



THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION CHOOSES ITS JURY AHEAD OF THE FOURTH EDITION OF ITS COMPETITION IN OCTOBER 2017

Montréal, January 12, 2016 – The Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC) has unveiled the names of the jury members that will take part in the next competition in October 2017 in Montréal.

The following organists have been chosen: **David Briggs** (UK/Canada), **Bine Bryndorf** (Denmark), **Neil Cockburn** (Canada), **Lynne Davis** (USA), **Bernard Focroulle** (Belgium), **Silvius van Kessel** (Germany), **Réjean Poirier** (Canada), **Carole Terry** (USA) and **John Grew** (Canada, President of the jury).

“We will be celebrating Montreal’s 375th anniversary in 2017: for this occasion, the CIOC is bringing in the greatest organists of our generation,” says John Grew, Artistic Director of the CIOC. “The pipe organ is an integral part of Montreal and Canadian heritage, and we’re extremely proud of this fact.”

CIOC COMPETITION PRIZES

16 competitors from around the world will be meeting in Montreal in October 2017 for three separate competition rounds in different churches for the chance to win the following prizes, totalling **\$120,000 in cash and other prizes**.

All organists selected to compete in the live rounds in Montreal receive travel, housing and meal allowances to cover the full cost of their participation in the CIOC.

Rules and regulations can be found on the CIOC’s website: deadline to submit applications is January 30, 2017.

FIRST PRIZE	\$25,000 CD Recording and distribution by ATMA Classique (\$20,000 value) 3 year career management services for North America by Karen McFarlane Artists (\$15,000 value) 3 year career development program by the CIOC (\$15,000 value)
SECOND PRIZE	\$15,000
THIRD PRIZE	\$10,000
BACH PRIZE	\$5,000 Concert during the Montreal Bach Festival

Selected by the jury during the First round for the best interpretation of a work by Johann Sebastian Bach.

SPINELLI PRIZE \$ 5,000

Awarded by the jury for the exceptional interpretation of a work in the Second or Final Round.

ROYAL CANADIAN COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS \$5,000

Awarded by the jury for the best interpretation of a Canadian composition performed during the Second or Final Round.

RICHARD-BRADSHAW AUDIENCE PRIZE \$5,000

Awarded following a vote by the audience in the Final Round.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION

The Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC) is an organization devoted to the promotion of organ music in Quebec and Canada through discovery activities for the general public, concerts, and an annual festival in Montréal in October during which a competition, directed by the eminent Canadian organist John Grew, is held every third year. Past Laureates are David Baskeyfield (UK, 2014), Christian Lane (USA, 2011) and Frédéric Champion (France, 2008). www.ciocm.org

Next CIOC events:

2016 CIOC Festival – October 2-30, 2016

2017 CIOC Festival and Competition – October 1-29, 2017

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