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WINNERS OF CASH PRIZES TOTALING \$252,000 ANNOUNCED FOR JOSÉ ITURBI MUSIC COMPETITION PRESENTED BY CUNARD LINE

LOS ANGELES, June 21, 2008 – The recipients of cash prizes totaling \$252,000 for The Second Annual José Iturbi International Music Competition at UCLA – the highest cash prizes of any piano and singing competition worldwide – were announced today (piano) and yesterday (vocal) at Schoenberg Hall.

The winners of the week-long piano competition were:

- \$50,000 First Prize – Mariya Kim, 26, Ukraine/Germany
- \$25,000 Second Prize – Anastasia Markina, 29, Russia/USA
- \$15,000 Third Prize – (three-way tie) Tommaso Cogato, 27, Italy; Stepan Simonian, 26, Russia/Germany; Chetan Tierra, 24, USA
- \$3,000 Spanish Prize – (tie) Mariya Kim, 26, Ukraine/Germany; Anastasia Markina, 29, Russia/USA
- \$3,000 American Prize – Yevgeniy Milyavskiy, 23, Belarus/USA
- \$3,000 President's Prize – Margarita Muzychenko, 22, Russia
- \$3,000 People's Choice – Chetan Tierra, 24, USA

The winners of the week-long vocal competition were:

- \$50,000 First Prize – Angela Meade, 30, USA
- \$25,000 Second Prize – Andrew Garland, 31, USA
- \$15,000 Third Prize – NaGuanda Nobles, 31, USA
- \$3,000 Spanish Prize – Andrew Garland, 31, USA
- \$3,000 American Prize – NaGuanda Nobles, 31, USA
- \$3,000 President's Prize – Jamilyn Manning-White, 23, USA
- \$3,000 People's Choice – Rodell Rosel, 32, Philippines/USA

“The talent of this year’s competitors was staggering,” said Donelle Dadigan, President of the José Iturbi Foundation. “Our finalists are truly destined for superstardom. Interest in the final rounds was so intense that hundreds of people lined up in hope there would be last minute cancellations.”

Six finalists received cash prizes of \$2,000 in addition to the \$1,000 received by each of the 12 semi-finalists.

In addition to cash prizes of \$50,000, the first place winners will present a Cunard Command Performance™ aboard Queen Mary 2 during the April 26, 2009, Transatlantic Crossing from New York to Southampton, England.

Also during the voyage, Donelle Dadigan will be joined by members of the esteemed judging panel to present a series of classical music discussions and Q&A's in association with Cunard Insights™, the line's award-winning Guest Enrichment Program. Guests sailing on this voyage will also hear from the winners about their experiences as young musicians competing to win the world's only weeklong competition that adds features of "American Idol" to the world of classical music. Highlights of the 2008 Competition will be broadcast via Cunard's onboard stateroom television system.

"We look forward to welcoming Angela Meade and Mariya Kim aboard Queen Mary 2 to present a very special Cunard Command Performance™ for our guests," said Carol Marlow, president and managing director of Cunard Line. "Their exclusive appearance will surely be a memorable highlight of the voyage," Marlow added.

Photos and biographies of the winners can be viewed at www.joseiturbifoundation.org. In addition to presenting sponsor Cunard Line, sponsors of the 2008 José Iturbi International Music Competition include Alliance Bank, The Beverly Hilton, Fields Pianos and The Luxe Hotel.

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