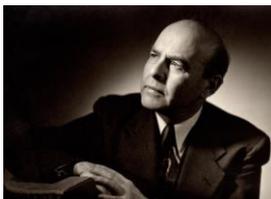


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Montreal, January 20, 2023 – The Association pour la diffusion de la musique d'Auguste Descarries (ADMAD) is proud to announce the creation of the AUGUSTE-DESCARRIES PIANO COMPETITION, whose first edition will take place in the fall of 2023.

Intended for pianists aged 30 years and under, the competition will consist of two elimination rounds: a preliminary round adjudicated on audio recordings which contestants will have sent in before the deadline of October 18; and a second round on November 26 at 2:00 p.m. before a live audience and jury in the Salle de concert du Conservatoire de musique de Montréal, in which three finalists will be heard.

The purpose of the competition is to introduce the piano works of Auguste Descarries to young Quebec pianists and to disseminate his rich musical legacy beyond the confines of the competition. A First Prize of \$5000 will be awarded. In addition, Orford Musique will offer the winner a two-week training program in the heart of Mount Orford National Park for the year 2024. The other two finalists will receive prizes of \$3,000 and \$1,500 respectively.

The jury for the preliminary round will be composed of pianists Réjean Coallier, Isabelle David and Mathieu Gaudet; for the second round, Mr. Coallier (Jury President) will be joined by pianists Charles Richard-Hamelin, Janelle Fung, and Wonny Song.

Auguste Descarries (1896–1958) was a figure of primary importance in the musical history of Quebec, both for his creative works and his involvement in the music community. After winning the Prix d'Europe in 1921, he spent eight years in Paris establishing contacts with that city's prominent Russian musical milieu, which impacted his artistic approach. During his highly active professional life, Descarries was a composer, pianist, organist, lecturer, and teacher. His creative output consists of some 90 works that include a remarkable production for the piano.

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