

Preselected candidates of the Summer Intensive – European and international Preselection 2024

Prix de Lausanne – Concours International pour jeunes danseuses et danseurs

Lausanne, July 13, 2024: The fifth Summer Intensive of the Prix de Lausanne welcomed 59 young dance talents from 20 countries and 4 continents to Villars-sur-Ollon, in the Alps, from July 8 to 13, 2024. After a week of intensive courses and coaching sessions, four talented dancers were preselected and invited to participate in the Prix de Lausanne 2025. The jury also awarded Honorary Mentions in classical and contemporary to two dancers. Participants from Four Continents

The Summer Intensive – European and International Preselection 2024, organized by the Prix de Lausanne, took place from 8 to 13 July 2024, this year in the beautiful setting of Villars-sur-Ollon, in the Alps.

The aim of the Summer Intensive is to discover young promising talents and open the doors of the Prix de Lausanne to a few of them. The participants benefit from a whole week of intensive classes and coaching with world-renowned teachers.

We are proud to announce the names of the four talented young dancers selected after this week. They have been invited to register and participate in the next Prix de Lausanne, which will be held from February 2 to 9, 2025, at the Beaulieu Theatre in Lausanne. The jury also decided to give Honorary Mentions in classical and contemporary to two talented young dancers. Congratulations to them!

The selected dancers are:

Rhyan Foerster, United States, 17.5 years old, Tanz Akademie Zürich (Switzerland)
Charlie Keffert, France, 17.2 years old, VM Ballet School (France)
Samuel Lance, Australia, 17.10 years old, Tanz Akademie Zürich (Switzerland) Anna Sparapano, Italy, 17.1 years old, Balletto di Toscana (Italie)

The Honorary mention for classical goes to:

Marie Ribaudou, France, 15 years old, Ecole de danse Laurence Ehly & ML Danza (France)

The Honorary mention for contemporary goes to:

Joana Gonçalves, Portugal, 17.10 years old, State Ballet School of Berlin (Germany)



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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, 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.