

**Prix de Lausanne 2018**  
**The video selection is coming soon!**  
International competition for young dancers – Théâtre de Beaulieu

**Lausanne, October 20th, 2017 : the Prix de Lausanne received a record number of 380 applications for the upcoming edition which will take place from January 28th to February 4th, 2018. The 9 members of the video selection panel will meet in Lausanne at the end of the month to choose 70 young dancers – the future participants to the 46<sup>th</sup> famous international competition.**

**Members of the jury for the video selection**

The selection will take place at the Presbytère in Lausanne from October 26th to 29th where 9 professionals of the ballet world will meet to watch the 380 video recordings of the candidates. At the end, 70 to 80 young dancers will be selected and become the candidates for Prix de Lausanne 2018. The jury panel will be composed by **Kathryn Bradney** (Director of the Igokat Dance Academy and former Principal Dancer of the Béjart Ballet Lausanne), **Patrice Delay** (co-Director of the Geneva Dance School and Geneva Junior Ballet), **Nicolas Le Riche** (Artistic Director of the Swedish Royal Ballet, founder of the LAAC – L'Atelier d'Art Chorégraphique - and étoile of the Paris Opera Ballet), **Leticia Mueller** (former Principal Dancer and Guest Artist of the Birmingham Royal Ballet), **Clairemarie Osta** (founder of the LAAC – L'Atelier d'Art Chorégraphique and étoile of the Paris Opera Ballet), **Igor Piovano** (Director of the Igokat Dance Academy and former Principal Dancer of the Béjart Ballet Lausanne), **Élisabeth Platel** (Director of the Paris Opera Ballet School), **Shelly Power** (CEO and Artistic Director of the Prix de Lausanne) and **Sean Wood** (co-Director of the Geneva Dance School and Geneva Junior Ballet).

**Winners of the preselection in Uruguay**

The South-American preselection took place on October 4th and 5th in Montevideo where 40 dancers of different countries (Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay) were candidates. Two young Brazilian girls won this preselection: **Isabella Bellotti** and **Carolyne Galvao**. They have been awarded an all-expense paid trip to come to Lausanne and participate in the competition.

**Preselected candidates in 2017**

The CEO and Artistic Director of the Prix de Lausanne, **Shelly Power**, preselected several candidates at the YAGP (**Youth America Grand Prix**) in New York last April and at the IBCC (**International Ballet and Choreography Competition**) in Beijing last August. **Chloe Misseldine** (2<sup>nd</sup> place, senior women, YAGP Finals), **Hanna Park** (1<sup>st</sup> place, junior women, YAGP Finals), **Makani Yerg** (YAGP finalist), **XU Mohan** (Gold Medal, IBCC) and **ZHAO Xinyue** (Gold Medal, IBCC) will take part in the Prix de Lausanne 2018!

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*Created in 1973, the Prix de Lausanne is an annual international competition for young dancers aged 14 to 19. Its goal is to discover, promote and support the finest 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.*