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Chamber music competition “Beethoven in his time” 25th – 30th May 2021 – virtual instead of face-to-face

Due to the effects of the Covid19 pandemic, the international chamber music competition for historical performance practice BEETHOVEN IN ITS TIME is taking place in digital form.

18 ensembles with 41 musicians from 17 countries are competing for the prizes, which will be awarded on Sunday, 30th May after the last round of the competition.

For the digital competition, the participating ensembles record their competition program on video. The videos are evaluated by the jury in a way comparable to a regular competition. At the same time, the competition performances are also available online for the public.

Discovering through the screen

"Seeing the musicians bringing so much joy and passion to meet the challenges ahead is absolutely amazing", says the artistic director Dr. Christian Ubbert. It will be an exciting experience for the audience to discover the musicians through the screen ... cheering is expressly allowed even during these times.

The competition rounds can be followed from 25th to 30th of May via the website **beethoven.siegburg.de**. The judges are David Breitman (USA), Viola de Hoog (NL), Richard Lorber (D), Petra Müllejans (D), Olga Pashchenko (RSU), Jacqueline Ross (GB) and Marco Testori (I).

Beethoven in his time

The new competition is the first Beethoven competition in historical performance practice and the first Beethoven competition for violin and cello in general. Another novelty lies in the focus on Beethoven and composers from his Bonn and Viennese surroundings.

The following instrumentations may take part as a duo or trio: violin and fortepiano | Cello and fortepiano | Trio violin, violoncello and fortepiano. There are cash prizes with a total of over € 30,000. In addition, a CD production and numerous concert engagements and special prizes.

Cooperation Network

The organizer of the competition is the *Musikwerkstatt Siegburg* in the sponsorship of the *Stadtbetriebe Siegburg AöR*. The project is funded by the *BTHVN2020-Jubiläums-Gesellschaft*, the *VR-Bank Rhein-Sieg*, the *Federal Republic of Germany*, the *state of North Rhine-Westphalia*, the *Rhein-Sieg district*, the *federal city of Bonn* and other partners.

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