength, calm, control and confidence. These are all skills that will change their lives and to experience that change is an honor for me. Leading my first Prix de Lausanne today is also filled with the anticipation of recognizing John Neumeier, for his willingness to share the variations that our candidates will perform and for all the gifts he has imparted on generations of dancers that have come through the Prix. I look forward to my daily inspiration of knowing I am part of a bigger plan that will impact these young dancers lives forever. Our daily live stream might also give others that daily inspiration and we are grateful to share this unique experience with the world."*

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### **Press kit, photos and schedule 2017**

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*Created in 1973, the Prix de Lausanne is an annual international competition for young dancers aged 15 to 18. Its goal is to discover, promote and support the world's finest young talents. 68 of the world's most prestigious dance schools and companies, such as the Royal Ballet in London, the Vaganova Ballet Academy in St. Petersburg, the San Francisco Ballet School and the Australian Ballet, are associated with the Prix de Lausanne and support its activities.*

*One of a kind, the Prix de Lausanne represents an exceptional platform for discovering youthful talent. It is open to dance professionals who can observe and establish contacts with the candidates, thereby transforming Lausanne into the world's capital for young dancers during the week of the competition.*