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## PREIS WINNERS 2006

- ▶ 1st Prize - Olga Kozlova, Russia



By age 11, Olga Kozlova was awarded first prize at “The Young Musicians of Moscow” Piano Competition; five years later, she again took first prize at the Third A. Alieva International Piano Competition in France. In October 2005, she also successfully entered the semi-finals at the renowned International Chopin Competition in Warsaw. Born in Penza in 1986, the Russian pianist received her training from 1994 to 2004 at the Gnessin School of Music in Moscow. Since 2004 she has studied with Prof. Vera Gornostaeva at Moscow’s Tchaikovsky Conservatory. Olga Kozlova regularly gives solo

performances in Russian cities such as Moscow, Samara, Novgorod, Yakutsk as well as many others. She has already had engagements with the Novgorod Symphony Orchestra, the Samara Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, and the “Gnessin Virtuosi” Chamber Orchestra.

In 2009 Olga Kozlova won the 2nd Prize at the 56th International Music Competition Maria Canals in Barcelona. Congratulations!

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► 2nd Prize - Masataka Takada, Japan



Masataka Takada can already look back on a multitude of competition successes: in 2005 he was awarded first prize at the “A. M. A. Calabria” International Piano Competition in Italy and, in 2006, received second prize at the “Maria Callas” Grand Prix for Pianists held in Greece. Born in Kamakura in 1977, the Japanese pianist received his training until 2000 at the Toho Gakuen School of Music in Tokyo. From 2000 to 2004 he studied at the Mannes College of Music in New York and then, until 2005, at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest. Masataka Takada has already concertised in many parts of Japan, in Italy, Hungary and Portugal. Besides his solo appearances, he has, among other engagements, performed with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, the Central Aichi Symphony Orchestra, the Osaka Opera House Orchestra, and the Sendai Philharmonic.

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► 3rd Prize - Vitaly Pisarenko, Ukraine



Born in Kiev in 1987, Ukrainian pianist Vitaly Pisarenko gave his first small concert when he was just 6 years old. From 1999 to 2005 he attended the Central Special Music School in Moscow, closely tied to Moscow's Tchaikovsky Conservatory. Since 2005 he has studied at the renowned Tchaikovsky Conservatory with Prof. Jury Slesarew, who offers the following words about his student: "Although he is still very young, Vitaly distinguishes himself by a special musical integrity, creativity and passion." Vitaly Pisarenko has already secured several prizes at international piano competitions. He regularly concertises at various music festivals and gives solo concerts in Russia as well as throughout Europe.

On April, 12 2008 Vitaly won the First Prize at the 8th International Franz Liszt Piano Competition in Utrecht. Congratulations!

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► Special awards

**Olga Kozlova, Russia**

- Special award for the best interpretation of a work by Franz Schubert
- Special award for the best interpretation of a work by Franz Liszt

**Masataka Takada, Japan**

- Special award for the best interpretation of a work by W. A. Mozart

**Vitaly Pisarenko, Ukraine**

- Audience award (Finale)
- Special award