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## **24 SEMI-FINALISTS SELECTED TO COMPETE FOR \$250,000 IN CASH PRIZES AT THE THIRD ANNUAL JOSÉ ITURBI INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION**

LOS ANGELES, June 17, 2009 – The 24 semi-finalists in “The Third Annual José Iturbi International Music Competition” were announced last night at UCLA’s Schoenberg Hall. Semi-final rounds will take place June 17 and 18 and the final rounds will take place June 19 (vocal) and 20 (piano). The competition offers the largest cash prizes of any classical piano and singing competition worldwide.

The 12 piano competitors are:

Joshua Chandra, USA  
Goran Filipec, Croatia  
Vladimir Khomyakov, Russia  
Stanislav Khristenko, Russia  
Viacheslav Kiselev, Russia  
Alexey Kudryashov, Russia  
Dmitri Levkovich, Ukraine  
Giovanni Doria Miglietta, Italy  
Ksenia Morozova, Russia  
Rustam Muradov, Russia  
Chetan Tierra, USA  
Kateryna Titova, Ukraine

The 12 vocal competitors are:

Jose Alvarez, countertenor, USA  
Jonathan Beyer, baritone, USA  
Amanda Crider, mezzosoprano, USA  
Leah Crocetto, soprano, USA  
Jessica Julin, soprano, USA  
KyungTeak Lim, baritone, South Korea  
SooJoo Lim, soprano, So. Korea  
Audrey Luna, soprano, USA  
Heidi Melton, soprano, USA  
Kevin Thompson, bass, USA  
Karen Vuong, soprano, USA  
Amber Wagner, soprano, USA

The schedule for the remainder of the competition is as follows:

Wednesday, June 17

10 am to 12:30 pm 3 pianists play  
 2 to 4:30 pm 3 pianists play  
 7 to 10:30 pm Semi-Final Rounds for 12 singers  
 Announcement of 6 finalists in voice

Thursday, June 18

10 am to 12:30 pm 3 pianists play  
 2 to 4:30 pm 3 pianists play  
 Announcement of 6 finalists in piano

Friday, June 19

7 to 10:30 pm Final Round for 6 singers followed by Awards Ceremony

Saturday, June 20

1:30 to 5:00 pm 6 pianists play  
 7 to 9:40 pm 6 pianists play 20 minute programs followed by Awards Ceremony

“We are delighted that the public is turning out for this unique week-long competition that has brought some of the world’s most talented classical pianists and singers to Los Angeles,” said Donelle Dadigan, President of the José Iturbi Foundation. “It is thrilling to watch the world’s upcoming, emerging talent engaged in a rigorous life-changing competition.”

More information about the competition is available at [www.joseiturbifoundation.org](http://www.joseiturbifoundation.org). Tickets are available online at [www.tickets.ucla.edu](http://www.tickets.ucla.edu) or by calling the UCLA Central Ticket Office at: (310) 825-2101).

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