

## YPN 2011 WINNERS

<b>Main Category (11-18): please see the biographies in the Participants' list below</b>	
1st Prize, the title of the Young Pianist of the North 2011	<b>LEONARDO COLAFELICE (16), ITALY</b> <b>JUNG EUN KIM (16), SOUTH KOREA</b>
2nd Prize	<b>HAO ZI YOH (16), MALAYSIA</b>
3rd Prize	not awarded
Diploma	<b>GUSTAV PIEKUT (16), DENMARK</b>
<b>Category B (12-16)</b>	
1st Prize	<b>ZI LU (13), CHINA</b> Since 2008 received a succession of awards in many local competitions, in the 14 <sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Asia Open competition. In 2009 performed in the Beijing Embassy in Luxembourg. In 2010 selected to participate in the Ettlingen competition, Germany. Studies with Zhang Xinning at the Middle school attached to the Central Conservatoire, Beijing.
2nd Prize	<b>PAULA ERNESAKS (14), ESTONIA</b> Has performed as a soloist, also with the Tapiola Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestra Sinfonica di Chioggia, and chamber musician in Finland, Estonia, Italy, France and Belgium; at the national Young Chopin festival in 2010; in series Chopin's Waltzes and Romantic Heroes. First prizes in the Erkki Melartin Chamber Music competition in 2010, the Praeludiu-Crescere con la Musica competition in 2011 (Italy). Pupil of Rebekka Angervo and Teppo Koivisto at the Espoo Music Institute.
3rd Prize	<b>HORIA GHITA (16), ROMANIA</b> Has won 23 prizes in national interpretation and composition competitions. Four 1 <sup>st</sup> and two 2 <sup>nd</sup> prizes in international competitions: Concours Musicale de France, Barletta in Italy, Lorenzo Perosi in Tortona, Italy. Performances on TV and Romanian radio. Studies with Prof. Venera Babes at the Dinu Lipatti National Arts college, Bucharest.
<b>Category A (8-11)</b>	
1st Prize	<b>WEI CHERRY GE (10), SINGAPORE</b> Scored the highest marks in Singapore for her gr.8 ABRSM exam at the age of eight. Since the age of nine studies with Prof. Pascal Nemirovski at the Purcell School, London.
2nd Prize	<b>KIRA FROLU (11), ROMANIA</b> In 2010 1st prizes in international competitions: Concours musical de France, Tudor Dimitresku competition (Bucharest), Pro Piano competition (Bucharest). Prizes in national competitions (2008-2010). 1 <sup>st</sup> prize winner in YPN 2010. In 2011 top prizes in several international and national competitions in Romania. Studies with Elena Petrenko at the Dinu Lipatti National College of Music. <b>YUN YEE AMANDA LEE (10), SINGAPORE</b> Performances in Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, France. 1st prizes in competitions in Singapore. 1 <sup>st</sup> prize and Diploma in Asian International Piano competition, Kuala Lumpur, 2010. Prizes in international Chopin competition, Singapore, 2010. Since 2011 studies with Prof. Pascal Nemirovski at the Purcell School, London.
3rd Prize	<b>FLORIAN ALBRECHT (8), GERMANY</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> prizes in local competitions. Studies with Christiane Behn. <b>MILENA CUK (9), POLAND</b> In 2008, 2010 and 2011 a succession of first prizes in local festivals and competitions. Studies with Rosemary Molloy, the Conservatoire of Music and Drama, Dublin (Ireland). <b>ANDREJS FELDMANIS (9), LATVIA</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> places in international competitions Concours Musical de France, 2010; Viva la musica, Latvia, 2011. Studies the piano with Ilze Treija at E. Darzinsh Music School, Riga, Latvia. <b>VID HOMSAK (11), SLOVENIA</b> Awards in local and international competitions since the age of six. Debut with an orchestra at the age of seven, followed by a performance of Haydn's Piano Concerto in CD major in 2010. In 2011 won special award at the international competition in Povoletto, Italy. Studies with Prof. Sasha Gerzelj Donaldson at the Conservatoire of Music and Ballet, Maribor, Slovenia.

Special Mention	<b>JOSHUA XU (10), ENGLAND</b> <b>LIANA STOREY (9), SCOTLAND</b>
<b>PIANISTS FROM THE NORTH EAST</b>	
NORTH EAST PIANIST OF THE YEAR	<b>JOSHUA XU (10)</b> Top prizes in many local competitions since the age of six. International awards: Young Pianist of the North 2008 1st prize, Promise prize in 2009; Moray International competition in 2009 and 2010. Selected nationally for the Piano Day with Lang Lang in London, 2011. Finalist of ITV selection for a talent show, 2011. Studies with Marika Slater.
KAWAI prize	<b>ANNE WU (11)</b>