Press release



Prix de Lausanne 2021 Selected candidates for the 49th edition

International ballet competition – Auditorium Stravinski, Montreux

Lausanne, November 3rd, 2020: the jury panel members of the Video Selections chose 79 dancers to participate in the Prix de Lausanne 2021. Along with the 3 pre-selected candidates, a total of 82 dancers are invited to take part in the 49th edition of the world-renowned international ballet competition, from January 31st to February 27th, 2020 in Montreux, Switzerland.

The Video Selections took place with a jury panel composed of 9 professionals from the dance world. There were 399 applicants (318 girls and 81 boys) from 43 different countries who sent their videos. A total of 79 dancers have been selected and 3 candidates were already pre-selected*.

In total, **82 dancers (52 girls and 30 boys)** from 20 different countries were selected to take part in the Prix de Lausanne 2021.

- Discover here > the list of names for the 2021 selected candidates
- Discover here > the list of nationalities for the 2021 applicants

*3 candidates were pre-selected thanks to the South American Video Preselection.

Considering the global current situation, the Swiss government has announced, on October 28th, stricter measures in response to the rising Covid19 cases. This may potentially affect the organization of the Prix de Lausanne 2021 but it is currently too soon for us to say. The Prix de Lausanne will do a follow-up of the situation at the beginning of December.

Kathryn Bradney, Prix de Lausanne's Artistic and Executive Director: "During these difficult times for not only the dance world but for the entire world, it is so inspiring to see the determination and hard work of these wonderful young dancers. Congratulations to the very talented selected candidates and my message to all is: be safe and keep dancing!"

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The Prix de Lausanne follows the development of future dance talents throughout the year through various activities which culminates into the most prestigious classical ballet competition in the world. The first edition of the competition, designed for 15 to 18-year-old dancers, took place in 1973. Since then, it has become a major annual event in the dance sphere on a worldwide scale, and its goal remains unchanged: to identify, promote and help the best young dance talents around the world. Today, after 48 editions, the Prix de Lausanne is considered the most prestigious ballet competition on an international level and the foundation upholding and organising it has morphed into a wide scale charity, well beyond the initial event. We support the most promising young talents throughout the year through various education and training activities. The Prix de Lausanne allows them to live a unique experience that will serve them throughout their career. As a development partner, we provide them with a healthy environment to reach their full potential. That is why we have developed a vast network of partners to strive for excellence in this exceptional artistic dance field.