

PRESS RELEASE**EUROPAfest - Jeunesses International Music Competition Dinu Lipatti  
no. 1 in Romania**

The most prestigious international classical music competition in Romania is headed towards the 24th edition, which will take place during 13 – 20 of May 2017, in Bucharest.

**108 flautists from 36 countries** - Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Rep., China, Colombia, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, UK, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Moldavian Rep., Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, USA, Taiwan-China, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela, will be competing for 10.000 Euro prizes.

The jury is composed of celebrated international artists and professors from prestigious academies from Italy, France, China, Israel, Hungary and Romania. The competition takes place in some of the best concert halls in Bucharest, and the Final is scheduled in Thalia Hall, where the best artists will perform together with Sibiu State Philharmonic Orchestra.

Jeunesses International Music Competition Dinu Lipatti is a high-quality event, which differentiated itself in the national and international cultural scene through the musical level, the number of participants, a record one for a Romanian competition, but also through the successful careers and worldwide acknowledgment the laureates had over time. Yearly organized since 1994, the competition alternates for different disciplines – piano, violin, clarinet, flute, composition, canto, 2017 being the year of the flute. The mission of the competition is to discover, award and promote the values of the new generation of classical music, to support the artists in building successful careers, to encourage the mobility, and to offer a platform for international exchange.

Surpassing the borders of a traditional classical music competition, the event includes master – classes led by specialists from the country and abroad and the winners are included in the national and international programs of the organizers: Prize-winners Tour, PROMS–Jazz & Classic etc. Thus, each participant has the chance to explore its potential in an open environment, which encourages performance.

For the celebration of **Lipatti 100**, the anniversary of 100 years from birth of the pianist and composer Dinu Lipatti, the organisers are allowing free entrance for students to the manifestations. Also, the director, **Mr. Luigi Gageos**, supports the thirst for culture of the Romanian youth by involving 30 – 40 volunteers in the event organization. More information are available on [www.dinulipatti.ro](http://www.dinulipatti.ro)

Under the motto **It's all about live quality music!**, EUROPAfest, the only European festival which reunites **4 musical genres - jazz | blues | pop | classic** presents during 11 – 20 may over 300 artists from 45 countries. Besides Jeunesses International Flute Competition Dinu Lipatti, the agenda also comprises: Opening Concert - Bucharest | Sibiu, concerts of jazz, blues, pop and classical music, Bucharest International Jazz Competition, master – classes and workshops, Caffe Festival, Festival's corner and EUROPAfest Gala.

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