

KAWAI CONCERT GRAND IS THE CHOICE OF THE TOP PRIZE WINNER AT THE 14TH JOSÉ ITURBI INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION.

The 1st prize winner, 5th and 6th prize winners of the 14th José Iturbi International Piano Competition chose and played Shigeru Kawai EX. There were three official pianos on the stage: Kawai, Steinway, and Yamaha. 4 out of 12 contestants in the semi-final chose to play KAWAI. In the final, 3 out of 6 selected KAWAI.

The Competition was held from September 10th to 25th, 2004, in the City of Valencia, Spain. Established in 1981 to pay tribute to Mr. José Iturbi, a pianist and composer, the Competition is held every other year. José Iturbi was born in Valencia and studied in Spain and France, making his debut as a concert pianist in the United States. He was later appointed conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the conductor of the Valencia Orchestra.



First prize winner Alexandre Moutouzkine

Results of the 14th José Iturbi International Piano Competition:

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| First Prize | Alexandre Moutouzkine | Russia | <u>Played Kawai</u> |
| Second | Jean-Frederic Neuburger | France | Played Other piano |
| Third | Ingmar Schiwindt | Germany | Played Other piano |
| Fourth | Karan Panos | Greece | Played Other piano |
| Fifth | José Enrique Bagaria | Spain | <u>Played Kawai</u> |
| Sixth | Alessandro Roselletti | Italy | <u>Played Kawai</u> |