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*2014 Competition  
Canadian International  
Organ Competition*

## **Presentation of the 16 young organists selected for the 2014 Competition**

**« Names to remember » - John Grew, CIOC Artistic Director**

**Montreal, May 8, 2014 – The names of the 16 candidates that will take part in the 2014 edition of the Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC) has now been released!** These candidates were selected from 42 applicants by a preliminary jury consisting of 5 prominent organists from across North America: Lynne Davis, Joan Lippincott, Jan Overduin, Richard Paré, and Jean-Guy Proulx. All candidates had to be under the age of 35 to be eligible.

**The 16 candidates come to Montreal for the 3rd edition of the CIOC which is comprised of 3 live elimination rounds from October 7-19, 2014, all of which will be open to the public.**

**“I firmly believe that the artistic and technical abilities that we will observe during the competition will be without precedent in Canada.”** underscored John Grew, Artistic Director of the Canadian International Organ Competition. “These young artists are incredible; names to remember! I am overjoyed and proud to see that the world of classical music and the pipe organ in particular has such a vibrant group of young ambassadors.”

**The candidates for the 2014 CIOC are:**



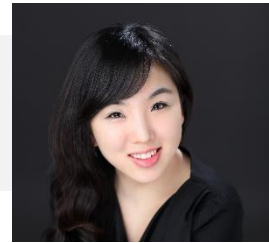
*David Baskeyfield,  
United-Kingdom*



*Maria Budacova,  
Slovak Republic*



*Daria Burlak,  
Russia*



*YooMi Chang,  
South Korea*



*Andrew Dewar,  
United-Kingdom*



*Christopher Howerter,  
United States of America*



*YeongJu Kim,  
South Korea*



*Johannes Lang,  
Germany*



Brian Mathias,  
United States of America



Istvan Matyas,  
Hungary & Austria



Angela Metzger,  
Germany



Richard Pinel,  
United-Kingdom



Brenda Portman,  
United States of America



Stephen Price,  
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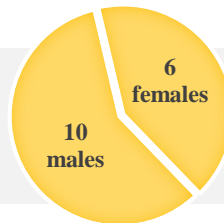
Jonathan Vromet,  
Canada



Nicholas Wearne,  
United-Kingdom

### The 2014 CIOC in numbers

**8** countries represented  
(including Canada)



Average age: **28**  
from **23** to **33**

**The winner of the 2014 CIOC will be selected by a prestigious international jury:** John Grew (Canada) President of the Jury, Jacques Boucher (Canada), James David Christie (USA), Stefan Engels (Germany), Janette Fishell (USA), Marnie Giesbrecht (Canada), Olivier Latry (France), Pier Damiano Peretti (Italy and Austria), Dame Gillian Weir (United Kingdom).

### **The International Organ Competition of Canada (CIOC)**

The Canadian International Organ Competition is a non-profit cultural organization dedicated to the promotion of pipe organ music throughout Quebec and across Canada through public educational and outreach activities. These include a national concert series and an annual international festival in Montreal, dedicated to the pipe organ and its vast repertoire. The triennial competition is presided over by the CIOC Artistic Director and eminent organist, **John Grew**.

Since 2008, the CIOC recognizes the best and most promising young organists from around the world, through the work of our prestigious international juries. Previous grand prize winners include Frédéric Champion (France, 2008) and Christian Lane (USA, 2011). The year, the live rounds of the competition, which are open to the public, take place in Montreal from **October 7-19**.