

The Aviv Competitions 2008
Israeli Competitions for Young Musicians
10th Year

The purpose of the Aviv Competitions is to recognize young performing musicians who are ready for a professional career by awarding prizes in their various instruments. The Aviv Competitions are open to young musicians ages 21 to 29 (in some categories up to 35) and include every year three to five categories, repeated in a three-year cycle (except in piano which is held every two years). In each of the participating categories there is only one prize, and only if a proper candidate is found. Winners receive prize money, exposure to the public and to professional critics, and are given performance opportunities, including radio broadcasts in Israel and abroad. They are also featured on a special CD produced by the Jerusalem Music Centre.

The Aviv Competitions are co-sponsored by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, the Music Department of the Culture Administration of the Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport, and the Jerusalem Music Centre.

The competitions are free and open to the public. All events will take place at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art in two stages—except the 2nd stage in Conducting, which will take place at the Henry Crown Auditorium in Jerusalem.

The 2008 competitions include the following prizes:

The Yuri Ahronovitch Prize for Conducting - \$ 6,000

The Rafi Guralnik Prize for Piano - \$ 8,000

The Ilona Kornhauser Prize for Violin – \$ 8,000

The Francois Schapira Prize for Brass – \$ 4,000

The Minister of Science, Culture and Sport Prize for the Best Performance of an Israeli work – NIS 10,000

The Meira Geyra “Audience Choice” Prize – NIS 10,000

(donated by Rachel and Dov Gottesman Family to the musician chosen by the audience).

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2008 Aviv Competitions Timetable

Saturday, December 22, 2007 at 20:30

Recanati Auditorium, Tel Aviv Museum of Art

Opening Concert

In memory of Bilha Davis, former coordinator of the Sharett Scholarship Program with the participation of former winners of the Aviv Competitions:

Avi Avital – mandolin, Inon Barnatan-piano, Guy Braunstein – violin, Amichai Grosz – viola, Zvi Plessner – cello and joining the Aviv winners are young outstanding musicians: Yael Karet – piano, Nitzan Bartana – violin, Uri Arbel – contrabass.

Program includes:

Schubert – Quintet for piano & strings in A major (The Trout)

Jonathan Keren – MultiScala for mandolin and strings trio (premiere)

Brahms – Quintet for piano & strings in F minor .

1st stage

Recanati Auditorium, Tel-Aviv Museum

Tuesday 25 December Piano 15:00 – 22:00

Wednesday 26 December Piano 11:30 – 13:30

Conducting 17:30 – 22:00

(with the Tel-Aviv Soloists Ensemble, Yoni Dreiblat - cello)

Thursday 27 December Violin 14:00 – 20:30

Friday 28 December Brass 09:30 – 14:45

Announcements of the competitors in the second stage will be made after the completion of the 1st stage of each instrument

Saturday, December 29, 2007 at 20:30

Recanati Auditorium, Tel Aviv Museum of Art

Special Concert

In memory of Samuel-Pierre Tarcali with the Tel-Aviv Soloists Ensemble conducted by Barak Tal and past Competitions' winners: Mor Biron - bassoon, Ran Dank - piano and Yuval Shapira – trumpet.

Program includes works by Vivaldi, Seter, Mozart and Britten.

2nd Stage

Recanati Auditorium, Tel-Aviv Museum

Monday 31 December Brass 11:30 – 14:30
Piano 15:30 – 22:30
(including concerto accompanied by piano)

Tuesday 1 January Israeli work 13:00 – 15:30
Violin 16:45 – 22:00
(including concerto accompanied by piano)

Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem

Friday 4 January Conducting 10:00 – 13:00
(with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, IBA)

Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 20:00

Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem

Gala Concert with the winners in memory of Maestro Yuri Ahronovitch

Uri Segal – Conductor

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra IBA

Monday January 7 at 17:00 Jerusalem, Henry Crown Auditorium, “Etnachta” –
Special radio program with the winners in piano, violin and brass (broadcasted live on
“Kol Hamusica”)

Winners of the Aviv Competitions

2007

The Rachel and Dov Gottesman Family Prize for Viola –
Amichai Grosz

The Samuel-Pierre Tarcali Prize for Guitar –
Inbar Shani

The Doris and Mori Arkin Prize for Mandolin –
Avi Avital

The Minister of Science, Culture and Sport Prize
for the best performance of an Israeli Work –

Lotem Beider

The Meira Geyra “Audience Choice” Prize –
Amichai Grosz

2006

The Guralnik Prize for Piano –
Victor Stanislavsky

The Doris and Mori Arkin Prize for Voice –
Gal James

The Francois Schapira Prize for Woodwinds –
Moran Katz

The Minister of Science, Culture and Sport Prize
for the best performance of an Israeli Work-

Victor Stanislavsky

The Meira Geyra “Audience Choice” Prize
- Moran Abulof

2005

The Yuri Ahronovitch Prize for Conducting
- Yaniv Dinur

The Francois Schapira Prize for Woodwinds
- Yuval Shapiro

The Samuel-Pierre Tarcali Prize for Old Music Instruments
- Benny Aghassi

The Minister of Education, Culture and Sport Prize
for the best performance of an Israeli Instrument Work

- Benny Aghassi

The Meira Geyra “Audience Choice” Prize
- Kinneret Sieradzki

2004

The Rafi Guralnik Prize for Piano
- Inon Barnatan

The Gottesman Family Prize for Viola
- Yuval Gotlibovich

The Doris and Mori Arkin Prize for Plucked String Instruments

- Yaniv Attar
The Bilhah Davis Prize for Chamber Music
- Carme String Quartet
The Minister of Education, Culture and Sport Prize
for the best performance of an Israeli Work
- Carme String Quartet
The Meira Geyra "Audience Choice" Prize
Ariel Quartet, Inon Barnatan

2003

The Doris and Mori Arkin Prize for voice - Anna Virovlanski
The Gottesman Family Prize for Cello - Carolina Singer
The Francois Schapira Prize for Woodwinds - Mor Biron
The Minister of Education, Culture and Sport
The prize for the Best Performance of an Israeli work - Carolina Singer
Prize for the Best Performance of an Israeli art Song - Gal Games
The Meira Geyra Audience Choice Prize - Carolina Singer

2002

The Rafi Guralnik Prize for Piano - Ran Dank
The Minister of Science, Culture and Sport
Prize for the Best Performance of an Israeli Work - Ran Dank

2001

The Rafi Guralnik Prize for Piano - Einav Yarden
The David Shallon Prize for Viola - Nimrod Guaz
The Minister of Science, Culture and Sport
Prize for Early Music Instruments - Uri Smilansky
The Bilhah Davis Prize for Chamber Music - " Percadu" – Tomer Yariv & Adi Morag
The Olja and Miriam Zilbermann Prize for
the performance of Israeli Music - Einav Yarden

2000

The Rafi Guralnik Prize for Piano - Dror Biran
The Francois Schapira Prize for Woodwinds - Alexander Fiterstein
The Olja and Miriam Zilbermann Prize for
the Performance of Israeli Music - Alexander Fiterstein

1999

The Rafi Guralnik Prize for Piano - Iddo Bar-Shai
The Ilona Kornhauser Prize for Violin - Sergei Ostrovsky
The Francois Schapira Prize for Brass - Sergei Gambarian (deceased)
The Olja and Miriam Zilbermann Prize for
the Performance of Israeli Music - Sergei Ostrovsky

Winners of competitions previous to the Aviv Competitions

The Francois Schapira Prize:

Bassoon-Maurizio Paez

Cello – Hillel Zori; Zvi Plesser; Konstantin Sokolov; Gabi Lipkind; Amit Peled

Clarinet- Yevgeni Yehudin
Flute – Margalit Gafni; Michael Melzer; Eyal Ein Habar
Guitar – Yehuda Schryer
Harpsichord – Shalev Ad-El
Oboe - Dudu Carmel
Piano – Liora Ziv-Li; Zecharia Plavin; Sara Janovski-Tal; Michal Tal; Ilan Rechtman;
Arnan Wiesel; Eitan Globerson; Arnon Erez; Alon Goldstein; Genadi Zagor;
Anna Keiserman
Percussion – Benny Kunievsky; Chen Zimbalista
Recorder – Eyal Lerner
Trombone – Nitzan Har-Oz
Violin – Ani Schnarch; Guy Braunstein; Roy Shiloah
Voice – Danny Ettinger; Anat Efraty; Dana Glazer

The Rafi Guralnik Prize for Piano

Aviram Raichert; Alon Goldstien; Tal Weissman; Ohad Ben-Ari; Gil Garbourg; Assaf
Fire

The Ilona Kornhauser Prize for Violin

Hagai Shaham; Guy Braunstein; Alexander Pavlovsky