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2021 FRITZ GERBER AWARD

The clarinetist Daniela Braun, the violinist Anastasiia Subrakova, and the saxophonist Luis Homedes López will receive the 2021 Fritz Gerber Award

Lucerne, 18 May 2021. This year's Fritz Gerber Award will go to the clarinetist Daniela Braun, the violinist Anastasiia Subrakova, and the saxophonist Luis Homedes López. The prize has been awarded annually since 2015 to young, highly talented musicians as part of a relationship with the Lucerne Festival Academy. Each of the three musicians will receive a cash award of CHF 10,000 as well as a scholarship that allows them to attend the Academy, which has an additional value of CHF 10,000.

The violinist **Anastasiia Subrakova**, who was born in 1994 in Akaban, Russia, first learned her instrument at the St. Petersburg Conservatory with Ilya Ioff. She then completed her bachelor's degree at the HEMU - Haute Ecole de Musique et Conservatoire de Lausanne with Sergiu Schwartz and her master's degree in music performance with Svetlana Makarova. From 2018 to 2020, Subrakova pursued a master's degree specialist in solo performance with Ilya Gringolts at the Zurich University of the Arts. She won second prize at the Kiwanis Competition in 2019. The Spanish saxophonist **Luis Homedes López**, who was born in Madrid in 1994, was taught in Madrid by Angel Luis de la Rosa, among others. Beginning in 2014, he studied with Marcus Weiss at the Hochschule für Musik in Basel, graduating with both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in musical performance. He received a Rahn Kulturfonds scholarship in 2019. A past participant in the Darmstadt Summer Courses and the Kurtág-Ligeti Workshop in Budapest, he is currently pursuing another master's degree specializing in contemporary music. **Daniela Braun**, who was also born in 1994 in Switzerland, studied clarinet with Paolo Beltramini at the Lucerne School of Music and, also in Lucerne, completed a master's degree in music education in 2018. She is currently pursuing her master's degree with Björn Nyman at the Norwegian Academy of Music in Oslo. From 2016 to 2018, she was a member of the contemporary ensemble HELIX at the Lucerne School of Music and attended, among others, master classes with Yehuda Gilad as well as the Zermatt Festival Academy.

Musicians can apply for the Fritz Gerber Award by answering the open call for applications, and recommendations from universities and well-known artists are also accepted. This year's jury consisted of Michael Haefliger, Executive and Artistic Director of Lucerne Festival; composer and conductor Heinz Holliger; and Felix Heri, Director of Lucerne Festival Contemporary. Young artists up to the age of 28 who have Swiss citizenship or who have lived in Switzerland for at least three years are eligible to apply.

The Fritz Gerber Foundation for Gifted Young People has been operating since 1999. It supports talented young people in the fields of skilled crafts and trades, culture, and athletics. Support is provided in the form of financial contributions to education, including training and advanced studies. Over the past 22 years, the foundation has supported more than 2,400 gifted young people with a total of more than 29 million Swiss francs.

The Lucerne Festival Academy was founded in 2004 by Pierre Boulez together with Executive and Artistic Director Michael Haefliger. Wolfgang Rihm has been Artistic Director of the Academy since the summer of 2016. Every summer, highly talented young musicians from all over the world gather

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to study contemporary scores and modern classics at the Academy. Together with former students, they form the Lucerne Festival Contemporary Orchestra (LFCO).

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