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H.E. Taiwan Representative to the U.S. Dr. Joseph Wu, his wife Mrs. Caroline Su, Press Jury Award winner Ricker Choi, WIPAC Chair and Founder Chateau Gardecki

Music in the Air

The 2008 Festival of Music & Sixth Washington International Piano Artists Competition was a huge success thanks to the partnerships of Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC), The George Washington University Music Department, The Arts Club of Washington, Mexican Cultural Institute and Embassies of France, Mexico and Poland. Twenty-seven talented international pianists competed before 13 distinguished judges for honor, distinction, and cash awards. The Festival began with a welcome reception hosted by the Russian Cultural Center. First prize was garnered by American Research Scientist Vincent Schmithorst of Ohio, interested in exploring the relationship between music, math and brains. The four-day competition concluded with the award ceremony and celebratory dinner held in the atrium at La Maison Française. - Mary Bird