

London April 2014 Conducting Masterclass with the London Classical Soloists Competition Results

From 23 till 27 April 2014 Achim Holub was giving a conducting masterclass with participants from **France, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Spain, Taiwan**, the **UK** and the **US** in London.

On Saturday 26 April there was a final concert with competition at **St John's Notting Hill**.

All participants conducted the **London Classical Soloists**, the program included Haydn's Symphony No. 92 *Oxford*, Mozart's Symphony No. 36 *Linz* and Schubert's Symphony No. 5.



Course participants, members of the London Classical Soloists, Achim Holub & Christof Harr.

The results of the competition are as follows:

1st prize: Karin Hendrickson, USA [www.karinhendrickson.com]

Karin finished the master's program at the Royal Academy of Music in London under the direction of Colin Metters with distinction last year and is already very much in demand as a conductor.

2nd prize: Sinéad Hayes, Ireland [www.sineadhayes.com]

Sinéad is a graduate of the master's program at the Royal Northern College of Music and made her debut with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland and Soloist Baiba Skride in 2013.

3rd prize: Yael Kedar, Israel [www.yaelkedar.com]

Yael recently finished her master's degree as a student of Yoav Talmi at Tel Aviv University's Buchmann-Metha School of Music.

Special commendations were awarded to (in alphabetical order):

José Luis López Antón, Spain | José is studying conducting in Madrid with Andrés Salado and Miguel Romea.

Konstantin Shimarev, Russia | Chief Conductor of the Chamber Orchestra of the Gensins State Music College Moscow.

Yao-Yü Wu, Taiwan | Winner of the 53rd Competition for Young Conductors Besançon Franche-Comté.

The competition panel consisted of the members of the orchestra and adjudicators **Tim Carey, Christof Harr, Tadashi Imai, Santiago Mantas, Joseph McHardy, Barnaby Smith, Ivo Varbanov** and **Michael Young**.

Many thanks once more to the gloriously playing musicians of the **London Classical Soloists**, course pianist **Tadashi Imai** and to Achim's long-term collaborator and assistant **Christof Harr**.

The competition winner will conduct **Kammerphilharmonie Graz** in the first half of a concert in Austria in August 2015.

Achim Holub's next masterclass will take place in **Graz** in August 2014, you will be able to find updated information on www.conductingmasterclasses.co.uk soon.