

Live stream of the finals of the International Competition for Young Guitarists

School of Music and German Guitar Teachers Association to jointly host "Andrés Segovia" Competition from April 1 to April 3.

Monheim am Rhein. Every two years, the most talented young guitarists from around the world present their skills at the "Andrés Segovia" music contest. The City of Monheim am Rhein and the European Guitar Teachers Association in Germany (EGTA-D) have been the organizers of the competition since 2016. This year's 11th edition of the event will be the first time that Monheim will not welcome the almost 90 young participants at the School of Arts and Music, the Volkshochschule (community college) and the assembly hall of the Otto-Hahn-Gymnasium (high school): For the first time ever, the competition will be held online between April 1 and April 3. A live stream of the performances of the finals can be viewed at www.musikschule.monheim.de/segovia.

In total, 87 young talents from 26 countries have recorded their programs, for which they study for months, as videos. Participants can enter in the age groups for 14-year-olds, 15- to 17-year-olds or 18- to 20-year-olds. There is even a youngster from Monheim am Rhein, 14-year-old Felix Behrendt, among the entrants. Felix had participated in the competition in 2018 before and recently qualified for the "Jugend musiziert" competition. A highly qualified jury will deliberate on the entries via video conferences. When assessing performances, the nine jurors look at more than just skillful execution; artistic expression and personality are also considered. All in all, there are 15 monetary awards and stipends for renowned festivals and master classes to be won.

The competition is named after Spanish guitarist Andrés Segovia (1893–1987), whose influence on classic guitar playing in the 20th century was significant. "The contest is very

widely known among the experts and we are very pleased to be part of hosting it for the third time this year," says Georg Thomanek, Vice President of Monheim's music school. »For the winners, the award is often a door opener to an international career."

A live stream of the preliminary and final rounds of the 18- to 20-year-olds will be available from the website of the city's School of Music at www.musikschule.monheim.de/segovia on Saturday, April 3, from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. The live broadcast will replace the usual concert at the end of the event where all prize winners perform. "We hope to be able to return to a live format with young artists from all over the world in the hall of the City School of Arts and Music again in 2023," Thomanek adds.

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Caption: 14-year-old Felix Behrendt from Monheim am Rhein will perform before the jury.

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