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PIANIST BERMAN WINS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Donald L. Berman won fourth prize in the Third International Schubert Piano Competition in



Dortmund, Germany, on September 28, 1991. Berman competed against fifty-seven pianists from seven-teen countries and was the only American to place as a finalist. The competition was judged by a jury of internationally renowned musicians, including American Jacob Lateiner, and the prize carried a cash

award and at least two European concerts.

All of the winners performed at the Dortmund Opera House before a crowded audience. During the third round of the competition, Berman performed the Schubert B Flat Sonata, a work closely identified with his former teacher, Leonard Shure. Throughout the competition he was lauded for his musical insight and strong musical personality. US judge Lateiner said of his performance, "My attention was rapt from beginning to end in the Sonata round." The judge from Great Britain, Peter Feuchtwanger, remarked that Berman was "quite a remarkable musician."