

Yamaha Scores Big in Valencia



3rd Prize winner Marianna Prjevalskaya at the competition

Yamaha had outstanding presence at the recent José Iturbi International Piano Competition in Valencia Spain. Four out of the six finalists selected Yamaha to play on, and the first, second, and third prizes were all won on the CFIIS. We congratulate the winners, and also sincerely thank the staff of Yamaha Music Iberia and Yamaha Artist Services Europe for their excellent support.

The Winners:

- 1st – **Yamaha** - Zheng Yu CHEN - China
- 2nd – **Yamaha** - Soyeon KIM - Korea
- 3rd – **Yamaha** - Marianna PRJEVALSKAYA – Spain (Moldova)
- 4th – Steinway - Angel CABRERA - Spain
- 5th – Steinway - Angelo ARCIGLIONE - Italy
- 6th – **Yamaha** - Yumi Lee - Korea

The contestants were offered the choice of Yamaha, Steinway, and Kawai pianos. The chart below shows their overwhelming preference for Yamaha.

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Final
Yamaha	13	11	7	4
Steinway	9	6	4	2
Kawai	1	1	0	0

For information on the competition, visit:
<http://www.pianoiturbi.com/>

Yamaha Piano's Reputation is Growing

The José Iturbi Competition has traditionally been dominated by Steinway pianos, and this is the first time Yamaha had a commanding share throughout the event. At the first selection 56.5% of the contestants choose Yamaha, and the percentage gradually increased to 66.7% in the finals (100% if you only count the top 3 prizes)!

Jiro Tajika from YASE had to work extra hard keeping the Yamaha in prime condition as it was used the most throughout the competition. But the results show what an excellent job he did.

Yamaha is proud to be the concert grand piano of choice by these talented young musicians.