



P R I X D E L A U S A N N E

Press release

Prix de Lausanne 2026 Prize Winners 2026

International Ballet Competition for Young Dancers – Beaulieu Lausanne

Lausanne, 7 February 2026: Thousands of spectators at the Beaulieu Theatre or through the live streaming have followed the Prix de Lausanne 2026 Finals. Among the 21 Finalists, 14 Prize Winners were awarded a scholarship allowing them to enter one of the partner schools or companies of the Prix de Lausanne. Tomorrow, Sunday, the candidates will take part in the *Networking Forum*, where they will have the opportunity to meet directors of the partners schools or companies of the Prix de Lausanne.

Of the 81 candidates initially selected for the 2026 edition, 78 took part in the competition week, and 21 made it through to the Finals, held today in front of a packed house at the Beaulieu Theatre.

At the end of the Finals, the Jury, chaired this year by **Kevin O'Hare**, named **14 Prize Winners**. Thanks to their scholarship, the winners aged 15 and 16 will be able to study for a year at one of the partner schools of their choice. As for the 17–18-year-old winners, they will have the opportunity to undertake a one-year internship with the partner company of their choice.

The 14 Prize Winners of the Prix de Lausanne 2026 are:

FONDATION CARIS

424	GYVES	William	United States	18.7 years old
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BOURSE JEUNE ÉTOILE

302	YEOM	Dayeon	South Korea	17.1 years old
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BOURSE ASTARTE

301	HUANG	Jingxinyu	P.R. China	17 years old
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FONDATION MAURICE BÉJART

314	QIN	Yihan	P.R. China	18.1 years old
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CURÉL

201	SAI	Yusei	Japan	15 years old
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BOURSE JEUNE ESPOIR

213	CAO	Yufei	P.R. China	16.10 years old
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FONDATION ANITA ET WERNER DAMM-ETIENNE

309	SHIN	Ara	South Korea	17.9 years old
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FONDATION HÉLÈNE ET VICTOR BARBOUR

203	THIJS	Jetro	Belgium	15.6 years old
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BOURSE AUD JEBSEN

413	GRAMADA	Dragos	Romania	18.1 years old
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OAK FOUNDATION

306	KIM	Tae Eun	South Korea	17.5 years old
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BOURSE ROLAND PETIT ZIZI JEANMAIRE

417	BANG	Suhyeok	South Korea	18.3 years old
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FONDATION COROMANDEL

418	SON	Mingyun	South Korea	18.3 years old
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RUDOLF NUREYEV FOUNDATION

415	DEMEULENAERE		Milo	USA	18.2 years old
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FONDATION FRANÇOISE CHAMPOUD

310	JEON	Jiyul	South Korea	17.9 years old
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Other Awards :

BEAULIEU AWARD offered by BEAULIEU SA

413	GRAMADA	Dragos	Romania	18.1 years old
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CONTEMPORARY DANCE AWARD offered by MINERVA KUNSTSTIFTUNG

413	GRAMADA	Dragos	Romania	18.1 years old
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BEST SWISS CANDIDATE AWARD offered by FONDATION JACQUELINE DE CÉRENVILLE

424	GYVES	William	USA	18.7 years old
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WEB AUDIENCE FAVOURITE AWARD co-organised by FONDATION EN FAVEUR DE L'ART CHORÉGRAPHIQUE & ARTE CONCERT

107	REGO DE SOUZA	Pietra	Brazil	15.8 years old
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AUDIENCE FAVOURITE AWARD co-organised by FONDATION EN FAVEUR DE L'ART CHORÉGRAPHIQUE & ARTE CONCERT

302	YEOM	Dayeon	South Korea	17.1 years old
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Finalist Award

Finalists who have not been awarded any prize receive the Finalist Award (a sum of CHF 1000.-) offered by **Bobst SA**.

Networking Forum

On Sunday, 8 February 2026, the **Networking Forum** offers an additional chance for candidates not selected for the Finals to meet directors of Prix de Lausanne partner schools and companies interested in offering them training or employment. This half-day networking event crowns the experience gained during the week of equal opportunities for all candidates.

Live streaming

This year, the daily sessions – almost 8 hours live per day – and the Selections have been watched by more than **552'312 spectators** on ARTE Concert, YouTube, and on the Prix de Lausanne website.

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Throughout the year, the Prix de Lausanne supports the development of future dance talent through a wide range of activities, culminating in the world's most prestigious international ballet competition. Created in 1973, the competition is open to pre-professional dancers aged 15 to 18. Since its first edition, it has established itself as an unmissable annual event on the international choreographic scene.

Today, the Prix de Lausanne is a global benchmark in its field. Much more than just a competition, the Prix de Lausanne supports the most promising young dancers throughout the year through education, training, and support programmes.

A true development partner, the Prix de Lausanne offers a supportive and demanding environment conducive to the artistic and personal development of dancers. It relies on a vast network of partners who share the same ambition: to promote excellence and nurture the future of choreographic art.