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George Enescu 2020 International Competition Extends Application Deadline

Preparations Continue From a Distance

The George Enescu International Competition extends its application submission deadline until May 1, 2020, due to the ongoing crisis caused by COVID-19 pandemic worldwide, holding on to the hope that in September 2020, when scheduled, the situation will be sufficiently stable, both internationally and in Romania, to allow the competition to unfold.

George Enescu International Competition organizers are currently going ahead with planning for the September Competition, but they are closely monitoring both the global crisis as it develops and the effects of the emergency measures implemented at national and international levels for COVID-19 mitigation. Depending on how the situation evolves, the organizers will determine whether further operational changes are required. In the event of force majeure, the organizers will fully refund registered participants for application fees paid (including those who have not passed the pre-selection stage).

“We understand the challenging and complex situation we confront today globally, but we want to convey a message of encouragement to artists and the general public as well. We cannot stop doing what we like, what represents us. We must find alternative ways to continue being who we are even when are faced with a pandemic. Therefore, we invite musicians from all over the world to register for the Enescu Competition. Should any risk persist by fall, we fully refund the registered competitors. But if things go well, participating in the Competition remains an extraordinary opportunity, which should not be missed. The winners of the Enescu Competition benefit from prizes in money, master classes, and international promotion. Winning the first place at the Enescu 2020 Competition is the ticket to the 2021 George Enescu International Festival and beyond,” Mihai Constantinescu, Executive Director of ARTEXIM, told the press.

George Enescu Competition is an international platform for launching the future world-class musicians and for promoting the compositions of the great Romanian composer to the new generation of artists. It is thus a natural extension of the George Enescu Festival, the most important cultural event organized in Romania. The 2020 Edition is scheduled to take place between August 29 and September 20, 2020. The Competition has four sections – violin, cello, piano, and composition – and is the most important classical music competition organized in Romania, in compliance with international standards. This year's Program includes 19 concerts and recitals open to the general public.