

## Piano News

### Gorlatch Wins Top Prize in Germany



A Yamaha pianist has recently won the German Music Competition, or Deutscher Musikwettbewerb. The competition was created to promote talented young German musicians and provide a platform to help launch their musical careers, and Yamaha Music Central Europe provides piano support. The competition judges many different musical categories and is a yearly event, though the piano category is only included every three years. Every competitor has the same chance to win a prize regardless of their instrument since there are no set



requirements of 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes in each category. If all competitors are good enough, they can all win—or no one may win if there is a lack of exceptional talent. The level of competition in the Deutscher Musikwettbewerb has been so extremely high, that over the past 15 years there have been no prizes awarded to pianists.

This year however, the jury decided to have five prize winners from various categories and two are pianists. A name frequently heard in the top competitions, Alexej Gorlatch, and also Alexander Schimpf both won prizes performing on Yamaha CFIIIs.

We congratulate these musicians!



Alexej Gorlatch was born 1988 in Kiev (Ukraine), but in 1991 moved with his family to Germany beginning piano lessons at age seven. Alexej has won numerous prizes and honors at the top international competitions such as the Vladimir Horowitz competition in Kiev, the international Chopin competition in Warsaw, the Beethoven Competition in Bonn, and the recent Seoul Competition in Korea.

The official Competition site (Use a translation service like Babel Fish if needed):

<http://www.musikrat.de/index.php?id=5081>