

Prix de Lausanne 2019 Results of the Selections

International ballet competition – Beaulieu Theater

Lausanne February 8th, 2019: 21 candidates have been selected for the Finals of the Prix de Lausanne that will take place on Saturday February 9th at the Beaulieu Theater, after a week of lessons and coaching sessions.

The 74 candidates from all around the world have performed on the stage of the Beaulieu Theater during the Selections that took place on Friday. During the week, they had rehearsed with prestigious world of dance professionals such as Elisabeth Platel, Director of the Paris Opera Ballet School. The 9 jury members observed the candidates many times before revealing their final choices at the end of the Selections, during which the young talents performed one classical variation and one contemporary variation in front of a large audience.

The dancers' potential was assessed by considering their technical facility, talent, ability to give an imaginative and sensitive response to the music and to communicating clear movements, among others. They had to master the traditional classical repertoire as well as the contemporary creations of Mauro Bigonzetti, Jean-Christophe Maillot, Wayne McGregor, Heinz Spoerli or Richard Wherlock.

The jury, composed of renowned personalities of the field and presided this year by **Carlos Acosta**, has selected **the 21 Finalists of the Prix de Lausanne 2019**:

117	SHUGART Julia	United States	16.1 years old
125	CHOI Jihyun	South Korea	16.6 years old
126	BROWN Mackenzie	United States	16.9 years old
202	GARRISON Parker	United States	15.5 years old
203	DA SILVA João Vitor	Brazil	15.9 years old
205	FERREIRA António	Portugal	15.10 years old
206	BENZIE-DRAYTON Noah	Australia	16.2 years old
207	FUCHIYAMA Shunhei	Japan	16.2 years old
208	BECKER Carl	Germany	16.3 years old
210	DAVIDOFF Benjamin	Belgium	16.6 years old
212	LI Hang	China	16.8 years old
303	SEO Yoon Jung	South Korea	17.3 years old
310	WARDELL Victoria	Canada	17.8 years old
313	SASAKI Sumina	Japan	18.3 years old
315	KUPERUS Beatriz	United States	18.6 years old
316	SUMIYAMA Mio	Japan	18.9 years old
406	DE GROEVE Achille	Belgium	17.5 years old
408	WAKIZUKA Yu	Japan	17.7 years old
412	WU Shuailun	China	17.10 years old
416	FIGUEREDO Gabriel	Brazil	18.3 years old
418	JOAQUIM Alexandre	Portugal	18.7 years old



The 21 selected candidates are from 10 different countries. The most represented ones are the United States and Japan, with 4 candidates each.

The Finals will take place on Saturday February 9th at 2.30pm. It will be live streamed on ARTE Concert, YouTube, Facebook and on the Prix de Lausanne website. The Prize Winners will be announced around 6pm. 8 Finalists will receive a scholarship and have the unique opportunity to choose among the most prominent schools and companies of ballet in the world.

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Created in 1973, the Prix de Lausanne is an annual international competition for young dancers 15 to 18 years old. Its goal is to discover, promote and support the finest talents. More than 70 of the world's most prestigious dance schools and companies, such as the Royal Ballet (London), the Hamburg Ballet School (John Neumeier), the Paris Opera Ballet School, the Académie Princesse Grace (Monaco), the Vaganova Ballet Academy (St. Petersburg), the Hong Kong Ballet, the Australian Ballet School and the San Francisco Ballet School, are associated with the Prix de Lausanne and support its activities.

One of a kind, the Prix de Lausanne represents – for more than 46 years – an exceptional experience for a yearly selected group of youthful talents to nurture their skills and step towards a professional career. 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 competition week.