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COMPETITIONS

A TUSCAN PIANO DUO ON THE PODIUM OF THE WINNERS OF THE 14TH LUIGI CERRITELLI INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Piano duo Elia e Betsabea Faccini, both 27 years old from Vecchiano (Pisa), won the overall victory in the competition, beating Chinese violinist Hui Hua, who placed second.

July 20, 2022, 9 a.m.



(Faccini Duo, pictured)

Nineteen years after the first edition was held in Brescia at the San Barnaba Auditorium, the **14th online edition of the International Music Competition named after Prof. Luigi Cerritelli**, who passed away in 2012, concludes successfully. The competition aims to encourage comparison among candidates from countries outside Europe.

After the category tests, which took place between March and June 2022, 23 candidates were admitted to the Final Stage. The 23 musicians represent the best performers chosen by the committee from 272 contestants from 48 countries: **Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, China, South Korea, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France,**

Georgia, Germany, Japan, England, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, U. S.A., Ukraine, Hungary, Vietnam.

The jury presided over by Brescian violist **Emanuele Beschi** and composed of **Massimiliano Motterle, Pierangelo Pelucchi, Dario Garegnani, Sem Cerritelli, Dvorkin Vsevolod, Paola Bonora, Iakov Zats, Enrico Casazza, Giancarlo Colleoni, Paolo Vaglieri, Dario Garegnani, and Fabiano Casanova** awarded the **DUO PIANISTICO FACCINI** the scholarship of € 1.000,00 named after M^o Marcello Abbado, a well-known musician and president of the competition in several editions.

The Italian duo preceded **violinist HUI HUA**, a previous winner of the 4th Prize at the 2018 Rodolfo Lipizer International Violin Competition in Gorizia, Italy.

Twelve-year-old Swiss cellist **TOTH ANOUKMINOU** placed third and **won the Youth Prize (cat. A)**.

Three other Youth Prizes were awarded: to **TAN VICTORIA**, an American violinist (Cat. B); to Vietnamese pianist **QUANG VO MINH**, (Cat. C); to **CLIVE TERRENCE WIJAYA**, pianist, Indonesia (Cat. PN-Very Young). Finally, the Audience Prize went to the very young and talented violinist **SAPAROVA KARINA** (Kazakhstan) from Cat. Prime Note.

All videos and results of the first stage of the competition and the Final are posted on the competition page: www.concorsofmi.it

The new edition of the 2023 competition is already ready and will be published on the website www.concorsofmi.it in September 2022: the prizes up for grabs will be about €5,000.00.



Milan, July 20, 2022

Sem Cerritelli