



2018 HONENS PRIZE LAUREATE

NICOLAS NAMORADZE

**“Set to become one of the truly important
artists of his generation.” —Emanuel Ax**

Pianist and composer Nicolas Namoradze came to international attention upon winning the 2018 Honens International Piano Competition in Calgary, Canada—among the largest competition prizes in classical music. *The Calgary Herald* called him “unparalleled” and “a pianist’s pianist,” stating: “the refinement of his playing was of international standard and everywhere his interpretative skills commanded attention and admiration.” Nicolas’ activities as the 2018 Honens Prize Laureate include recitals at Carnegie Hall (New York), 92nd Street Y (New York), Wigmore Hall (London), Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, the Gardner Museum (Boston), and the Konzerthaus Berlin; recordings on the Honens, Hyperion, and Steinway labels; and worldwide engagements with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Klavier-Festival Ruhr, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Miami International Piano Festival, and the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

After completing his undergraduate studies in Budapest, Vienna, and Florence, Nicolas moved to New York to obtain his master’s degree at The Juilliard School. He now pursues his doctorate at the CUNY Graduate Center holding the Graduate Center Fellowship, studying piano with Emanuel Ax and Yoheved Kaplinsky and composition with John Corigliano. Nicolas serves on the faculty of Queens College.

HONENS

Honens discovers, nurtures, and presents Complete Artists—21st century pianists for 21st century audiences.

The Honens International Piano Competition takes place every three years and is considered one of the world's most prestigious events of its kind. Honens prepares its Laureates for the rigours and realities of professional careers in music and creates opportunities for growth and exposure. The annual Honens Festival is one of Canada's premier classical music events, intended to share Mrs. Honens' love of world renowned music with Albertans every year.

ESTHER HONENS

Esther Honens created a legacy of musical excellence to be enjoyed for generations. In 1991, knowing she was near the end of her life, Mrs. Honens gave \$5 million to endow an international piano competition in her hometown of Calgary, Canada. Her generosity, vision, and love of music continue to touch the lives of Calgarians, Canadians, musicians, and music-lovers around the world. Honens Legacy Partners follow in Esther Honens' footsteps by securing Honens' future. They support achievements in realizing Esther Honens' vision, including wide reaching programming through the annual Festival and enriching community outreach projects.

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