

# MC Maria B Canals

Take a look at the biography of the three finalists



From left to right, Uladzislau Khandohi, Xiaolu Zang, and U Chun Lan

## Xiaolu Zang (China, 24 years old)

**Winner of the 69th International Music Competition Maria Canals of Barcelona, Occident Foundation Prize**

Xiaolu Zang was awarded the second prize at the 20th Paloma O'Shea Santander International Piano Competition. He was the winner of ZF Music Prize and Verona international piano competition.

Xiaolu performed in concert venues including Regentenbau Bad Kissingen, Graf-Zeppelin-Haus Friedrichshafen, Konzerthaus Ravensburg, Salle Cortot, Teatro Filarmonico Verona, Beijing National Centre of Performing Arts, among others. His orchestral collaborations include Südwestdeutsche Philharmonie Konstanz, Niedersächsisches Staatsorchester Hannover, Orchestre Royal de Chambre de Wallonie among others, with conductors including Pablo González, Douglas Bostock, Hankyeol Yoon, Frank Braley, Valtteri Rauhalampi among others.

Xiaolu began his professional studies at Beijing Central Music Conservatory Middle School under Professor Ye Lin. In 2017 he was admitted to Hannover University of Music, Drama and Media to study with Professor Arie Vardi, with whom he will continue his Master studies in April 2024.

## **Uladzislau Khandohi (Belarus, 22 years old)**

### **Second place, Carulla Foundation Prize**

Uladzislau Khandohi was born in October 7, 2001 in Minsk, Belarus. In 2013 the young pianist entered the Republican Music College of the Belorussian State Music Academy.

In 2014 Vladislav won first prize at the second International Festival of Classical Music and Competition for Young Pianists "Astana Piano Passion" (Kazakhstan). This year he also was awarded first place at the International Competition "Nutcracker" (Moscow, Russia).

In 2016 Vladislav recorded his first solo album. The album was presented by Melodiya. Since 2020 Vladislav is a student at Moscow State Conservatory (class professor Natalia Trull). In 2021 Vladislav received the first prize at XXXII Ferrol International Competition, Spain. In 2021 Vladislav received the first prize at the Sanremo second international Competition, Italy. In June 2022 Vladislav became a finalist of prestigious The Cliburn piano competition in Fort-Worth. In 2023 the pianist was awarded the 2 prize in Sydney international piano competition.

## **U Chun Lam (Hong Kong, 21 years old)**

### **Third place, Maria Canals Prize**

Born and raised in Hong Kong, pianist U Chun Lam began his piano studies at GMC Academy with Ms. Rizzo Chung and is now studying at Oberlin Conservatory under the tutelage of Dang Thai Son.

Chun Lam has continually achieved top prizes at many international competitions. His achievements include prizes in the George Enescu International Piano Competition, Van Cliburn Junior Piano Competition, Ettlingen International Competition for Young Pianists, Zhuhai International Mozart Competition for Young Musicians, and Hanoi International Piano Competition.

Chun Lam has collaborated with many orchestras, including the George Enescu Philharmonic Orchestra, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Salzburg Chamber Soloists, VNAM Symphony Orchestra, and HK Youth Symphony Orchestra, performing under the batons of Kensho Watanabe, Peter Bay, Lavard Skou-Larsen and David Gomez Ramirez.