The 23rd International Chopin Piano Competition in ASIA Message from Polish Jury Members Chopinist A Category

•Jury member A

Besides a big love to the Chopin music - which was obvious to me listening to the competitor's performances - the most important elements of a good performance are: the text fidelity, rhythm precision, clear pedaling and natural narration.

I recommend very attentive score studying - all details are written inside. I mean a dynamics and tempo signs, phrasing slurs, information about articulation and expression content.

All these elements should fit together without any exaggeration, to have possibility to built right musical form.

•Jury member B

Congratulations for all Finalist of the 23rd International Chopin Piano Competition in Asia! I am happy to see, how the pianists – amateurs want to share their love to Chopin music with the audience. I enjoyed the high level of professionalism of the performances. Different acoustics and pianos used for the sessions caused some trouble to compare the performances. I tried to separate, what is offered by the performer and what belongs to recording conditions. I appreciate the effort of the contestants to organize the professional recording session.

My advice for the future is to see the pieces not mainly from technical aspect, but to work on deeper understanding of the universal music language. Analyze the harmony, the form, the polyphonic structure and researching about the works helps to create convincing interpretation..

I wish you a lot of joy and satisfaction with piano playing and I hope to listen to your presentation in the next editions of the Chopin Competition in Asia!

• Jury member C

Dear Participants,

Please accept my sincere congratulations! It was a great pleasure to listen to your performances and observe the wonderful effects of your true love and devotion to the music of Frederic Chopin. I really admire both your passion and fantastic level of professional preparation of the pieces — your attitude and the audible results of it could be a good example for the best piano students from all over the world. I wish you many beautiful moments with music and piano playing!