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Honens International Piano Competition and Banff International String Quartet Competition host the 54th General Assembly of the World Federation of International Music Competitions

CALGARY, AB, March 24, 2010 – Honens International Piano Competition and the Banff International String Quartet Competition (BISQC) will host the 54th General Assembly of the World Federation of International Music Competitions (WFIMC) from April 9 to 11, 2010 in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

Founded in 1957, the World Federation of International Music Competitions is dedicated to establishing a global network of internationally recognized organizations that through public competition discover the most promising young talents in the great tradition of classical music and further their careers by presenting them before distinguished juries, general audiences, the media, and the rest of the music community. WFIMC is a member of the International Music Council (UNESCO), and its headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland.

Representatives from the more than 120 of the world's leading music competitions that belong to the Federation will attend the General Assembly. Worldwide membership covers disciplines such as piano, strings, voice, winds, percussion, composition, conducting, chamber music and jazz, and is reserved for competitions with the highest artistic standards. Both BISQC and Honens are members of the WFIMC. Stephen McHolm, Executive Director of the Honens Competition, is a Vice President of the Federation.

Created in 1983 to mark the 50th anniversary of The Banff Centre, the Banff International String Quartet Competition (BISQC) has since become recognized as one of the world's leading international music competitions. The competition is open to quartets of all nationalities whose members are all under the age of 35. The Tenth Banff International String Quartet Competition takes place August 30 to September 5, 2010. For more information visit bisqc.ca.

Honens is a leader in discovering and launching the careers of young concert pianists. It searches for Complete Artists – 21st century musicians for 21st century audiences. The Competition offers lucrative cash prizes and awards the world's most comprehensive Artistic and Career Development Program. The Seventh Honens International Piano Competition takes place in Calgary, October 17 to 26, 2012. For more information visit honens.com.

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