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## 11th Annual Washington International Piano Artists Competition

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“A Cultural Evening – Welcome Reception” was held at the Georgetown Club on July 24 to launch the Festival of Music 2013 and 11th Annual Competition under the auspices of the Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC). Ambassador Elena Poptodorova and her husband Georgi Petrov hosted the reception in absentia as the ambassador was called to Bulgaria for consultations. Psychiatrist Matthias Fischer of Würzburg, Germany, received the 1st Prize Jury Award and Canadian Thomas Maurice, a Senior Program Manager for General Dynamics in Baltimore, took the 2nd Prize Jury Award at a celebratory dinner at the Fairfax Hotel on July 28.