

Credit Suisse Young Artist Award

An initiative of the Lucerne Festival, the Vienna Philharmonic,
the "Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde" in Vienna and the Credit Suisse Jubilee Foundation

The Lucerne Festival, the Vienna Philharmonic, the "Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde" in Vienna and the Credit Suisse Jubilee Foundation have organized a joint award with CHF 75,000 in prize money. The aim is to provide highly talented young soloists with the means and opportunities to perform, thus enabling them to make the decisive breakthrough to a major international career. These musicians will already be on their way to such a career on the basis of their level of training and previous performances.

The Credit Suisse Jubilee Foundation provides the financial backing while the Lucerne Festival, the Vienna Philharmonic and the "Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde" in Vienna contribute their expertise and supply the venues for the performances.

Musicians are invited to perform on the basis of nominations by an international panel of experts. Direct applications are not possible. The age limit for candidates is generally 30 years. Nominees are invited to audition for the "Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde" in Vienna. The panel's decision is based on an absolute majority in favor of one candidate.

The current award holder, Antoine Tamestit, will appear as a soloist with the Vienna Philharmonic at the "Lucerne Festival, Sommer".

Prizewinners to date:

2008 Antoine Tamestit (viola)
2006 Martin Helmchen (piano)
2004 Sol Gabetta (cello)
2002 Patricia Kopatchinskaja (violin)
2000 Quirine Viersen (cello)

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