

Credit Suisse Young Artist Award

Factsheet

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The Lucerne Festival, the Vienna Philharmonic, the "Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde" in Vienna and the Credit Suisse Foundation have jointly established the Credit Suisse Young Artist 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 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 winner of the Credit Suisse Young Artist Award will appear as a soloist with the Vienna Philharmonic at the "Lucerne Festival im Sommer".

Prizewinners:

- 2016 Simone Rubino (percussion)
- 2014 Sergey Khachatryan (violin)
- 2012 Vilde Frang (violin)
- 2010 Nicolas Altstaedt (cello)
- 2008 Antoine Tamestit (viola)
- 2006 Martin Helmchen (piano)
- 2004 Sol Gabetta (cello)
- 2002 Patricia Kopatchinskaja (violin)
- 2000 Quirine Viersen (cello)

The Credit Suisse Young Artist Award is awarded every two years, alternating with the Prix Credit Suisse Jeunes Solistes.

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