





## **Editor's Note**



Our fifth annual Guide offers 86 annotated listings of all shapes and sizes of competitions. They range from piano to voice to woodwind to all of the above; from annual to biannual to quadrennial; some include master classes; some are open to the public and include live rounds, others are by recorded submission only. Some are just a few years old, others date back a half century.

Competitions are changing. Take, for instance, the Cleveland International Piano Competition. In the last decade, it has morphed from a one-off, biennial contest into to a quadrennial,

15-day festival with community and educational outreach programming and a year-round recital series. The U.K.'s Leeds Competition has undergone a similar transformation; so has the Liszt Competition in the Netherlands.

As author John Fleming puts it in his article introduction, Pierre Van der Westhuizen "knows his way around piano competitions." Van der Westhuizen, 40, and a former keyboard competitor himself, is largely responsible for the changes in Cleveland and has since moved on to be director of the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival and Awards in Kalamazoo, MI. The way he sees it, competitions are expanding for two reasons: First, an industry-wide recognition that it takes a great deal more than a contest win to make a career, much less a superstar. Secondly, a gathering of exceptional rising talent at one time and in one place is cause for celebration—of the instrument, the artists, and the repertoire. Why not open it up and bring in some proven talent, make it a "teachable moment," and invite the public in the process?

There are other reasons to move beyond the one-off, purely competitive model, he points out, among them, fund-raising is less difficult, without the possibility of a funder's favorite candidate not winning a top prize. He also relates what qualities he looks for in a juror and explains how the Gilmore—a "non-competition" with a \$300,000 top award as just one of its many facets—works.

Few could argue that the idea of a "celebration" of an instrument and its performers is a more positive, inclusive approach—and less stressful for those in the spotlight. But be they evolving or staying the same, competitions of any stripe remain an exciting way to discover, develop, and honor our rising artists.

Regards,

Susan Elliott Editor, Special Reports

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# The Grand CONPETITION Evolution of the 21st Century

Musical America talks with Pierre van der Westhuizen, director of the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival and Awards

By John Fleming



John Fleming, a regular contributor to Musical America, is president of the Music Critics Association of North America. He writes for Classical Voice North

America, Opera, and others. For 22 years, he covered the Florida music scene as performing arts critic with the Tampa Bay Times.

Pierre van der Westhuizen knows his way around piano competitions. As a young pianist in his native South Africa, he participated in many of them before becoming a concert pianist, academic, arts administrator, and competition juror. In 2011, Van der Westhuizen, now 40, became CEO of the <u>Cleveland International Piano Competition</u>, which he transformed from a traditional, single competition into a full-fledged event that also includes a festival, educational and community outreach, and year-round programming. Currently he is in his second year as director of the <u>Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival and Awards</u>.

**Musical America:** More and more competitions have been expanding, much as you transformed the Cleveland. Is this a trend?

**Pierre van der Westhuizen:** I think so, because two things have happened. One is that winning a piano competition now isn't necessarily the fame-producing thing that people used to think it was. For me, the goal of a competition is not to create a superstar. The goal is to identify talent and potential. I also think that many organizations have gone back to the original impetus for competitions, which was to celebrate the piano and its repertoire.



Pierre van der Westhuizen, director of the Gilmore.

## **THE GILMORE**

Based in Kalamazoo, MI, the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival and Awards, aka, "The Gilmore," is a multi-pronged operation. The biennial Gilmore Keyboard Festival is a 100-concert event that brings some 50 major talents—from Jeremy Denk to 2006 Gilmore Artist Ingrid Fliter—together for three weeks of concerts and master classes. There are also series devoted to rising stars and piano masters, and two biennial Young Artist Awards of \$25,000 each. The most coveted prize is the quadrennial Gilmore Artist Award, of \$300,000, chosen by an anonymous committee, as explained in this article by Gilmore CEO Pierre van der Westhuizen.



2018 Artistic Advisory Committee: Numa Bischof Ullmann, artistic and executive director, Lucerne Symphony Orchestra; Christopher Roberts, president and CEO, Robisong Consultants; Dan Gustin, former director of the Gilmore; Barry Kempton, artistic and executive director, Schubert Club; Elizabeth Ostrow, artistic planning consultant and recording producer; David Baldwin, artistic and executive director, Fontana Chamber Arts. Credit: Couresy The Gilmore.





**MA:** What are some other competitions that have moved to a festival model? **PvdW:** One that immediately comes to mind is the <u>Liszt Competition</u> in the Netherlands. They recently announced that they are repositioning themselves by adding a festival. [For the first time, in 2020 the Competition will have a central theme: Beethoven, as seen through the eyes of Franz Liszt.] Another is the <u>Leeds Competition</u> in England. Following last year's competition, they announced a festival addition, plus community outreach and other events.

**MA:** How did expanding the Cleveland Competition into a festival affect fundraising?

**PvdW:** A competition with winners and losers, from a philanthropic standpoint, is not necessarily a compelling concept. But celebrating the arts and promoting culture in the community, whether it be a competition or a concert series or outreach activities, in my experience appeals to foundations, companies, and individuals. In Cleveland, we almost doubled our revenue with the festival approach.



Entrance to the Keyboard Festival.

**MA:** Why don't some funders like competitions?

**PvdW:** Well, if you attend a competition and fall in love with a certain contestant, there is the inevitable disappointment. Giving is a very personal thing; people give when they're inspired. The disappointment can be difficult.... But if the competition is positioned as part of a festival that is focused on celebration, you can shift the narrative to go beyond winners and losers.

**MA:** Many competitions are making video livestreaming of performances a priority. Is that happening at the Gilmore?



Seong-Jin Cho performs Franz Schubert on the Gilmore Keyboard Festival's 2016-17 Rising Stars Series.

**PvdW:** Absolutely, and especially nowadays when livestreaming is part of everyday life. I think it will get to a point where it will be odd if you don't do it. It's an interesting dynamic, because some artists are wary of livestreaming and being recorded with no editing afterward. But your audience becomes bigger by a significant order of magnitude. We had the Korean pianist Seong-Jin Cho on our Rising Stars series, and that <u>video livestream</u> has been viewed more than 280,000 times, which just blows my mind.

**MA:** At the Cleveland you gave artists the choice as to whether livestreaming of their performances was archived or not. Have there been occasions where an artist didn't want a performance online?

**PvdDW:** Yes, it happens more often than you might think. Sometimes an artist is just not happy with the way a performance went. I will never put anything up that an artist doesn't feel comfortable with. Many competitions keep up livestreams even if contestants feel that they didn't play well, but at the Cleveland if a contestant said he or she really didn't like the way they played, we always took the performance down.

**MA:** There have been eight Gilmore Award recipients since 1991. Did they have competition pedigrees?

**PvdW:** Igor Levit [2018 winner] was one of the youngest Rubinstein medalists. Ingrid Fliter [2006] won the Chopin Competition. Kirill Gerstein [2010] also won at the Rubinstein. So yes, they've certainly seen the competition circuit.



**Igor Levit, 2018 Gilmore Artist.** Credit: Robbie Lawrence.



**Ingrid Fliter, 2006 Gilmore Artist.** Credit: Sussie Ahlburg.





MA: And you can't really call the Gilmore Artist Award [with a prize of \$300,000] a competition.

**PvdW:** True. At the Cleveland, the entire process is out there for the public to see in the Competition. At the Gilmore, it's all behind the scenes. The artistic advisory committee for the 2022 award has been formed [it is top secret], and we just sent out a letter to industry professionals all over the world asking for nominations. From those nominations we whittle the list down until we reach the three or four we will follow. [The artists themselves are unaware they are in the running.] We see these pianists in various settings—chamber music, solo, concerto—over an extended period of time. For me, that is one of the crucial differences between the Gilmore and competitions like the Cleveland and the Cliburn or the Tchaikovsky. Instead of 14, 15 days, we follow these people over a two- or three-year period.

The Gilmore is proof that as a competition you have to grow as an organization and position yourself in the community as a partner in various endeavors. You can't just pop up every few years and then disappear. It's not a sustainable model.

#### **GILMORE ARTIST AWARD WINNERS**

2018: Igor Levit, Germany

2014: Rafal Blechacz, Poland

2010: Kirill Gerstein, United States

2006: Ingrid Fliter, Argentina

2002: Piotr Anderszewski, Poland 1998: Leif Ove Andsnes, Norway

1994: Ralf Gothóni, Finland

1991: David Owen Norris, England

MA: You have said that the worst thing a contestant can do is to play for the jury, yet I've interviewed competition winners who said they tried to determine what jurors wanted to hear.

**PvdW:** I know, but I think it's a mistake. I always think of [Musical America 2019 Artist of the Year] Daniil Trifonov, whose teacher, Sergei Babayan, I know very well. When Daniil was winning competitions, Sergei would say that that was just Daniil being Daniil, that he just loved playing. You could tell the minute he walked onstage that he couldn't care less who was adjudicating. He was just himself, he was just playing. I much prefer that over a calculated approach.





Rafal Blechacz, 2014 Gilmore Artist. Credit: Marco Borggreve.

Kirill Gerstein, 2010 Gilmore Artist.

**MA:** What do you look for in a juror?

PvdW: An open mind. Somebody who is not wedded to his or her own opinion of the repertoire. Somebody who is willing to be convinced of different viewpoints. Somebody who is collegial. I look for people who are at the top of their profession either as an educator or a performer.

MA: There have been controversies at competitions over winners whose teachers were on the jury. Some competitions no longer have teachers as jurists. Is that a good idea?

**PvdW:** I think it's a knee-jerk reaction to replace your jury with only performing pianists. In Cleveland, we always asked jurors to recuse themselves from voting on somebody who had been a student of theirs, and there was no discussion allowed in the jury room or elsewhere. I think you need a healthy balance. Educators have a good sense of the field of up and coming musicians, and they know every note inside-out.

MA: Competitions don't have a great track record for choosing winners who go on to have glittering careers.

**PvdW:** I don't think winning a competition ever automatically meant a long-lasting career. There's so much more that goes into a career than just playing well. It's an art



Piotr Anderszewski, 2002 Gilmore Artist.

and a business. There are market forces behind it. Even signing with management and landing a recording deal doesn't mean you'll have a major career. Only time will tell.



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## AGO/ECS PUBLISHING AWARD IN CHORAL COMPOSITION

The competition seeks outstanding compositions for SATB chorus and organ in which the organ plays a distinctive and significant role; requirements vary for each competition. There is a \$2,000 cash prize and publication by ECS Publishing.

#### MAIN OFFICE

475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260 New York, NY 10115 **UNITED STATES** 212-870-2310 website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to all composers except AGO/ECS past winners. Membership in the AGO is not required.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Organ & SATB chorus

June 30, 2020

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No **Biennial** Frequency First prize Less than \$10,000 Not provided Jury chair(s) Jury size 1 to 5

#### **Application notes**

Deadline is tentative and subject to change.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Application deadline

TBA

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

X Not open to the public

# Liszt THE **BEETHOVEN EDITION**

## 16 to 28 March 2020

Application deadline 1 May 2019

Selection rounds in New York, Moscow, Tbilisi, Beijing, Hong Kong & Utrecht

www.liszt.nl

## AMERICAN PIANISTS AWARDS

The winner of the American Pianists Awards receives a two-year fellowship worth over \$100,000, including a \$50,000 cash award and career assistance for two years, to include publicity, public performances, and other opportunities worldwide. The American Pianists Awards alternate between jazz and classical piano.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

American Pianists Association 4603 Clarendon Road, Suite 030 Indianapolis, IN 46208 **UNITED STATES** 317-940-9945

email website

**ELIGIBILITY** By nomination only

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency **Ouadrennial** More than \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize \$11,000 to \$50,000 Additional prizes Performances Management

Recording Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 11 or more

Application deadline December 31, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

Jazz piano rounds are ongoing through February 23, 2019; The Jazz Kitchen, Indianapolis, IN. Classical rounds begin in March 2020 and run through February 2021.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Jazz piano finals: April 5 and 6, 2019, Hilbert Circle Theater, Indianapolis, IN Classical finals: April 2021

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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53<sup>rd</sup> International Vocal Competition LiedDuo

's-Hertogenbosch Netherlands 20-24 Nov 2019

## More than € 10,000 prize money

#### Jury

Dame Felicity Lott - Jard van Nes Thomas Oliemans - David Selig et al.

#### **First Round**

17 May 2019 Zeist 30 June 2019 's-Hertogenbosch TBA Zürich YouTube

In cooperation with the CIMCL (Lyon)

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# THE AMERICAN PRIZE: NATIONAL NONPROFIT COMPETITIONS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

Providing evaluation, recognition, and reward to America's finest performing artists, ensembles, and composers, based on recorded performances. Professional, college/university, community, high school—no age limits. The American Prize is proud to have awarded over \$60,000 in cash prizes in all categories since 2010.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

HCMT—The American Prize 25 Hamilton Drive, Suite 100 The Opera Cottage Danbury, CT 06811 UNITED STATES 203-746-2694

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competitions of The American Prize are open to all U.S. citizens, whether living in this country or abroad, and to others currently living, working, and/or studying in the U.S., its protectorates and territories. There are separate categories for professional, college/university, community, and high-school age solo musicians and ensembles.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Conducting • Piano • Strings • Voice • Conductors • Composers • Pianists (Lorin Hollander Award) • Classical Vocalists (Friedrich & Virginia Schorr Award) • Orchestras • Choruses • Bands • Opera Companies • Musical Theater Companies • Stage Directors (Charles Nelson Reilly Award) • Arts Admin

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual

First prize Less than \$10,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prize Performances Jury chair

David Lazaar Katz, chief judge

#### Additional jurors

Some of our distinguished judges include Sharon Sweet and Susanne Mentzer, voice; Jeffrey Biegel, piano; Lorin Hollander, piano; Judith Zaimont, composition

Jury size 1 to 5

Application fee

\$45 individuals, \$80 ensembles

Application deadline April 30, 2019

#### **Application notes**

June 3, 2019: Deadline for composers, chamber musicians, instrumental soloists, classical vocalists and pianists

July 1, 2019: Deadline for conductors, ensembles, stage directors, arts administrators, and American music performance

#### **SEMIFINALS & FINALS**

The American Prize judges recorded performances only, submitted via online links or on disc. There is no live competition. The contests select semifinalists, finalists, runners-up, and winners in separate announcements over the course of the contest year. The American Prize is administered by Hat City Music Theater, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**★** Not open to the public





## THE AZRIELI MUSIC PRIZES

The biennial Azrieli Music Prizes (AMP) offer opportunities for the discovery, creation, performance, and celebration of excellence in new concert music through the awarding of three \$50,000 cash prizes: The Azrieli Commission for Canadian Music, the Azrieli Prize for Jewish Music, and the Azrieli Commission for Jewish Music.

#### MAIN OFFICE

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<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

With the 2020 prize cycle, the Azrieli Music Prizes call for chamber music works for up to 16 musicians, and a duration of 15 to 25 minutes. The \$50,000 CAD Azrieli Commission for Jewish Music is awarded biennially to encourage composers to engage with the question, "What is Jewish music?" Starting with the 2020 prize cycle, this commission will be open to composers of all nationalities, faiths, and affiliations. The 2020 prize cycle also introduces The Azrieli Commission for Canadian Music. This \$50,000 CAD award is offered to a Canadian composer to create a new musical work that engages with the challenge of composing concert music in Canada today.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Composition

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Biennial

First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000
Additional prizes Performances
Recording

#### Jury chair(s)

Jewish Prizes: Boris Brott (McGill Chamber



Orchestra); Canadian Prize: Ana Sokolovic (Université de Montréal)

#### Additional jurors

Jewish Prizes Jury: Betty Olivero, music composition, Bar Ilan University; Brian Current, composer/conductor, The Royal Conservatory; Neil Levin, artistic director, Milken Archive of Jewish Music; Steven Mercurio, conductor, past music director, Spoleto Festival

Canadian Prize Jury: Andrew Staniland, music composition, Memorial University; Barbara Croall, freelance composer; David Pay, artistic director, Music on Main; Mary Ingraham, musicology, University of Alberta

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$0

Application deadline September 1, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Call for Scores and Proposals Opens: February 4, 2019; Both Commissioning Prizes (Canadian and Jewish) Close: May 5, 2019; Prize for Jewish Music Closes: September 1, 2019.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Winner's Gala Concert held biennially in mid-October on even years in Montréal, Canada. For the 2020 Gala Concert, the Azrieli Music Prizes is pleased to partner with Le Nouvel Ensemble Moderne and conductor Lorraine Vaillancourt.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

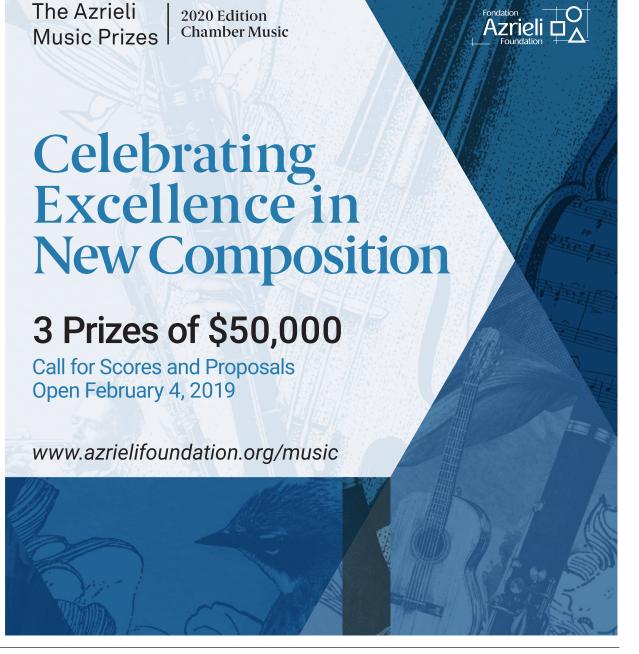
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**≭** Semifinals streamed

Finals

✓ Finals streamed







## **BANFF INTERNATIONAL** STRING QUARTET COMPETITION

BISQC gives audiences an in-depth and behindthe-scenes look at the thrill and heartbreak of a live chamber music competition as 10 of the world's best young string quartets vie for generous cash prizes, along with a two-year paid residency at SMU's Meadows School of the Arts.

#### MAIN OFFICE

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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to string quartets of all nationalities whose members are under the age of 35 on August 26, 2019. First and second prize winners of any previous Banff International String Quartet Competition (BISQC) are ineligible to apply. Quartets that have already competed twice in BISQC are ineligible to apply.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Triennial Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$200 Application deadline March 1, 2019

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

August 26 – September 1, 2019: One complete quartet from the following list:

Ludwig van Beethoven: Opus 59, No. 1, 2, or 3; Opus 127; Opus 130 (Competitors may choose as last movement either the Finale: Allegro from Op.130 or the Grosse Fuge from Op. 133); Opus 131; Opus 132; **Opus 135** 

All performances take place in the Eric Harvie Theater at Banff Center.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**









## BARLOW ENDOWMENT FOR MUSIC COMPOSITION— **PRIZE COMPETITION**

The 2019 winning composer receives a \$12,000 commission for a major new work of 9-12 minutes for Pierrot + percussion and electronics. The work will be performed by consortium of ensembles: Crash Ensemble (Dublin, Ireland), Eighth Blackbird (Chicago, IL), and New York New Music Ensemble (New York, NY).

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

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email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

There are no restrictions with regard to musical style, nationality, age, gender, race, religion, or political persuasion. The only limitations are: (1) composers who have won the Barlow Prize in the previous five years will not be considered; and (2) members of the Barlow Boards are not eligible.

#### Composition ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual \$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Additional prize Performances Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 6 to 10 Application deadline June 1, 2019

#### **Application notes**

This deadline is a RECEIPT deadline, NOT mailing deadline.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Notification of winners will be announced on website and Facebook by September 15, 2019.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**✗** Not open to the public

**SOCIAL LINKS** 





## **BBC CARDIFF** SINGER OF THE WORLD

BBC Cardiff Singer of the World is known throughout the classical music world as one of the premiere showcases for young professional singers at the start of their careers. It is broadcast on BBC Television, Radio, and online, and can be seen and heard throughout the world.

#### MAIN OFFICE

BBC Cardiff Singer of the World Music Department, Room E4101 **BBC Cymru Wales** Broadcasting House, Llandaff Cardiff CF5 2YQ Wales UNITED KINGDOM +44 303 0802855

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to singers of any nationality, at the beginning of their professional career, who will have probably studied at a conservatory of music or equivalent. Entrants must have been born between June 23,1986 and June 14, 2001. See the rules on our website for more details.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency **Biennial** First prize €10.000 to €50.000

Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prize Performances

#### Jury chair

David Pountney CBE, Artistic Director, Welsh **National Opera** 

#### Additional jurors

Dame Felicity Lott, Frederika von Stade, Robert Holl, Jose Cura, John Gilhooly, Wasfi Kani, Malcolm Martineau

Jury size 1 to 5

Application deadline July 15, 2018

#### **Application notes**

The BBC reserves the right to extend the closing date.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

June 16-19, 2019: Main Prize Preliminary Rounds, four concerts, St. David's Hall, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom

June 15-17, 2019: Song Prize Preliminary Rounds, four recitals, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

June 22, 2019: Main Prize Final, St. David's Hall, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom

June 20, 2019: Song Prize Final, St. David's Hall, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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## INTERNATIONAL TELEKOM **BEETHOVEN COMPETITION BONN**

The Competition focuses on works by Beethoven from every phase of his creative life, along with compositions by his predecessors, contemporaries, and successors. Candidates may add works of their choosing to the compulsory program. Next competition will take place in December 2019.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

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email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Pianists from all nations, as well as stateless persons, who are between 16 and 32 years old at the time of the Competition.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Biennial

€10.000 to €50.000 First prize Smallest prize €5,000 to €10,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair

Prof. Pavel Gililov, Artistic Director

#### Additional jurors

Dmitri Alexeev, Michel Béroff, Hyoung-Joon Chang, Hisako Kawamura, Paul Schenly, Ilona Schmiel, Henri Sigfridsson, Natalia Trull

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee €50

Application deadline May 10, 2019

#### **Application notes**

The application, including all required documents, must be carried out entirely via our website.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

1st to 3rd round will take place at the Telekom Zentrale, Bonn, Germany.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

The chamber music final will take place at the Telekom Zentrale, Bonn, Germany.

The orchestra final will take place at the Telekom Forum, Bonn, Germany.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed













# BESANÇON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR YOUNG CONDUCTORS

Established in 1951 the Besançon Conducting Competition is the most complete conducting competition in the world with classical, Romantic, 20th-century and contemporary music, oratorio, and opera. Alexander Gibson, Gerd Albrecht, Seiji Ozawa, Michel Plasson, Zdenek Macal, Sylvain Cambreling, and Yutaka Sado are among the most prestigious winners of the Competition.

#### MAIN OFFICE

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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to candidates of any nationality under the age of 35. No prior qualifications are required.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Conducting

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Biennial

First Prize €10,000 to €50,000

Additional prizes Performances

Management

#### Jury chair

Yan Pascal Tortelier, Music Director Iceland Symphony Orchestra (FR)

#### Additional jurors

Catherine Larsen-Maguire, conductor (GB); Éric Tanguy, composer (FR); Jean-François Verdier, conductor and music director, Orchestre Victor Hugo Franche-Comté (FR); Timothy Walker, artistic director, London Philharmonic Orchestra (GB); Liza Kerob, solo violin, Orchestre philharmonique de Monte-Carlo (FR); Annette Mangold, artistic advisor, Berliner Philharmoniker (DE); Serge Baudo, conductor, honored member invited for the Final round (FR)

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee €250

Application deadline January 18, 2019

#### Application notes:

Registration subject to availability.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

April 15 – May 4, 2019: Semi-final rounds involving a maximum of 90 candidates are held in Berlin (Hochschule für Musik "Hanns Eisler"), Beijing (Central Conservatory of Music), Montréal (Faculté de musique de l'Université de Montréal), and Bescanon (Conservatoire à rayonnement régional du Grand Besançon).

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

September 16-21, 2019

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

★ Semifinals★ Finals★ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**







# WILLIAM C. BYRD YOUNG ARTIST STRING COMPETITION

The William C. Byrd Young Artist String Competition was started by William C. Byrd, conductor of the Flint Symphony Orchestra, for the purpose of helping launch careers for young musicians. Following his untimely death, the St. Cecilia Society of Flint, MI, has continued to sponsor the annual classical music competition.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

c/o Flint Institute of Music 1025 East Kearsley Street Flint, MI 48503 UNITED STATES 810-964-9399 or 810-793-0538

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Contestants cannot have an agent. Instrumentalists must be younger than 31 on the day of the Competition, and vocalists must be younger than 35 on the day of the Competition.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Strings (2020) •

Woodwinds & Brass (2021) •

Voice (2022)

**DETAILS** 

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual

First prize Less than \$10,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair N/A
Additional jurors N/A
Jury size 1 to 5
Application fee \$75

Application deadline January 12, 2020

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

March 7, 2020, 8:00am to 5:00pm Flint Institute of Music, Flint, MI

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

March 7, 2020, 7:00pm, five finalists in concert Flint Institute of Music, Flint, MI

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✗ Finals streamed



## CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION

Competitors from around the world will be meeting in Montréal for the chance to win prizes totaling over \$95,000 USD in cash and other prizes. They are immersed in an intensive program, with an international jury and supportive CIOC team, allowing them to leave Montréal as more confident musicians.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

1200, rue de Bleury Montréal, QC H3B 3J3 CANADA 514-510-5678 email

<u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The CIOC is open to organists of all nationalities born after October 21, 1985. To be admitted to the CIOC, candidates must send a completed registration file bearing a postmark prior to January 31, 2020. Only complete files will be processed. The First prizewinner of any previous CIOC competition is ineligible to apply.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered?

Frequency

First prize

Smallest prize

Additional prizes

Yes

Triennial

\$10,000 to \$50,000

Less than \$5,000

Performances

Management

Recording

Organ

#### Jury chair

Jean-Willy Kunz, Artistic Director, Canadian International Organ Competition

#### Additional jurors

Martin Baker (UK), Bernard Foccroulle (Belgium), Michael Kapsner (Germany), Rachel Laurin (Canada), William Porter (U.S.), Louis Robilliard (France), Dong-Ill Shin (South Korea), Patricia Wright (Canada)

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$112

Application deadline January 31, 2020

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

October 11-12, 2020 at Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church in Montréal. OC, Canada.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

October 16, 2020 at Notre-Dame Basilica in Montréal, QC, Canada.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**









## CHINA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION

The China International Music Competition is an annual competition beginning with piano in May 2019, with disciplines for subsequent competitions to be determined. The competition is hosted by the China Conservatory of Music in Beijing.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

No.1 Anxiang Road Chaoyang District Beijing 100101 CHINA +8615001117076

email

## ELIGIBILITY

Age limits will vary depending on the discipline.

website

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Voice

January 1, 2020

#### DETAILS

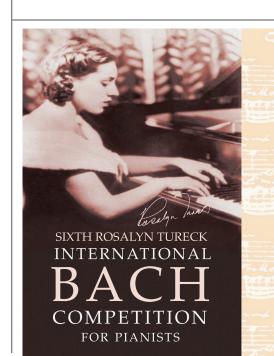
Travel covered? Yes
Frequency Annual
Jury chair(s) Not provided
Jury size 11 or more
Application fee TBA

Application deadline FINALS (live rounds)

TBA

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed





## December 5-8, 2019 - New York City

Closing date for entry: October 15, 2019

The Competition welcomes pianists, aged 8 - 28, from the world all over who pursue the musical ideals espoused by the late Rosalyn Tureck

#### Semifinals and Finals: December 5-7

DiMenna Center for Classical Music New York City

#### Gala Winners Concert: December 8

Bruno Walter Auditorium, Lincoln Center New York City

#### Information:

Telephone: 1 (212) 873-6087 e-mail: TureckBach@gmail.com www.TureckBachCompetition.com



## THE EIGHTEENTH INTERNATIONAL **FRYDERYK CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION**

Organized since 1927 in Warsaw, the Chopin Competition numbers among the oldest music tournaments, and at the same time, is the only monographic competition of such standing in the world.

#### MAIN OFFICE

The Fryderyk Chopin Institute Tamka 43 00-355 Warszawa POI AND +48 224416101

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to every pianist representing a professional level of performance, who was born between 1990 and 2004 and who meets the requirements described below.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

#### **DETAILS**

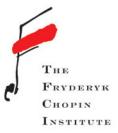
Travel covered? Nο

Ouadrennial Frequency First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize €5,000 to €10,000

Jury chair(s) TBA

Additional jurors

The Jury of the Competition will comprise outstanding Polish and foreign musicians. Jury size 11 or more



Application fee €100

Application deadline December 1, 2019

#### Application notes:

The application should be submitted to the Institute using the electronic form available on the Institute's website. Candidates should submit the original of the application form. Electronic versions of the application form will not be accepted. Applications should be submitted to the Institute no later than December 1, 2019 (if sent by mail, the postmark deadline is December 1, 2019). Upon receipt of a Competition application deemed to be complete, the Institute will confirm its acceptance.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

October 14-16, 2020, Warsaw Philharmonic, Warsaw, Poland

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

October 18-20, 2020, Warsaw Philharmonic, Warsaw, Poland

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

#### PAST COMPETITION WINNERS

2015 Seong-Jin Cho 2005 Rafal Blechacz 1980 Dang Thai Son 1975 Krystian Zimerman 1965 Martha Argerich

## SOCIAL LINKS













18<sup>TH</sup> CHOPIN COMPETITION 2-23 OCTOBER, WARSAW 2020

13-24 APRIL 2020: PRELIMINARY ROUND 2-23 OCTOBER 2020: COMPETITION

APPLICATIONS: 2 SEPTEMBER - 1 DECEMBER 2019

WWW.CHOPIN.NIFC.PL WWW.CHOPIN2020.PL



Composition

## NATIONAL CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION OF THE USA

The National Chopin Piano Competition (NCPC) is open to pianists holding U.S. citizenship, born between 1990 and 2004, demonstrating professional level of performance. Held every five years, NCPC follows closely the rules of the International Chopin Competition in Warsaw, Poland. Its top winners are accepted to the Warsaw Competition automatically.

#### MAIN OFFICE

1440 79th Street Causeway, Suite 117 Miami, FL 33141 **UNITED STATES** 305-868-0624

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The National Chopin Piano Competition (NCPC) is open to pianists holding U.S. citizenship (native born and naturalized) born between 1990 and 2004.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency

Quinquennial First prize More than \$50,000 Smallest prize \$5,000 to \$10,000 Additional prizes Performances

#### Jury chair

Kevin Kenner, faculty member of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami

Recording

#### Additional jurors

Ning An, U.S. winner of 2000 National Chopin & 2003 William Kapell International Piano Competitions; Edward Auer, U.S. prize winner of the 1965 International Chopin Competition; Dang Thai Son, Vietnam/Canada, 1980 winner of the International Chopin Competition; Krzysztof Jablonski, Poland, prize winner of the 1985 International Chopin Competition in Warsaw; Dean Kramer, U.S., 1975 winner of the National Chopin Competition; Jon Nakamatsu, U.S., 1995 winner of the NCPC and 1997 winner of Cliburn International Piano Competition; Katarzyna Popowa Zydron, Poland, internationally accomplished pianist, chair of the jury of the International Chopin Competition in Warsaw; Margarita Shevchenko Russia/ U.S., prize winner of the Cleveland and Chopin International Piano Competitions

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$100

November 4, 2019 Application deadline

#### **Application notes:**

This Competition is held every five years.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

February 22-27, 2020: Three live rounds, Chopin music only, Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Miami, FL

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

February 29 and March 1, 2020, Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Miami, FL

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals streamed

#### SOCIAL LINKS





#### CHRISTMAS CAROL COMMISSION COMPETITION

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces its 10th annual Christmas Carol Commission Competition as part of its commitment to the future of choral music.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

4600 Sunset Avenue Lilly Hall A040 Indianapolis, IN 46208 **UNITED STATES** 317-940-9057

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Composers 35 years of age or younger (as of December 1, 2019) who are U.S. citizens or legal residents may submit one composition. Submitted works must be original, unpublished, and have not been publicly performed; between three- and five-minutes long; written for SATB, mixed adult choir; and may be a cappella or utilize keyboard accompaniment. Text and language are at the discretion of the composer and should be suitable for a Christmas/holiday performance.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE**

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual

First prize Less than \$10,000 Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 1 to 5

No fee Application fee Application deadline May 31, 2019

#### Application notes:

Compositions must be in PDF format and emailed to commission@indychoir.org. No consideration will be given to entries received after the deadline. Submitted materials will not be returned. Ouestions may be e-mailed to commission@indychoir.org. A submission form must accompany the composition.

#### FINALS (live rounds)

The winner will be notified by September 30, 2019 and the selected composition will be performed by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir at its five annual Festival of Carols concerts in Indianapolis, IN. A cash prize of \$2,500 plus travel and lodging for the world premiere in December 2019 will be awarded to the winning composer.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**✗** Not open to the public









Piano

## **CLEVELAND** INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

Fifteen days of exquisite performances, informative round-table discussions, and parties. Audiences experience the best of the best and the First Prize winner takes home an award of \$75,000, a Carnegie Hall recital debut, a recording on the Steinway & Sons label, and the launch of a U.S. concert career.

#### MAIN OFFICE

20600 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 1110 Shaker Heights, OH 44122 UNITED STATES 216-707-5397 website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

email

Open to pianists of any nationality between the ages of 18 and 32. Eligibility for the Competition is determined by the contestant's age as of August 8, 2020.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Quadrennial More than \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize \$5,000 to \$10,000 Additional prizes Performances Management Recording

#### Jury chair

Matti Raekallio, The Juilliard School Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$150

Application deadline November 26, 2019

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

August 7-8, 2020 at Severance Hall, Cleveland, OH

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals **≭** Finals streamed

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## **CLIBURN INTERNATIONAL** JUNIOR PIANO COMPETITION AND FESTIVAL

May 31 – June 8, 2019, quadrennial international competition for 13- to 17-year old pianists held in Dallas, TX, on the campus of Southern Methodist University and at Meyerson Symphony Center, Jury chairman: Alessio Bax. All performances are webcast live and on demand. Final round performances are with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

201 Main Street, Suite 100 Fort Worth, TX 76102 **UNITED STATES** 817-738-6536

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must have been born between June 8, 2001, and May 31, 2006.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes

Frequency Quadrennial \$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Jury chair Alessio Bax, pianist

#### Additional jurors

Phillipe Bianconi, Sa Chen, Angela Cheng, Valery Kuleshov, Lowell Liebermann, Aviram Reichert

Jury size 6 to 10

Application deadline January 10, 2019

#### FINALS (live rounds)

June 8, 2019. Three finalists perform full concertos with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Meyerson Symphony Center. Dallas, TX.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

**SOCIAL LINKS** 











## SIXTEENTH VAN CLIBURN INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

May 28 – June 12, 2021. Quadrennial international piano competition held at Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, TX. Winners receive cash prizes, as well as three years of comprehensive artist management services and tour booking, professional recording, publicity services, and more. Fully produced live webcast of entire Competition.

#### MAIN OFFICE

201 Main Street, Suite 100 Fort Worth, TX 76102 **UNITED STATES** 817-738-6536

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Age 18 to 30. First-prize winners of previous Cliburn Competitions are not eligible to compete.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE**

Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Quadrennial More than \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prizes Performances Management Recording

Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 6 to 10

Application deadline October 15, 2020

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

June 9-12, 2021, Bass Performance Hall, Fort Worth, TX

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

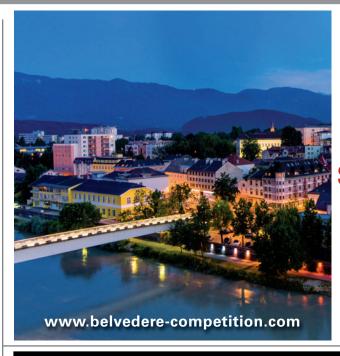
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## INTERNATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION **FOR YOUNG OPERA SINGERS 2019**

about 70 qualifying rounds worldwide - jury members of the most important opera houses many engagements -

final rounds 2019 in Villach, Austria





## **CONCERT ARTISTS GUILD** VICTOR ELMALEH COMPETITION

CAG seeks to partner with young musicians who exemplify artistic excellence and engagement with their audience, have an entrepreneurial spirit, and who will go on to create an impact in the world. Prizes include a \$5,000 first prize, management contracts with CAG, and a New York debut.

#### MAIN OFFICE

850 7th Avenue, PH-A New York, NY 10019 **UNITED STATES** 212-333-5200

email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The 2019 Competition is OPEN to the following instruments and categories: Strings, piano, woodwinds, brass, voice, harp, and chamber ensembles (including piano duos and guitar ensembles). The 2019 competition is CLOSED to the following: Solo: accordion, clarinet, double bass, fortepiano, guitar, harpsichord, organ, and percussion; Ensemble: saxophone quartet.

website

Please note: CAG represents solo singers for recitals, chamber music, and orchestral engagements only, not for opera.

Age limits (as of April 14, 2019): Solo instrumentalists: 30, Instrumental ensembles (including those with one singer): average age of 30; Solo singers: 35; Vocal ensembles: average age of 35

More information on eligibility

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES

Piano • Strings • Voice • All Solo Instruments

Chamber Ensembles

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual Less than \$10,000 First prize

> Performances Management Recording

Jury chair(s) Not provided 6 to 10 Jury size Application fee \$125

Application deadline April 14, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Additional prizes

The earlybird deadline is Saturday, March 31, 2019 (save \$25 on the application fee)

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

October 2019 in New York City, exact dates and locations TBA

#### FINALS (live rounds)

October 2019 in New York City, exact dates and locations TBA

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals streamed **X** Semifinals ✓ Finals streamed ✓ Finals

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## **CONCOURS MUSICAL** INTERNATIONAL DE MONTRÉAL—CMIM

The CMIM is one of the world's most highly regarded classical music competitions; one of only two competitions in North America to be held annually and present three disciplines (voice, violin, piano) in a three-year rotation. Prizes total \$500,000 CAD per cycle and winners benefit from many professional opportunities.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

JMC/CMIM offices 305 Mont-Royal avenue East Montréal, QC H2T 1P8 CANADA 514-845-4108

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Violin (2019) age limit: Born in 1990 or later. Piano (2020): Born in 1990 or later. Voice (2021): Born in 1988 or later.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES** Piano • Strings • Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual More than \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prizes Performances Management Recording

#### Jury chair

Zarin Mehta, président of the jury and President of CMIM

#### Additional jurors

Pierre Amoyal, Michael Haefliger, Kim Kashkashian, Boris Kuschnir, Cho Liang Lin, Mihaela Martin, Barry Shiffman, Dmitri Sitkovetsky, Pavel Vernikov

Jury size 6 to 10

Application fee \$117 (\$150 CAD) Application deadline December 13, 2019

#### Application notes

Piano 2020: TBA (please refer to our website) Violin 2019: November 15, 2018\*\*

\*\*The application deadline for 2019 has passed; interested future applicants are referred to the competition website.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

Violin 2019: June 1-2, 2019, 11 am, 3 pm, and 7:30 pm. Bourgie Concert Hall, Montréal, Canada

#### FINALS (live rounds)

Violin 2019: June 4 and 5, 7:30 pm, Maison symphonique, Montréal, Canada

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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# THOMAS & EVON COOPER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Cooper International Competition at Oberlin Conservatory is open to musicians ages 13-18. Alternates annually between piano and violin. Final round with The Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall showcases top three competitors in performances of full concertos. Cash prizes total \$40,000; \$20,000 first prize.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Oberlin Conservatory of Music Office of Summer Programs 77 West College Street Oberlin, OH 44074 UNITED STATES 440-775-8044

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The 2019 Competition is open to violinists ages 13-18 born after July 26, 2000 and before July 18, 2006, and who have not won one of the top three prizes in a previous Cooper Competition. Contestants must assume financial responsibility for travel to and from Cleveland. The Competition runs Thursday, July 18 through Friday, July 26, 2019. Performance order for the Competition will be determined by a drawing on Thursday, July 18 at 7 pm that must be attended by all candidates. All works are to be performed from memory and in their entirety, except for the Beethoven Sonata.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES

Piano • Strings

**Gregory Fulkerson** 

#### **DETAILS**

Jury chair

Travel covered? No
Frequency Annual
First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000
Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Additional jurors

Jury size

Application fee

Application deadline

TBA

6 to 10

\$100

May 7, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

July 20-22, 2019: Semifinal Round • July 23, 2019: Concerto Round; Oberlin Conservatory, Warner Concert Hall, Oberlin, OH

#### FINALS (live rounds)

July 24, 2019: Recital Finals, Oberlin Conservatory, Warner Concert Hall, Oberlin, OH

July 26, 2019: Finals with The Cleveland Orchestra, Severance Hall, Cleveland, OH

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals
✓ Finals
✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

**SOCIAL LINKS** 









## THE COOPER-BING COMPETITION

The purpose of the Cooper-Bing Competition is to discover, recognize, and encourage young operatic talent. Opera stars perform in a new competition format, with a top prize of \$10,000.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

55 East State Street Columbus, OH 43215 **UNITED STATES** 614-461-8101

<u>email</u> website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to applicants between 22 and 30 years of age.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Annual Frequency

First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Jury chair(s) Not provided

Additional jurors

Scott Guzielek, Palm Beach Opera; Michael Egel, Des Moines Metro Opera; Brian Speck, Houston Grand Opera Studio

Voice

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$50

Application deadline March 3, 2019

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

May 5, 2019, Southern Theater, Columbus, OH

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals **X** Semifinals ✓ Finals **≭** Finals streamed

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## DISCOVER NATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

The Discover National Chamber Music Competition is designed to provide an educational as well as a competitive experience for young chamber ensembles. Winning ensembles will each receive a cash prize of \$1000 and will perform on a winners' recital on March 2, 2019.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

878 Lyster Road Highwood, IL, 60040 **UNITED STATES** 847-926-9898

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to chamber ensembles in 12th grade and younger. Ensembles may consist of three to eight musicians. Ensembles may use no more than one piano.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Brass • Percussion • Woodwinds

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual

Performances Additional prize

Jury chair(s)

Cavani String Quartet Members Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$100

Application deadline February 1, 2019

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

February 2019, Bennett Gordon Hall, Ravinia Festival, Highland Park, IL

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **≭** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals **X** Finals streamed

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## **EMERGING ARTIST** COMPETITION

Acclaimed nonprofit Chicago-based classical music label Cedille Records announces its first Emerging Artist Competition. The Competition will be open to individual musicians and ensembles of up to six people who reside in or hail from the Chicago metro area. The winner will record and release an album on Cedille Records.

#### MAIN OFFICE

1205 West Balmoral Chicago, IL 60640 **UNITED STATES** 773-989-2515

email

website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Individual performers and ensembles (sextet or smaller) who have not appeared as the featured performer on another commercially released CD are eligible to apply; the competition is not open to composers or conductors. The maximum age limit for individual performers is 35 years old as of the application open date. For ensembles, the average age of ensemble members should not exceed 35 and no individual player may exceed 40 years of age. There is no minimum age limit. All individual performers and at least 50 percent of ensemble players must reside in or come from the Chicago metro area (defined as the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will). No individual may appear on more than one application; for example, if applying as a soloist, an individual may not also apply as a member of an ensemble.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Voice • Solo Instrumentalists Vocalists • Ensembles (up to six members)



#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes

Frequency **Ouadrennial** Additional prize Recording Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 1 to 5

Application fee

\$50 for Individuals / \$100 for Ensembles Application deadline August 1, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

Semifinals will include up to 10 contestants, who will prepare an hour of music from which judges will select 15 minutes to be performed.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

The final round will include up to five contestants playing 30 minutes of music total, including two contrasting works, selected by the contestants themselves. Semifinal and final performances will be judged by a panel of five judges who are prominent musicians and industry professionals.

One winner and one honorable mention will be selected. The winner will record a Cedille Records. album for release in fall 2021. The winner's prize will be offered to the honorable mention if the winner is not able to record or release the album as planned.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

**★** Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed















## THE GEORGE ENESCU INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Intended as a natural extension of the George Enescu Festival, the most important international cultural event organized by Romania and a true national cultural brand, George Enescu International Competition recognizes, supports, and promotes young talents worldwide, endorsing in this way future golden generations of classical music.

website

#### MAIN OFFICE

Victoria Business Center Calea Victoriei, nr. 155, bl. D1, sc. 8, et. 2 Bucuresti, cod 010073 **ROMANIA** +40 21 - 311 02 00

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

TBA

email

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Composition

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No **Biennial** Frequency First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize €5,000 to €10,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair(s) TBA Jury size 6 to 10 Application deadline April 15, 2020

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

TBA

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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## 3RD ILONA FEHÉR INTERNATIONAL **VIOLIN COMPETITION AND MASTERCLASSES**

Organized by Katalin Kokas and Barnabás Kelemen, leading Hungarian violinists, as part of the Festival Academy Budapest, the prestigious third Ilona Fehér International Violin Competition is held in three rounds for three age groups of artists under 19.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Király utca 50. fszt. 3. **Budapest 1061 HUNGARY** 

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Three age groups between nine and 18; a preselection jury decides who can participate in the competition based on the submitted application material.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Strings • Violin

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual

Less than €10,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Performances Additional prize

#### Jury chair

Shlomo Mintz (USA/Israel)

#### Additional jurors

Cihat Askin (Turkey); Herbert Greenberg (USA); Quian Zhou (China); Eszter Perényi (Hungary); Éva

Ácsné Szily (Hungary)

Jury size 6 to 10 Application deadline April 1, 2019

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

July 24-25, 2019: Violin, House of Traditions (Budai Vígadó), Budapest, Hungary

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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Voice

## FISCHOFF NATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

The 46th annual Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition takes place May 10-12, 2019, in South Bend, IN. Among the largest chamber music competitions in the nation, it is open to ensembles with three to six members, and includes both senior and junior divisions. A total of \$34,500 in prize money will be awarded.

#### MAIN OFFICE

303 Brownson Hall Notre Dame, IN 46556 **UNITED STATES** 574-631-0984

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to instrumental ensembles only; U.S. and non-U.S. residents are eligible. Ensembles will consist of three to six musicians. The Competition is unable to accommodate ensembles that have more than one piano, are vocal in nature, or require more than three minutes set-up and tear-down time. All members of the ensemble must perform on separate instruments throughout the competition but can use various instruments. No individual may enter or compete in more than one ensemble.

- Junior Division ensemble members must not be more than age 18 on May 12, 2019.
- Senior Division ensemble members must not be more than age 35 on May 12, 2019. The average age of Senior Division ensemble members must not exceed 30 years on May 12, 2019. (The ensemble's age must average less than 31 years old). Senior Division ensembles may include members who are age 18 or younger.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Winds • Brass

#### **DETAILS**

No Travel covered? Frequency Annual

\$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Performances Additional prize Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 11 or more

Application fee

Trio \$125; Quartet \$165; Quintet \$205; Sextet \$245 Application deadline February 27, 2019

#### FINALS (live rounds)

May 12, 2019: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

## SOCIAL LINKS **T D**









## FLEISCHMANN INTERNATIONAL TROPHY COMPETITION

Each year some of the finest amateur choirs are selected to compete for the prestigious Fleischmann International Trophy. The selected choirs will also be scheduled for a range of additional festival activities throughout the week, including fringe concerts and church and informal performances.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Civic Trust House 50 Pope's Quay Cork

**IRELAND** 

+353 21 421 5125

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition features top-class adult choirs of 20 to 60 voices from many countries. A purely a cappella program of either three or four contrasting works whose total duration (actual singing) is between 10 and 12 minutes is required. Choirs whose programs do not comply with the prescribed limits will incur a time penalty.

The contrasting program must represent an historically balanced and coherent range of styles and include a piece composed before 1750, an original work by a living composer, and work by a composer of the choir's native country.

Subsequent to final acceptance, a choir may not change its repertoire, nor the order in which it will be sung. The five- member international jury allocates marks for the technical, artistic, and the overall quality of performance, as well as how well the choir communicates with the audience.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual

First prize Less than €10,000 Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prize Recording

Jury chair

Maria Gamborg Helbekkmo, Norway

#### Additional jurors

Mervyn Cousins (England), Georg Grun (Germany), Ursa Lah (Slovenia), Shane Lynch (U.S.), Bernie Sherlock (Ireland)

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee €300

Application deadline October 31, 2018

#### **Application notes**

Application for Fleischmann International Trophy Competition is due on October 31 of each year.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Afternoon and evening concerts will feature music from Renaissance to contemporary and compositions from each choir's home country. The Competition takes place in City Hall on the Saturday of the annual Cork Choral Festival, which usually occurs during the five days preceding the May Bank Holiday weekend.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals

**X** Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals \* Finals streamed

SOCIAL LINKS **T** 











## FORTE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION

Forte International Music Competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists ages four to 35. It consists of several rounds culminating with the final round at Carnegie Hall. Participants receive valuable feedback from judges, certificates, medals, cash prizes, and other special awards.

#### MAIN OFFICE

1824 East 17 Street, Suite 5A Brooklyn, NY 11229 UNITED STATES 718-755-2110

email website

**ELIGIBILITY** Ages 4-35

#### DISCIPLINES

Piano • Strings • Voice • Woodwinds Brass

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual Less than \$10,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Jury chair(s) Not provided

1 to 5 Jury size Application fee \$150

November 5, 2019 Application deadline

#### **Application notes**

Earlybird deadline: October 15; late fee deadline: November 10.

#### FORTE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION, cont'd

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

Live rounds will take place in NYC in December.

Note: Competitors can also participate online in the Preliminary & semifinal rounds of the Competition. See website for more details.

#### FINALS (live rounds)

Final round will take place live at Carnegie Hall in New York in January/February 2020.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals

✓ Finals

**≭** Semifinals streamed

\* Finals streamed

SOCIAL LINKS







## **MTNA**

## 2019–20 Music Teachers National Association STUDENT COMPETITIO

The MTNA student competitions provide educational experiences and recognize exceptionally talented young artists and their teachers in their pursuit of musical excellence. Finalists compete in the national finals at the MTNA National Conference in Chicago, Illinois, March 21-25, 2020.

The competitions are divided into five age groups: Elementary (ages 5–10; composition only), Junior (ages 11-14), Senior (ages 15-18) and Young Artist (ages 19-26) and Chamber Music (average age 18–26).

Competitions include Composition, Brass, Piano, String, Voice, Woodwind and Chamber Music.

Elementary, Junior, Senior and Young Artist application deadline: September 11, 2019 Chamber Music application and video submission deadline: December 4, 2019

For more information, visit www.MTNA.org.



## INTERNATIONAL HANS GABOR BELVEDERE SINGING COMPETITION

Since 1982, the International Hans Gabor Belvedere Singing Competition has been known as one of the world's best networked singing competitions, with qualifying rounds in more than 70 cities worldwide each year. The singers are judged by a jury of artistic and casting directors from the world's most prestigious opera houses.

#### MAIN OFFICE

Seidengasse 32/3/52 1070 Vienna AUSTRIA +43-681-110400572

email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Singers (males/females) of all nationalities, born in or later than 1987, are invited to enter the Competition. See our website for more details.

website

Voice

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Nο Annual Frequency

First prize Less than €10,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair

John Mordler, Opera Monte Carlo Artistic Director Additional jurors

David Agler, artistic director, Wexford Festival Opera, Ireland; Dmitrij Bertman, artistic director, Helikon Opera, Moscow; Heribert Germeshausen, Opernintendant, Theater Dortmund; Toni Gradsack, responsabile delle compagnie di Canto, Teatro alla Scala, Milano; Olga Kapanina, casting director, The Bolshoi Theater of Russia, Moscow; Christoph

Meyer, Generalintendant, Deutsche Oper am Rhein, Düsseldorf-Duisburg; Guy Montavon, Generalintendant, Theater Erfurt; Hein Mulders, Intendant Aalto-Theater und Philharmonie, Essen: Björn Peters, Künstlerischer Betriebsdirektor, Sächsische Staatsoper Dresden - Semperoper; Christina Scheppelmann, general artistic Director, Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona; Florian Scholz, Intendant, Stadttheater Klagenfurt; Christoph Seuferle, Operndirektor, Deutsche Oper Berlin; Diane Zola, assistant general manager, Metropolitan Opera, New York

Jury size 11 or more

Application fee €42

Application deadline May 17, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Please note the different application deadlines for the 70 qualifying rounds worldwide on the Competition website.

#### SEMIFINALS (live rounds)

June 30 – July 5, 2019: Enrollment, first rounds, and semifinals: Congress Center Villach, Austria

July 6, 2019: Orchestra rehearsals for the finals concert.

#### FINALS (live rounds)

July 7, 2019: Finals concert with Kärntner Sinfonieorchester, Alexander Joel, conductor. Congress Center Villach, Austria

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals **X** Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**







## **GENEVA** INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION

Founded in 1939, the Geneva Competition is one of the world's leading international music competitions. It aims at discovering, promoting, and supporting young talented artists, giving them the necessary tools to launch an international career. The 74th edition offers percussion and composition and will be held November 7-21, 2019.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Concours de Genève International Music Competition Bd de Saint-Georges 34 / CP 268

1211 - Genève 8 **SWITZERLAND** +41 22 328 62 08

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Percussion 2019: candidates born after October 30. 1989. Composition 2019: candidates born after May 1, 1979.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Voice • Woodwinds • Percussion Composition

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual First prize €10.000 to €50.000 Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prizes Performances Management Recording

#### Jury chair(s)

Philippe Spiesser, percussion jury chair; Kaija Saariaho, composition jury chair Additional jurors

Percussion: Philippe Spiesser, president (France); Daniel Druckman (U.S.); Fritz Hauser (Switzerland); Aiyun Huang (Taïwan/Canada); Marta Klimasara (Poland/Germany); Isao Nakamura (Japan/Germany); Hèctor Parra (Spain)

Composition: Kaija Saariaho, president (Finland); Julian Anderson (UK); Toshio Hosokawa (Japan); Michael Jarrell (Switzerland); Liza Lim (Australia)

Jury size 6 to 10

Application fee

€220 (percussion) / €88 (composition) Application deadline May 2, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Application deadline for the percussion & composition competitions: May 2, 2019.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

November 18, 2019: Percussion semi-final round, Geneva, Switzerland

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

November 8, 2019 • Composition final round: November 21, 2019 • Percussion final round, Geneva, Switzerland

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals

✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals streamed











## **GLOBAL MUSIC AWARDS**

The Global Music Awards is a highly rated, wellknown international music competition that celebrates independent musicians. Global Music Awards is recognized by industry insiders as giving legitimacy to highly talented artists. It is a competition based strictly on merit.

#### MAIN OFFICE

7946 Ivanhoe Avenue, Suite 201 La Jolla, CA 92037 UNITED STATES 858-779-1420

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to all artists and composers. Submissions may be of any genre, any length. We look for artists and composers with outstanding emotional communication, the ability to transcend, to make the listener experience something that is new and compelling. We want to be surprised and moved by what we hear. We want to be convinced that those we honor can really move an audience. The musical joy of artists we select must be infectious. We want the artist to remind us why we care about music so much in the first place.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES

Conducting • Piano • Strings • Voice • Album • Band

- Chamber Music Classical Classical Crossover
- Experimental Jazz Indie Country & Pop
- Instrumental Live Performance Operatic Music
- Original Score/Sound Track Movie & TV R&B & Soul • Sound Editing/Sound Mixing • Symphonic

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Annual Frequency

Jury chair

Thomas Baker, Ph.D., Founder, Global Music Awards Additional jurors

Past judges have included: Charles Denler, composer; Darlene Koldenhoven, soprano; Ricky Kej, composer; Elisabet Franch, flute; John Daversa, composer; Amanda Abizaid, vocalist; Melissa B, vocalist; and many others.

Jury size 1 to 5 \$50 Application fee

Application deadline November 15, 2019

**Application notes** 

Quarterly entry deadlines

**FINALS** (live rounds)

No live rounds.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

X Not open to the public

SOCIAL LINKS





## THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL **EDVARD GRIEG PIANO COMPETITION**

The Competition will take place at Troldhaugen, Grieg's picturesque home in Bergen, Norway, in September 2020. Competitors will reside with host families, and those who do not advance to the second round, semifinal, or final will perform at a paid concert in the Bergen area. First prize: €30,000.

#### MAIN OFFICE

**KODE Edvard Grieg Museum Troldhaugen** Troldhaugveien 65

N-5232 Paradis – Bergen

**NORWAY** 

+47 55 92 29 92

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to pianists of all nationalities born in the years 1987-2003.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Biennial

€10,000 to €50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair(s) TBA TBA Additional jurors Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee €100

Application deadline April 20, 2020

#### **Application notes**

The application and application fee must arrive before April 21, 2020.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

September 12-14, 2020: 1st round, solo piano • September 15: 2nd round, solo piano • September 16: semi-final, solo piano & chamber music, Edvard Grieg Museum Troldhaugen, Bergen, Norway

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

September 20, 2020: Piano soloist with The Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, Edward Gardner, conductor. Grieg Hall, Bergen, Norway

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals

✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals streamed











## THE GURWITZ INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

The Gurwitz International Piano Competition is a member of the WFIMC. Twelve competitors, selected by a preliminary jury, will compete live in San Antonio, TX. The Gurwitz consists of four rounds, including commissioned piece, chamber music round, and the final round with the San Antonio Symphony.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

23705 Frontage Road, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78257 **UNITED STATES** 210-630-9711

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Gurwitz is open to professional pianists from around the world 18 to 32 years old. First prize winners of The San Antonio International Piano Competition, as well as students and family members of jury members, are not eligible to enter.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes

Frequency **Ouadrennial** First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Jury chair

Sebastian Lang-Lessing, conductor (San Antonio Symphony Orchestra)

#### Additional jurors

Olga Kern, piano (professor, Manhattan School of Music/artistic director, Olga Kern International Piano Competition); Yaron Kohlberg, piano (president and CEO, Cleveland International Piano Competition); Boris Slutsky, piano (professor, Peabody Conservatory and Eastman School of Music); Carolyn True, piano (professor, Trinity University); Afa Dworkin, violin (president and artistic director, Sphinx organization)

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$125

Application deadline June 30, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

January 27-28, 2020: Round One • January 20, 2020: Round Two. All rounds in San Antonio, TX

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

January 31, 2020: Round Three: Chamber music (commissioned piece)

February 1, 2020: Round Four/Finale with the San

**Antonio Symphony** All rounds in San Antonio, TX

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

## THE MIRJAM HELIN INTERNATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION

Quadrennial international voice competition. Designed for outstanding young singers, it is known for its high standard, exacting repertoire, superb prizes, and prestigious jury. Altogether, prizes total €173,000. Streamed live, recorded, televised by the Finnish Broadcasting Company. Semifinalists will receive €1,000.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Finnish Cultural Foundation

Bulevardi 5 A PO Box 203 FI-00121 Helsinki **FINLAND** +358 9 6128 1248

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Women born in 1989 or later and men born in 1987 or later are eligible to participate in the competition in 2019, regardless of nationality.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes

Frequency Ouadrennial First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize €5,000 to €10,000 Performances Additional prizes Recording

#### Jury chair

Jorma Silvasti (tenor), Artistic Director of the Savonlinna Opera Festival

#### Additional jurors

Olaf Bär, Ben Heppner, Vesselina Kasarova, François Le Roux, Waltraud Meier, Deborah Polaski, Kiri Te Kanawa.

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee None

Application deadline December 31, 2018

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 20-23, 2019: Competitors perform a 15-20minute (maximum) recital • May 24-25, 2019: 16-20 semifinalists perform a 30-minute (maximum) recital, Helsinki Music Center, Helsinki, Finland

#### FINALS (live rounds)

May 29, 2019: Eight competitors perform two works with orchestral accompaniment, of which at least one must be an opera, oratorio, cantata, or concert aria (maximum 20 minutes). Finalists accompanied by the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Hannu Lintu, conductor. Helsinki Music Center, Helsinki, Finland

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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## **MICHAEL HILL** INTERNATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION

The world's best emerging violin talent in the world's most distinctive location.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

PO Box 24657 Royal Oak Auckland 1345 **NEW ZEALAND** +64 9 639-2010

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Violinists between the ages of 18-28.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Biennial

\$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prizes Performances Recording

Jury chair **Robin Congreve** 

Additional jurors

Dale Barltrop; James Ehnes; Ning Feng; Mauricio Fuks; Clara-Jumi Kang; Anthony Marwood; Wilma Smith

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$150

Application deadline November 15, 2018

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 31 – June 3, 2019: Rounds I and II. Solo and piano accompanied work performed by 16 semifinalists, Queenstown Memorial Center

June 5-6, 2019: Chamber Rounds III. Mozart string quintets performed by top six semi-finalists, **Auckland Town Hall** 

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

June 8, 2019: Final Round, concertos performed by top three finalists, Auckland Town Hall

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed







# 2020 HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

First prize: \$10,000 USD; return engagement with Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra and other performance opportunities. Second prize: \$5,000; third prize, \$3,000; fourth prize: \$2,000; fifth prize, \$1,000; Sascha Gorodnitzki Memorial Prize, \$1,000; Peter Takács Classical Sonata Prize, \$1,000.

#### MAIN OFFICE

7 Lagoon Road, Suite 100 Hilton Head Island, SC 29928 UNITED STATES 843-842-5880

email website

**ELIGIBILITY** Pianists ages 13-17

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes
Frequency Triennial
First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000

Smallest prize Less than \$5,000
Additional prize Performances

Jury chair

Doug Humpherys, Chair of the Piano Department at Eastman School of Music

#### Additional jurors

Christopher Elton, Professor Emeritus, Royal Academy of Music; Miyoko Lotto, Manhattan School of Music; Yong Hi Moon, Piano Faculty, Peabody Institute; Matti Raekallio, The Juilliard School

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$135

Application deadline September 30, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

March 9 - 12, 2020: Rounds I and II (non-elimination), Hilton Head, SC

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

March 14, 2020: Finals (Round III), First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head, SC

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals
✓ Semifinals streamed
✓ Finals

★ Finals streamed

**SOCIAL LINKS** 



# HOUSTON SYMPHONY IMA HOGG COMPETITION

The Houston Symphony Ima Hogg Competition is a multi-instrument competition designed to identify outstanding young instrumentalists and support their pursuit of careers in music. Ten contestants are selected to perform in the semi-finals. Four finalists will perform with the Houston Symphony to determine the winner of the \$25,000 award.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Houston Symphony Attn: Education & Community 615 Louisiana Street, Suite 102 Houston, TX 77002 UNITED STATES 713-238-1447

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 26 as of May 30, 2019, and be current or recent (within two (2) years of graduating) undergraduate or graduates intending to pursue a musical career. Those holding orchestra positions are ineligible to participate. Former first- or second-place winners are ineligible. Open to citizens or lawful permanent residents of the U.S. or to foreign students currently enrolled in a U.S. college, university, or conservatory.

Email <u>education.community@houstonsymphony.org</u> if you have a question about your eligibility.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES

All orchestral instruments

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual

First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000
Smallest prize Less than \$5,000
Additional prize Performances

Jury chair(s) TBA

#### Additional jurors

Preliminary round adjudicated by 5-15 members of the Houston Symphony. Semifinal and final rounds adjudicated by a panel of artistic professionals, including a conductor, artist manager, and concertizing soloist.

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$100

Application deadline January 9, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Application is around the same time each year.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 30, 2019, Houston, TX

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

June 1, 2019, Finals performed with the Houston Symphony, Houston, TX

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed







# HONENS INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

Canada's Honens International Piano Competition takes place every three years and awards \$100,000 (CAD) and an Artist Development Program valued at a half-million dollars. Honens prepares its Laureates for the rigors and realities of professional careers in music and creates opportunities for growth and exposure.

#### MAIN OFFICE

1170-105 12th Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2G 1A1 CANADA 403-299-0130

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Pianists of all nationalities, aged 20 to 30 on September 2, 2021, with the exception of past Honens Laureates and professionally managed artists, may apply. ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

**DETAILS** 

Travel covered? Yes
Frequency Triennial
First prize More than \$50,000
Smallest prize Less than \$5,000
Additional prizes Performances
Management
Recording

Piano

Jury chair(s) Not provided
Jury size 6 to 10
Application fee \$100

Application deadline October 31, 2020

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

September 2-11, 2021, Calgary, Canada

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

September 10 - 11, 2021, Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons, Calgary, Canada

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed

SOCIAL LINKS







# INTERNATIONAL DOUBLE REED SOCIETY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

The International Double Reed Society is pleased to announce the Young Artist Competition being held for bassoonists in 2019. First prize is \$60,00; second prize \$4,000; third prize is \$2,000.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

2423 Lawndale Road Finksburg, MD 21048-1401 UNITED STATES

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Participants who have not reached their 22nd birthday by the date of the final round of the Competition (July 2019).

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE**

Alternates each year between bassoon and oboe. This year is bassoon, held in Tampa, Florida.

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered?

Frequency

First prize

Additional prize

Jury chair

Jury size

No

Annual

Less than \$10,000

Performances

Isabel Jeremias

1 to 5

Application fee
Application deadline

\$40

March 15, 2019

#### Application notes

Entrants must electronically submit application, fee, and video of the preliminary round repertoire performed with accompaniment. Instructions available at idrs.org/competitions.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

The Competition committee will select three finalists, with the results announced by May 1, 2019. Finalists must agree to appear in concert in Florida.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

The final round will be heard in concert by a distinguished panel of judges at the International Double Reed Society Conference, July 14-18, 2019, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. (IDRS will pay the conference registration fee for finalists.) Repertoire will be the same as that for the preliminary stage plus Malcolm Arnold's Fantasy for Bassoon Solo. A professional accompanist will be provided, although contestants may elect to use their own, at their own expense.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed









## INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION OF ORLÉANS

Since 1994, the International Piano Competition of Orléans has revealed the talent of young artists who play piano repertoire, while promoting music from the 20th and 21st centuries. The Competition has a strong international reputation and is affiliated with the World Federation of International Music Competitions.

#### MAIN OFFICE

Orléans Concours International 5, place de la République F-45000 Orléans FRANCE +33 (0)2 38 62 89 22 email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Pianists of all nationalities, born on or after January 1, 1984.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Frequency First prize Smallest prize Additional prizes No **Biennial** €10.000 to €50.000 Less than €5.000 Performances Management

Recording



The **Indianapolis Symphonic Choir** announces its tenth annual Christmas Carol Commission

**Competition** as part of its commitment to the future of choral music.

Submitted works must be original, unpublished, and have not been publicly performed; between three and five minutes long; written for SATB, mixed adult choir; and may be a cappella or utilize keyboard accompaniment. Text and language are at the discretion of the composer, and should be suitable for a Christmas/holiday performance.

All submissions must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (EST), May 31, 2019.

For more information, visit **indychoir.org** 



#### INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION OF ORLÉANS, cont'd

#### Jury chair

Peter-Paul Kainrath, pianist/manager, Italy Additional jurors

Vanessa Wagner, pianist, France; Nicolas Hodges, pianist, United Kingdom; Bruce Brubaker, pianist, United States; Mei Yi Foo, pianist, Taiwan; Mikhail Dubov, pianist, Russia; Isabel Mundry, composer, Germany (to be confirmed)

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee €100

Application deadline December 2, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

April 23, 2020: Semifinal piano recital, seven candidates, Salle de L'Institut, Orléans, France

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

April 26, 2020, 3 pm: Finals, piano, three candidates, Théatre d'Orléans, Orléans, France

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Finals

**★** Semifinals streamed

**X** Finals streamed









## INTERNATIONAL VOCAL COMPETITION 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

Sole classical vocal competition in the Netherlands that involves opera and oratorio, as well as art song for singer/pianist duos. Much attention paid to 20th-century and contemporary music. Finals with symphony orchestra, master classes, media training, feedback from jury members. Career development, travel refund possible, accommodations at host families.

#### MAIN OFFICE

Prins Bernhardstraat 8 5211 HE 's-Hertogenbosch **NETHERLANDS** +31 73 69 00 999

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The IVC is open to candidates of all nationalities who have completed conservatory training or have reached an equivalent level. Ages: singers born on November 25, 1988, or later; pianists born on 25 November 25, 1983, or later; all candidates must be at least 18 years of age.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Voice

Not provided

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual €10,000 to €50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Performances Additional prizes Recording

Jury size 6 to 10

Application fee

Jury chair(s)

€50 (first round) / € 150 (main competition) Application deadline August 1, 2019

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

November 20-24, 2019: Voice + piano (Lied Duo division); September 25 – October 4, 2020: Voice (Opera/Oratorio division), Theater aan de parade, 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**









## JENSEN FOUNDATION **VOCAL COMPETITION**

The Jensen Foundation auditions 100 of America's most promising young opera singers and chooses 12 to perform in its finals competition. Singers compete for more than \$40,000 in awards, including \$15,000 for first place.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

220 North Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28202 **UNITED STATES** 704-641-4691

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must not be: previous first-, second-, or third-place award winners of the Jensen Foundation Vocal Competition; a past or current recipient of a contract for a principal role with an OPERA America Budget Level I company or its international equivalent. Applicants must be a permanent legal resident of the U.S. and between the ages of 25 and 35; must submit a completed application online by March 17, 2019, with a résumé that demonstrates an active pursuit of a career in opera.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual

\$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Jury chair(s) Not provided

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$25

Application deadline March 17, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 13-16, 2019: Auditions at the Baruch Performing Arts Center, New York, NY

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

May 18, 2019: Finals at the Baruch Performing Arts Center, New York, NY

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals

**≭** Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

**X** Finals streamed

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#### MAIN OFFICE

Stiftung Niedersachsen Sophienstr. 2 30159 Hannover **GERMANY** +49 (511) 9905432

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Age between 16-27

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Triennial First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize €5,000 to €10,000 Additional prizes Performances

Recording Jury chair(s) N.N. Jury size 6 to 10 May 31, 2021 Application deadline

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

Recital, Chamber Music, Leading a chamber orchestra, more information following in 2020

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

With symphonic orchestra, more information following in 2020

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**







## JOHANSEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR **YOUNG STRING PLAYERS (AGES 13-17)**

Total of \$67,000 in prizes, with equal prizes for each instrument. The JIC is funded by a charitable trust established by Anna Storch Johansen, who wanted to encourage young musicians with significant prize awards at a time when they need it most.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

9202 Whitney Street Silver Spring, MD 20901 **UNITED STATES** 301-825-5515

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Students of violin, viola, or cello, no younger than 13 or older than 17 years on the final day of the Competition. A copy of the applicant's birth certificate or passport is required. Applicants must not be under professional management.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Triennial

First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prize Performances Jury chair(s) Not provided

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$125

Application deadline December 1, 2020

#### **Application notes**

The next Competition will take place in the spring of 2021. Specific dates will be announced.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

Dates TBA; location: Washington, DC

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Date TBA; location: Washington, DC

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**≭** Semifinals streamed ✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals \* Finals streamed







## **OLGA KERN** INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

The mission of the Competition is to provide a venue for young pianists to develop international careers through a competition that is recognized globally for its value and excellence.

#### MAIN OFFICE

PO Box 14314 Albuquerque, NM 87191 **UNITED STATES** 505-814-5355

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to pianists of all nationalities between the ages of 18 and 32 on November 3, 2019.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Triennial \$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Additional prize Performances Jury chair Olga Kern

Additional jurors

Alink Akemi, board member Alink-Argerich Foundation; Enrica Ciccarelli, chairman & artistic director, Fondazione La Società dei Concerti in Milano; Joana Domanska, piano professor, Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music, Katowice; Vladimir Kern, vice-director & conductor, Alexander Scriabin Art Music School, Moscow; Sebastian Lang-Lessing, music director, San Antonio Symphony Orchestra; Constantine Orbelian, general director, Spendiaryan National Opera and Ballet Theatre of Armenia; Awadagin Pratt, professor of piano,



College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati; Phillippe Raskin, piano professor, Royal Conservatory of Brussels; Boaz Sharon, professor of piano at Boston University; Douglas Sheldon, chairman of the board of directors of Columbia Artists Management Inc.; Aaron Shorr, professor & head of keyboard and collaborative piano, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; Marc Silverman, chairman of the piano department, Manhattan School of Music; Golda Tatz, director of the Tureck International Bach Competition, New York; Bryan Wallick, concertizing pianist

Jury size 11 or more Application fee \$210 Application deadline June 1, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

October 28-29, 2019: Preliminary round October 31, 2019: Semifinal round Journal Theater at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th Street SW, Albuquerque, NM

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

November 2, 2019: Final round Popejoy Hall at the University of New Mexico, 203 Cornell Drive, Albuquerque, NM

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

## PAST COMPETITION WINNERS

Antonio Chen Guang

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# THE KULESHOV INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

The Kuleshov Festival and Competition is a biennial piano competition for high school and college students aged 15-24 held on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK. Participants and audiences enjoy a weekend of guest artist recitals, interest sessions, master classes, and competition performances.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

The University of Central Oklahoma School of Music 100 North University Drive Edmond, OK 73034 UNITED STATES 405-974-5948

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

**ELIGIBILITY** Ages 15-24

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

**DETAILS** 

Travel covered? No Biennial

First prize Less than \$10,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Piano

Jury chair

Sallie Pollack, Associate Professor of Collaborative Piano, UCO

Additional jurors

Ralph Votapek, international concert artist; Alexander Tutunov, international concert artist

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$50

Application deadline January 20, 2020

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

March 28, 2020. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

March 29, 2020. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

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Semifinals streamedFinals streamed

✓ Finals





## THE LOTTE LENYA COMPETITION

A unique international theater singing contest that emphasizes wide-ranging repertoire and the acting of songs and arias within a dramatic context. The Competition recognizes talented young singer/actors who are dramatically and musically convincing in repertoire ranging from opera/operetta to contemporary Broadway scores, including the works of Kurt Weill.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

The Kurt Weill Foundation for Music 7 East 20th Street, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10003 UNITED STATES 212-505-5240

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to singer/actors of all nationalities, ages 19–32.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes
Frequency Annual

First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000
Smallest prize Less than \$5,000
Jury chair(s) Not provided

Jury size 1 to 5

Application deadline January 21, 2019

#### **Application notes**

The deadline to submit an online application with video audition for the preliminary round is January 21, 2019.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

March 7-8, 2019: Baruch College, New York, NY

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

April 13, 2019: Kilbourn Hall, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**≭** Semifinals

**≭** Semifinals streamed

Finals

✓ Finals streamed









## THE GERDA LISSNER FOUNDATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE LIEDERKRANZ FOUNDATION

Winners of the Lieder/Song Vocal Competition are granted awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,000 based upon placement. A total of up to \$20,000 will be awarded. Repertoire once submitted cannot be changed. Winners concert: November 1, 2019, 6:00 pm.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

15 East 65th Street New York NY 10065 UNITED STATES 212-826-6100

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be between 20 and 30 years of age. Lieder/songs written for voice and piano must be submitted in the original language. At least two Lieder must be in German, with one by Schubert. No ensemble items are permitted. Eligible participants only will be advised of the date and time for the audition by email.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Voice

Less than \$5,000

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual Less than \$10,000 First prize

Jury chair

Smallest prize

Stephen De Maio, President Additional jurors TBA Jury size 6 to 10 Application deadline July 31, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm EST by email. Submission of the application does not guarantee an audition or grant. All application PDFs must be submitted with typed responses.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

September 4-5, 2019: Preliminaries, Liederkranz Foundation, New York, NY

#### FINALS (live rounds)

September 6, 2019: Finals, Liederkranz Foundation, New York NY 10128

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals **X** Semifinals streamed **X** Finals **≭** Finals streamed

## LISZT COMPETITION

The Liszt Competition actively presents, develops, and promotes piano talents from around the world. The Competition was founded in 1986 and has built a reputation as one of the world's most prestigious piano competitions. Role model for the Competition is pianist, composer, and visionary Franz Liszt.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Ganzenmarkt 14 3512 GD Utrecht **NETHERLANDS** +31 0306966144

email website

**ELIGIBILITY** Pianists ages 20-29

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Triennial €10,000 to €50,000 First prize

Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prizes Performances Management

Recording

#### Jury chair Alexander Rinnooy Kan

#### Additional jurors

Idil Biret, Turkey; Andrea Bonatta, Italy; Frederic Chiu, U.S.; Nino Gvetadze, Georgia; Leslie Howard, UK; Janina Fialkowska, Canada; Cyprien Katsaris, France/Cyprus; Igor Roma, Italy

Jury size 6 to 10

Application fee €150

Application deadline January 5, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

March 17-18, 2019: Tivoli Vredenburg, Utrecht, The Netherlands

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

March 25, 2020: Finals, solo • March 28, 2020: Finals with the Radio Philharmonic Orchestra Main Hall, TivoliVredenburg, Utrecht, The Netherlands

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

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Application deadline 1 April 2019

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# LONG THIBAUD CRESPIN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The Long Thibaud Crespin International Competition is open to young musicians from all over the world. For more than 70 years, it has been a highlight of the Parisian, French & international season. The 2019 piano edition is placed under Bertrand Chamayou's artistic direction and the jury is chaired by Martha Argerich.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

32 avenue Matignon 75008 Paris FRANCE +33 1 42 66 66 80

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The 2019 Competition is open to young pianists of all nationalities, born after January 1,1989. Preselection in 10 international cities takes place in advance of the three final rounds in Paris.

Piano • Strings • Voice

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES** 

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prizes Performances Recording

Jury chair

**DETAILS** 

Martha Argerich, pianist

6 to 10 Jury size Application fee €100

Application deadline March 17, 2019

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

November 13, 2019: solo recital finals • November 15, 2019: concerto finals • November 16, 2019: concerto finals. Auditorium Radio France, Paris, France

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **≭** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**









## LYON INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

Member of the WFIMC. More than 900 chamber artists have taken part in the CIMCL since 2004. Broadcast on France musique radio and streamed on NoMadMusic, it takes place in the Opéra Auditorium, Université Hall, Lyon, and is followed by a large audience.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

54 rue du 1er mars 1943 69100 Villeurbanne **FRANCE** +33 6 52 14 80 45

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All nationalities, artists under 35 years old

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Voice • Trio Violin, Cello & Piano • String Quartet • Duo Violin & Piano • Duo Voice & Piano • Duo Cello & Piano • Woodwind Quintet Brass Ouintet

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Annual Frequency

€10,000 to €50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Performances Additional prize

Jury chair(s) Additional jurors

Dame Felicity Lott, soprano, English; Margreet Honig, soprano, Dutch; Béatrice Uria-Monzon, mezzo-soprano, French; Hans Peter Blochwitz, tenor, German; Serge Dorny, director of the opéra of Lyon, Belgian; Andreas Schmidt, baritone, German; Charles Spencer, pianist, English; David Selig, pianist, Australian

TBA

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee €150

Application deadline January 15, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Applications deadlines about January of each year.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

April 24, 2019: Voice and piano duo, Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Lyon (CNSMD), Lyon, France

#### FINALS (live rounds)

April 26, 2019: Voice and piano duo, Town Hall, Lyon, France

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed



## THE MAHLER COMPETITION

The Competition is one of the most important events of its kind anywhere in the world. It has attracted entries from more than 1,600 young conductors of all nationalities. Only 65 candidates have been invited to Bamberg and of those barely 12 have made it to the finals.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Stiftung Bamberger Symphoniker - Bayerische Staatsphilharmonie Konzerthalle Bamberg Mußstrasse 1 D-96047 Bamberg **GERMANY** +49 951 96 47 100

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Conductors not older than 35 years on January 1, 2020.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Conducting

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Triennial Frequency First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize €5,000 to €10,000 Additional prizes Performances Management

Jury chair(s) TBA No fee Application fee

Application deadline September 30, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Applications will be open mid-2019, please check our website for further information.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

July 3, 2020, Konzerthalle Bamberg, Germany

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

July 4, 2020, Konzerthalle Bamberg, Germany

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed











## **ELEANOR MCCOLLUM COMPETITION**

The Eleanor McCollum Competition and Concert of Arias is the primary recruitment tool for the HGO Studio. Applicants can be considered for the HGO Studio, Competition, or both, and applicants do not need to be a prize winner to be invited to the Studio.

#### MAIN OFFICE

510 Preston Street Houston, TX 77002 **UNITED STATES** 713-546-0227

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All classical singers of any age and nationality. The application requests that singers over the age of 30 explain why the HGO Studio is the next step in their careers.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual

First prize Less than \$10,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Jurors

Patrick Summers, Perryn Leech, and a Guest Judge

Jury size 1 to 5

Application deadline September 22, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Applications for the 2019-20 Studio and the 2019 Eleanor McCollum Competition are closed; applications for the 2020-21 Studio and the 2020 Eleanor McCollum Competition will be announced in summer of 2019.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

November – December 2019: Preliminary auditions in Houston, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and New York February 2020: Semifinal auditions in Houston

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

February 2020: Finals auditions • February 7: Eleanor McCollum Competition and Concert of Arias

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals

**≭** Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

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## MTNA NATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITIONS

The MTNA National Student Competitions are the most successful and prestigious student Competitions in the country. The purpose of the Music Teachers National Association Performance Competitions is to provide educational experiences for students and to recognize exceptionally talented young artists and their teachers in their pursuit of musical excellence.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

1 West 4th Street, Suite 1500 Cincinnati, OH 45202 **UNITED STATES** 888-512-5278

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All entrants must be a U.S. citizen or must hold a U.S. visa or permanent residence (green card), which is valid throughout the competition year. All entrants must study with a teacher who is (1) a member of MTNA or (2) has paid the Nonmember Teacher Fee of \$150. MTNA active membership dues must be paid before submission of the application to avoid the \$150 nonmember fee. Elementary Division (ages 5-10); Junior Division (ages 11-14); Senior Division (ages 15-18); Young Artists Division (ages 19-26); Chamber Music (average age of ensemble must be 18-26). \*All ages as of January 1, 2019

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Voice • Composition • Brass • Piano Woodwind • Chamber Music

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual

Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

N/A Jury chair(s) Jury size 1 to 5 \$50 to \$120 Application fee

Application deadline September 11, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

The MTNA Student Competitions consist of three levels: State Competition, Division Competition, and National Finals.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

March 21-25, 2020: The 2020 MTNA National Conference, Chicago, IL

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **≭** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ★ Finals streamed











# **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** OF TEACHERS OF SINGING **COMPETITIONS**

#### MAIN OFFICE

9957 Moorings Drive, Suite 401 Jacksonville, FL 32257 UNITED STATES 904-992-9101

email website



The biennial NATS Artist Awards Competition is designed to assist singers prepared to launch a professional career.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicant must be at least 21 but not more than 35 years of age as of September 9, 2019; either the applicant or his/her teacher for the last year must be a full or associate member of NATS for at least one year prior to September 9, 2019.

**Biennial** Frequency

More than \$50,000 Cash prizes Application deadline September 9, 2019

**SEMIFINALS** and **FINALS** (live rounds)

January 10-12, 2020, New York, NY

#### **NATS ART SONG COMPOSITION AWARD**

The NATS Art Song Composition Award program's purpose is to stimulate the creation of quality vocal literature through the cooperation of singer and composer. The performance of the first-place winning composition will be premiered in 2020.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Competition is open to any composer. The work must be: a song cycle, group of songs, or extended single song approximately 15 minutes in length; for single voice and piano; to a text written in English, for which the composer has secured copyright clearance; composed within the last two years (after January 1, 2018).



Frequency Annual Cash prizes More than \$5,000

Application deadline December 1, 2019

#### NATS NATIONAL MUSIC THEATER COMPETITION

As the first national Competition for music theater soloists, winners are finding success on Broadway, national tours, and theaters across the country.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All singers age 20-28 as of September 15, 2019.

Frequency Biennial

More than \$14,000 Cash prizes Application deadline September 15, 2019

**SEMIFINALS** and **FINALS** (live rounds) January 10-12, 2020, New York, NY

#### **NATS NATIONAL STUDENT AUDITIONS**

Originally for classical repertoire only, auditions have been expanded to music theater and (in evennumbered years) the Hall Johnson Spirituals.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Student singers advance through NATS Regional Auditions, which take place at varying times throughout the year.

Annual Frequency

More than \$35,000 Cash prizes Application deadline April 12, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** and **FINALS** (live rounds)

June 27-28, 2019 at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, in conjunction with the NATS National Summer Workshop.

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# MICHAEL LUDWIG NEMMERS PRIZE IN MUSIC COMPOSITION

In 2003, the Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University established the Michael Ludwig Nemmers Prize in Music Composition, a biennial award honoring classical music composers of outstanding achievement. Northwestern sponsors five Nemmers Prizes, the others in the fields of economics, mathematics, medical science, and Earth sciences.

website

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

email

Bienen School of Music Northwestern University Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Center for the Musical Arts 70 Arts Circle Drive Evanston, IL 60208 **UNITED STATES** 

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Composers must be nominated, preferably by recognized authorities in the field of classical music, such as prominent artists, critics, scholars, or administrators, via a letter to the Selection Committee. The Prize is open to any classical composer without regard to citizenship or institutional affiliation. Only living composers may be nominated. The names of the nominators will not be made public; however, anonymous nominations will not be accepted. Nominators may nominate any number of candidates. Former or present members of the Northwestern University faculty and employees of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra are not eligible for this prize.

Nominations may be submitted by email to nemmersmusic@northwestern.edu.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Composition

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes **Biennial** Frequency

More than \$50,000 First prize Additional prize Performances Jury chair(s) Not provided 1 to 5

Jury size Application deadline January 31, 2020

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

X Not open to the public

# **NEUE STIMMEN** INTERNATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION

NEUE STIMMEN is a unique platform designed to promote the careers of young opera singers. Aside from discovering talents, we offer long term advice and provide personalized support. Singers are offered to participate in concerts, master classes, workshops, and career coaching seminars. Former participants benefit from our international partner network.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Bertelsmann Stiftung Carl-Bertelsmann-Str. 256 33311 Gütersloh **GERMANY** +4952418181171

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Singers of any nationality; women up to 28 years of age, born on or after October 27, 1990; men up to 30 years of age, born on or after October 27, 1988.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Biennial Frequency First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Performances Additional prizes Management Recording

#### Jury chair

Dominique Meyer, Director Vienna State Opera Additional jurors

Brian Dickie, former director Chicago Opera Theater; Sophie de Lint, director Dutch National Opera; Sophie Joyce, director Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, Metropolitan Opera; Bernd Loebe, general director Opera Frankfurt; Alexander Neef, general director Canadian Opera Company (audition rounds); Elisabeth Sobotka, general director Bregenz Festival; Evamaria Wieser artistic director Salzburg Festival and European casting consultant, Lyric Opera Chicago

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee Free

Application deadline March 15, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

April 24 to September 8 2019: Preliminary rounds in Amsterdam, Beijing, Berlin, Bologna, Cape Town, Chicago, Dublin, Frankfurt, Gothenburg, Izmir, Kiev, London, Madrid, Moscow, Munich, New York, Philadelphia, Pretoria, Riga, Shanghai, Toronto, Vienna, Warsaw, Yokosuka • October 19-27: Semifinal rounds in Gütersloh

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

October 24, 2019: Semifinal Concert • October 26, 2019: Final Concert

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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# **TENTH BIENNIAL NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION**

A first in the world and a unique feature of the NYIPC, no contestant is eliminated throughout the Competition, to be held June 21-26, 2020, in New York City. Cash awards: First Prize \$20,000; Second Prize \$15,000; Third Prize \$5,000; Fourth Prize \$2,500; Ensemble Prizes \$6,000; Best Performance of Commissioned Work \$2,000; Finalist Award to each of the remaining contestants \$1,000.

#### MAIN OFFICE

The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation 119 West 57th Street, Suite 1401 New York, NY 10019 UNITED STATES 212-581-8380 website

email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to pianists of all nationalities. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-22 during the time of the Competition.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency **Biennial** First prize \$20,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Additional prize Concert appearances Jury chair Not provided

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$150

Application deadline December 4, 2019

#### FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS (live rounds)

First Round: June 22-23, 2020 Second Round: June 23-24, 2020

#### **FINALS** (live round)

Concerto: June 25, 2020

#### **ENSEMBLE ROUND (live round)**

One-Piano, Four Hands: June 26, 2020

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ First Round

✓ First Round streamed

Second Round

✓ Second Round streamed

✓ Final Round

✓ Final Round streamed

✓ Ensemble Round

✓ Ensemble Round streamed

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# CARL NIELSEN INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION FOR STRING QUARTET AND WIND QUINTET

Carl Nielsen International Chamber Music Competition for String Quartet & Wind Quintet is established to create more focus on the chamber music works of Carl Nielsen. It is arranged by three major Danish cultural organizations in Denmark: The Royal Danish Academy of Music, The Royal Library, and Danish Broadcasting Corporation.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Carl Nielsen International Chamber Music Competition

c/o DR

Emil Holms Kanal 20, opg.5-3 DK-0999 Copenhagen C

**DENMARK** +45 26702161

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The combined ages of the string quartet must not exceed 120 years; the combined ages of the wind quintet must not exceed 150 years; the age of any individual ensemble member must not exceed 35. vears.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Strings • String Quartet • Wind Quintet

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No

Quadrennial Frequency First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize Less than €5,000

Jury chair(s)

Günter Pichler, String Quartet; Bjørn Carl Nielsen, Wind Ouintet.

Additional jurors

Asbjørn Nørgaard, viola, Danish String Quartet;

Gunvor Sihm, violin, Nightingale String Quartet & Danish National Symphony Orchestra; Bjørg Lewis, cello, Vetavo String Quartet & associate professor at The Norwegian Academy of Music; David Geber, founding cellist, American String Quartet (1974-2002), cello and chamber music faculty, Manhattan School of Music; Ole Kristian Dahl, bassoon and professor, Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst, Mannheim, & principal bassoon, WDR Symphony Orchestra, Cologne; Ulla Miilmann, principal flute, Danish National Symphony Orchestra; Michael Hasel, flute, Berliner Philharmoniker, Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet; Andreas Sundén, principal clarinet, Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra & clarinet professor, Royal College of Music, Stockholm, & Ingesund School of Music, Sweden.

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee €100

Application deadline May 15, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

October 15-16, 2019: 1st Round, Koncerthuset (Danish Broadcasting Corporation's Studio 2) • October 17-18, 2019: 2nd Round, The Royal Library. Both venues in Copenhagen, Denmark.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

October 19, 2019: The Royal Danish Academy of Music, Concert Hall Copenhagen, Denmark.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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# ELMAR OLIVEIRA INTERNATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION

Founded in 2016, the Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition provides violinists, aged 16-32, with management, communications, community engagement, and concert opportunities in addition to a monetary prize. These career development tools demonstrate the EOIVC's dedication to developing young musicians and their commitment to engaging with the communities they serve.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

3601 North Military Trail Boca Raton FL 33431 UNITED STATES 561-909-7261

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Violinists must be 16 years at the time of submission and may not be more than 32 years of age by the conclusion of the competition. Submissions open March 27, 2019. EOIVC 2020 will conclude on January 26, 2020.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes
Frequency Triennial
First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000
Smallest prize \$5,000 to \$10,000

Additional prizes Performances Management

Jury chair David Cerone

#### Additional jurors

Andres Cardenes; Ilya Kaler; Sung-Ju Lee; Silvia Marcovici; Mihaela Martin; Gerardo Ribeiro; Barry Shiffman; Kathleen Winkler

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$125

Application deadline

September 27, 2019, 11:59 pm EST

### **Application notes**

Applicants must complete and submit the following: EOIVC entry form, EOIVC Rules and Regulations, Media Release, Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, copy of a valid passport, the \$125 entry fee, and the required repertoire via YouTube link. Application forms as well as all documents and repertoire can be found on the EOIVC's website.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

January 14-18, 2020: Quarter Final Round, Lynn Conservatory of Music; Boca Raton, FL • January 19-21, 2020: Semifinal Round, Lynn Conservatory of Music; Boca Raton, FL

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

January 23-26, 2020: Final Round: Wold Center for the Performing Arts, Lynn University; Boca Raton, FL

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ★ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

#### **SOCIAL LINKS**











# THE 10TH OSAKA INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

The triennial Osaka International Chamber Music Competition is comprised of Section One and Section Two. Section I is always for String Quartet and Section II now alternates between Piano Trio or Quartet and Wind Ensemble. For the upcoming 10th edition in 2020, Section II is devoted to the Piano Trio or Quartet.

#### MAIN OFFICE

2-2-33, Shiromi Chuo-ku Osaka 540-8510 JAPAN 81-6-6947-2184

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Ensembles any nationality whose members are 35 years old or younger.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES** 

Piano • Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes
Frequency Triennial
First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000
Smallest prize \$5,000 to \$10,000
Additional prizes Performances

Jury chair(s) TBA
Additional jurors TBA
Jury size 6 to 10
Application fee None

Application deadline Mid-October 2019

### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 2020: Izumi hall, Osaka, Japan

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

May 2020: Izumi Hall, Osaka, Japan

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed

Recording

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# THE PARKENING INTERNATIONAL GUITAR COMPETITION

The Parkening International Guitar Competition honors Christopher Parkening's lifetime commitment to fostering musical excellence in young artists as demonstrated by his mentor, the great Spanish guitarist Andrés Segovia. It is held on the beautiful campus of Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA, where Christopher Parkening is distinguished professor of music.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

24255 Pacific Coast Highway Malibu, CA 90263-4594 UNITED STATES 310-506-4522

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition, held May 28 through June 1, 2019, is open to classical guitarists 30 years old and younger (born on or after May 30, 1989).

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Classical Guitar

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered?

Frequency

First prize

Smallest prize

Jury chair(s)

Vo

Quadrennial

\$10,000 to \$50,000

Less than \$5,000

Not provided

1 to 5

Application fee \$125

Application deadline February 6, 2019

### **Application notes**

**Application information** 

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 31, 2019, afternoon: Five semifinalists perform 30-minute programs; finalists announced after judges' deliberation. Smothers Theater at Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

June 1, 2019, evening: Three finalists perform full concertos with orchestra; Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals presented after judges' deliberation. Smothers Theater at Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed





Performances

## THE PARKENING YOUNG GUITARIST COMPETITION

The Parkening Young Guitarist Competition helps to identify outstanding guitarists 17 years old and younger and encourages them to continue their performance careers and study.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

24255 Pacific Coast Highway Malibu, CA 90263-4594 UNITED STATES 310-506-4522

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger at the time of the Competition (born on or after May 30, 2001).

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Classical Guitar

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No

Frequency Quadrennial
First prize Less than \$10,000
Jury chair(s) Not provided
Jury size 1 to 5

Application deadline February 6, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Application fee

Please check competition website

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 28, 2019, 1:00-4:30 pm: 10 guitarists perform 12-minute programs. Raitt Recital Hall at Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

\$100

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

May 29, 2019, 9:00-11:00 am: Five guitarists perform 15-minute programs. 4:30 pm: Awards Ceremony, Raitt Recital Hall at Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals
✓ Finals
✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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## **PIANOARTS**

Finalists have four rehearsals—with second pianist, conductor, chamber ensemble, and full orchestra—prior to performing a full concerto with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Through the Artist Training Institute, contestants have classes on engaging audiences with concert conversations. During the concurrent festival, all perform community concerts.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

2642 North Summit Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53211 UNITED STATES 414-962-3055

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

For pianists, ages 16-21, of any nationality, living or studying full time in North America.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No
Frequency Biennial
First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000
Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Jury chair

Additional prize

Andrews Sill, PianoArts Music Director, will appoint the 2020 jury in March 2019.

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee \$150

Application deadline February 9, 2020

#### **Application notes**

Preliminary round video submission is due on February 23, 2020.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

In June 2020, 10 pianists, selected as semifinalists, will perform two live non-eliminating Competition recitals in Milwaukee, WI. Each will perform a solo recital and a collaborative recital that includes a violin or cello duo with a partner from the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Three pianists, selected as finalists, will perform complete concertos in live performances with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed

SOCIAL LINKS









# **PLOWMAN CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION**

Since 2006, The Plowman Chamber Music Competition has provided an opportunity for aspiring chamber musicians to perform live in front of an audience and a panel of judges for cash awards totaling over \$10,000, including a \$5,000 Grand Prize. New 2019: \$2,000 Odyssey Award. See website for more details.

#### MAIN OFFICE

Plowman Chamber Music Competition c/o Odyssey First Baptist Church 1112 East Broadway Columbia, MO 65201-4910 UNITED STATES 573-864-6921 email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to instrumental ensembles of three to six players. Members must be interested in, or already pursuing a career in music. Ensembles with management as of March 22, 2019 are not eligible. Ensemble may not have more than one piano, which is the only keyboard instrument eligible.

The Competition is unable to accommodate ensembles that require more than five minutes setup and tear-down time (e.g. numerous percussion instruments, complex electronic set-ups, etc.). The ensemble is responsible for arranging for, and/or bringing its own instruments and music.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Woodwinds • Brass • Percussion Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No **Biennial** Frequency

\$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Performances Additional prize

Jury chair

Ida Kavafian, violin (Curtis, Juilliard, Bard)

### Additional jurors

Dale Clevenger, horn (Indiana University; former CSO principal horn); Wei-Yi Yang, piano (Yale University)

Jury size 1 to 5

Application fee \$40 per person Application deadline February 19, 2019

#### **Application notes**

DVD application is February 11, 2019; February 19 is Late Deadline that must be accompanied with an additional fee.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

March 23, 2019: First Baptist Church, Columbia, MO

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

March 24, 2019: Missouri Theater, Columbia, MO

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **X** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals **≭** Finals streamed

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# **OUEEN ELISABETH COMPETITION— BELGIUM - BRUSSELS**

Established in 1951 on the initiative of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth of Belgium as a successor to the Eugène Ysaÿe Competition, the Queen Elisabeth Competition very soon became one of the leading international competitions for violinists, pianists, singers, and, as of 2017, cellists.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Rue aux Laines, 20 B-1000 Brussels BELGIUM +32 2 213 40 50

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition of Belgium is holding sessions for pianists, violinists, singers, and cellists. This Competition is for musicians who have completed their training and are ready to embark upon an international career. It is open to candidates of all nationalities who are at least the age of 18 and have not yet reached the age of 30 for instrumentalists and 32 for vocalists.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES

Piano • Strings • Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual

More than €50,000 First prize Additional prizes Performances

Recording

Jury chair Gilles Ledure 11 or more Jury size Application fee €100

Application deadline December 4, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Application deadline is for the 2020 piano session.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

April 29 – May 11, 2019: Violin • May 4-16, 2020: Piano • May 3-15, 2021: Cello • May 1-6, 2021: Voice. Flagey, Place Sainte-Croix, Brussels, Belgium

#### FINALS (live rounds)

May 20-25, 2019: Violin • May 25-30, 2020: Piano • May 24-29, 2021: Cello • May 12-14, 22: Voice 2022. Center for Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals

✓ Semifinals streamed

✓ Finals

✓ Finals streamed







# THE QUEEN SONJA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION

Through exposure to an international jury of influential figures within the opera world, master classes, career development sessions, prizewinner concerts, and considerable cash prizes, participation in The Queen Sonja International Music Competition offers young artists a valuable kick-start to their careers.

#### MAIN OFFICE

Universitetsgaten 14 0164 Oslo **NORWAY** +47 22 99 21 05

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Singers of all nationalities born after January 1, 1987, can apply for the 2019 Competition.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency **Biennial** 

First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair

Birgitta Svendén, CEO and Artistic Director, The Royal Opera in Stockholm

#### Additional jurors

Stefan Herheim, opera director, Theater an der Wien (from 2022); Annilese Miskimmon, opera director, the Norwegian National Opera & Ballet in Oslo; Robert Körner, director of artistic production at The Lyon Opera and casting director at the Vienna State Opera (from 2020); Diane Zola, assistant general manager, the Metropolitan Opera in New York; two singers TBA

Jury size 6 to 10 €90 Application fee

Application deadline April 1, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

August 15-16, 2019: Preliminary rounds • August 18, 2019: Semifinal rounds, The Norwegian Academy of Music, Oslo, Norway

#### FINALS (live rounds)

August 23, 2019: Final rounds

The Norwegian National Opera & Ballet, Oslo, Norway

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed







# **ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN** INTERNATIONAL PIANO MASTER COMPETITION

The Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition is one of the foremost international piano competitions in the world, with 45 years seniority. Duration of the Competition is 16 days. All stages of the Competition are performed live, streamed live on the internet, and are open to the public.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

9 Bilu Street Tel Aviv 6522214 **ISRAEL** +972 (0)3 685 6684

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants shall be between 18 and 32 years of age within the calendar year of the Competition. The Competition is open to all nationalities.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Piano

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Triennial Frequency First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prize Performances Jury chair Professor Arie Vardi TBA

Additional jurors Jury size 11 or more Application fee \$150

Application deadline October 1, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 6-11, 2020: Stage I. Invited competitors play 35-40 minute solo recitals • May 12-14, 2020: Stage II. 16 competitors play 50-60 minute solo recitals. Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel

#### FINALS (live rounds)

Six finalists, each plays three concerts: May 15-16, 2020 Chamber Music, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel • May 17-18, 2020 Classical Concerto • May 20-21, 2020 Grand Concerto, Charles Bronfman Auditorium, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

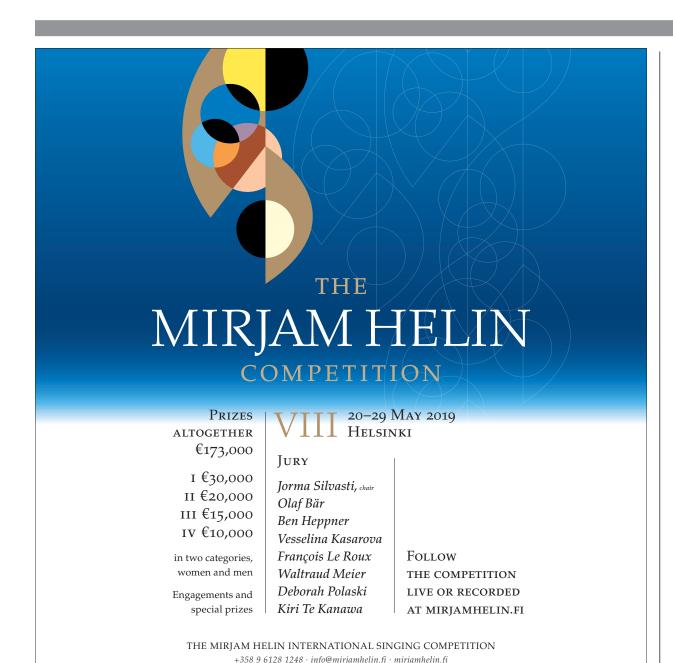
✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals

✓ Semifinals streamed

Finals streamed







## **SCHMIDT VOCAL COMPETITION**

The Schmidt Vocal Competition encourages young artists to pursue their passion in the vocal arts, providing opportunities and support to help inspire future generations of singers. In our 16 regional competitions, high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors perform in front of a live audience and participate in master classes with some of today's most renowned vocal professionals. The Schmidt Vocal Competition has impacted the lives of over 5,000 young singers throughout the country and annually provides scholarships for over 120 high school students.

Schmidt Competition participants have gone on to gain entrance into the world's finest music schools and include winners of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, the George London Competition, the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Awards Competition, Classical Singer, and the National Opera Association Award.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

109 Presser Hall 501 South Patterson Oxford, OH 45056 **UNITED STATES** 513-529-3046

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Participants must be high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors and recommended by a voice or choral teacher.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Voice

**DETAILS** 

Travel covered? No

Frequency 16 per year

More than \$100,000 Cash prizes

Jury chair(s) Not provided

Jury size 1 to 5

Application deadline Varies by regional location

#### **Application notes**

Application deadlines are specific to each competition. The application deadline is two weeks before the regional competition date. Please see website for all competition dates and locations.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Please see website for all competition dates and locations.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **★** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ★ Finals streamed

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## FRANZ SCHUBERT AND MODERN MUSIC

Its uniqueness is the combination of traditional and contemporary music, such that both participants and audience get in touch with each genre. Participants will perform contemporary pieces that are results of composition competitions that were particularly established for this competition.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Leonhardstraße 15

A-8010 Graz **AUSTRIA** 

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Up to age 35 years

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES** 

Piano • Strings • Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Frequency First prize Smallest prize Additional prizes

No Triennial €10,000 to €50,000 Less than €5,000 Performances Management Recording Not provided

6 to 10

Jury size Application fee

Jury chair(s)

€180 to €360/ensemble

Application deadline October 21, 2020

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

February 10-12, 2021: Trio for Piano, Violin and Violoncello, MUMUTH (House of Music and Music Drama) • Duo for Voice and Piano (Lied), Palais Meran • String Quartet, Theater im Palais (T.i.P.). All venues in Graz, Austria

#### FINALS (live rounds)

February 14, 2021: Trio for Piano, Violin and Violoncello, MUMUTH (House of Music and Music Drama) • Duo for Voice and Piano (Lied), Palais Meran • String Quartet, Theater im Palais (T.i.P.). All venues in Graz, Austria

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals

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✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals streamed

✓ Finals

## THE SOLTI FOUNDATION U.S.

Established to honor the memory of legendary conductor Sir Georg Solti and his dedication to helping young artists. Awards: \$25,000 Solti Conducting Fellowship includes door-opening introductions, ongoing professional mentoring, and introductions to Lyric Opera of Chicago and Chicago Symphony Orchestra; and The Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistance Award (amount varies).

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

The Solti Foundation U.S. 1555 Sherman Avenue, Suite 310 Evanston, IL 60201 **UNITED STATES** 847-448-8329

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be: A career-ready artist in the field of conducting • developing a career as a symphonic/ operatic conductor • a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. • no more than 38 years of age as of January 15, 2019. The award will be based on the following: Professional experience in the field of conducting • demonstration of advanced conducting technique • a written proposal for use of the funds (see application requirements).

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Conducting

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Annual Frequency

\$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize

Jury chair

Elizabeth Buccheri, Chair, Artistic and Awards

Committee

Jury size 1 to 5

Application deadline January 15, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS & FINALS (live rounds)**

No live rounds

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**✗** Not open to the public

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## SPHINX COMPETITION

The Sphinx Competition offers young Black and Latinx classical string players a chance to compete under the guidance of a renowned panel of judges. Its primary goals are to encourage, develop, and recognize classical music talent in the Black and Latinx communities.

#### MAIN OFFICE

400 Renaissance Center, Suite 2550 Detroit, MI 48243 UNITED STATES 313-877-9100 x700 email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to all junior high, high school, and college-age Black and Latinx string players residing in the U.S.

Strings

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual \$10,000 to \$50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Performances Additional prizes Management Not provided Jury chair 6 to 10 Jury size

Application deadline November 4, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Application fee

Please check competition website

## **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

February 6, 2020, Detroit, MI

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

February 8, 2020, Detroit, MI

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **≭** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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# 9TH INTERNATIONAL LOUIS SPOHR COMPETITION FOR YOUNG VIOLINISTS

The Competition is open to young, talented violinists from all over the world. The semifinals will take place with the orchestra of the University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar, the prizewinners' concert with the Jena Philharmonic Orchestra.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar Platz der Demokratie 2/3 99423 Weimar GERMANY +49-3643-555 150

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Category I: born in 2006 and younger. Category II: born between 2005 and 2003. Category III: born between 2002 and 1998.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No
Frequency Triennial
First prize Less than €10,000

Smallest prize Less than €10,000

Additional prize Less than €5,000

Performances

Jury chair

Professor Friedemann Eichhorn (Germany)

#### Additional jurors

Remus Azoitei (Romania/Great Britain), Boris Garlitsky (Russia/France), Eszter Haffner (Austria/ Denmark), Latica Honda-Rosenberg (Germany), Min Kim (Korea), Svetlana Makarova (Russia/ Switzerland), Axel Strauss (Germany/Canada), Tong Wei Dong (China), Kathrin ten Hagen (Germany)

Jury size 6 to 10 Application fee €100

Application deadline June 10, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

October 27-29, 2019: Violin, University of Music FRANZ LISZT, Weimar, Germany

#### FINALS (live rounds)

October 30 - November 1, 2019: Violin, University of Music FRANZ LISZT, Weimar, Germany

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed

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# SHANGHAI ISAAC STERN INTERNATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION

The third biennial Shanghai Isaac Stern International Violin Competition (SISIVC), Shanghai's world-class violin competition, will be held in late summer 2020 in Shanghai, China. The Competition has a grand prize of \$100,000 USD.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

No. 1380 Middle Fuxing Road Shanghai CHINA

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to all participants between the ages 16 and 32.

**ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE** Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes
Frequency Biennial
First prize More than \$50,000
Smallest prize \$5,000 to \$10,000
Additional prizes Performances

Recording

#### Jury chair(s)

David Stern & Vera Tsu Weiling
Additional jurors TBA

Jury size 11 or more Application fee \$100

Application deadline January 31, 2020

#### **Application notes**

TBA. Please check **Competition website** for details.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

August 2020, Shanghai Symphony Hall, Shanghai, China

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

August 2020, Shanghai Symphony Hall, Shanghai, China. Check the <u>website for up-to-date</u> information.

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed









Piano

## STULBERG INTERNATIONAL STRING COMPETITION

Established in 1975, the Stulberg is one of the longest standing string competitions in the U.S. Its uniqueness stems from its focus on young string musicians, its high caliber of judges, its reputation for excellence, and its longevity.

#### MAIN OFFICE

359 South Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 14 Kalamazoo, MI 49007 **UNITED STATES** 269-343-2776 website email

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Stulberg International String Competition is open to students of violin, viola, cello, or double bass from around the world. Applicants must be under the age of 20 on January 1, prior to that year's competition. Proof of date of birth will be required if selected as a semifinalist. Current students of that year's judges are not eligible to apply.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Annual Frequency First prize Less than \$10,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000

Additional prize Performances Jury chair(s) Not provided

Additional jurors

Paul Coletti, viola; Emilio Colón, cello; Jennifer

Frautschi, violin

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee \$125

Application deadline February 1, 2019

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 18, 2019, 9 am to 4 pm, Dalton Center Recital Hall on the Western Michigan University campus in Kalamazoo, MI

#### FINALS (live rounds)

May 18, 2019, 7:30 pm, Dalton Center Recital Hall on the Western Michigan University campus in Kalamazoo, MI

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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## TAKAMATSU INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

The Takamatsu International Piano Competition is an artistic event that provides a forum for bringing together top musicians from all over the world. Encouraging young people to pursue their dreams and goals of self-development, the Competition also aims to foster a new culture of music in the local area.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Central Bldg, Annex 3rd Floor 4-12 Kamei-cho, Takamatsu Kagawa 760-0050

**JAPAN** 

email website

**ELIGIBILITY** TBA

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE**

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes

**Ouadrennial** Frequency First prize Less than \$10,000 Performances Additional prize

Jury chair Shuku Iwasaki, pianist 11 or more

Jury size Application fee TBA TBA Application deadline

#### **Application notes**

The fifth edition of the Takamatsu International Piano Competition will be in 2022.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

Date TBA. Venue in 2022: Sunport Hall Takamatsu (Takamatsu, Japan)

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

Date TBA. Venue in 2022: Sunport Hall Takamatsu (Takamatsu, Japan)

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Finals

✓ Semifinals streamed

Finals streamed

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# **TORU TAKEMITSU COMPOSITION AWARD 2020**

Cash awards total 3,000,000JPY (\$27,330) each year. The judge may withhold the prize. The composers whose works are selected to be performed will be invited to attend.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

3-20-2 Nishi Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku Tokyo 163-1403 JAPAN +81 3 5353 0770

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Any person, regardless of nationality, who is not over 35 years old at the end of the year his/her application is submitted.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Composition

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Frequency Annual First prize \$10,000 to \$50,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Jury chair Thomas Adés Jury size 1 to 5

Application fee Free

Application deadline September 30, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Please submit two copies of the bound score, together with a completed entry form. Mailed entries must be received by the above date. Receipt of entries on the last day will close at 6:00 pm (Japan time).

#### FINALS (live rounds)

May 31, 2020, Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall, Tokyo, Japan

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals **X** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals **≭** Finals streamed

# **ROSALYN TURECK** INTERNATIONAL BACH COMPETITION

The Competition welcomes pianists 8-28 from the world over who pursue the musical ideals espoused by the late Mme. Rosalyn Tureck. The Competition consists of eight categories divided by repertoire difficulty. A competitor may compete in up to three categories and is required to perform a contemporary work.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

23 West 73rd Street New York, NY 10023 **UNITED STATES** 212-873-6087

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eight to 28, based on eligibility for certain categories.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Piano

**DETAILS** 

Travel covered? No Frequency Biennial

Less than \$10,000 First prize Additional prize Performances

Recording

Jury chair(s) TBA Additional jurors TBA Jury size 1 to 5 \$180 Application fee

Application deadline October 15, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Preliminary unedited DVD with repertoire to be intended to perform deadline: October 15, 2019.

#### **SEMIFINALS & FINALS (live rounds)**

December 2019: Semifinals. New York, NY. Venue to be announced on the website.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

December 2019

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **★** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed





# 35TH VALSESIA MUSICA **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION 2019**

Valsesia Musica Competition (former Viotti Valsesia) started in 1981 to promote young talented musicians as well as Valsesia, the greenest valley in Italy. It is divided in different sections: violin and orchestra, piano, voice, and chamber music.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Corso Roma, 35 I-13019 VARALLO (VC) ITALY +39 0163 560020

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to violinists, singers, and pianists from all over the world up to 37 years old.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES Piano • Strings • Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual Less than €10,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prize Recording Jury chair(s) TBA Additional jurors TBA Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee €100

#### **Application notes**

Application deadline

April 17, 2019: Violin and orchestra • end of September 2019: Voice.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

May 15, 2019: Violin and orchestra, Teatro Civico in Varallo (VC) Italy • October 2019: Voice, Teatro Civico in Varallo (VC) Italy

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

May 16, 2019: Violin and orchestra, Teatro Civico in Varallo (VC) Italy • October 2019: Voice, Teatro Civico in Varallo (VC) Italy

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **≭** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals **≭** Finals streamed

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April 17, 2019



# **VIOTTI** INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION, VERCELLI

The Viotti International Music Competition, established in Vercelli in 1950 by Joseph Robbone, is one of the most prestigious Italian music competitions and its prize winners have often gone on to major careers. It is renowned for its high standards, awards, and prestigious jury.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Via Monte di Pietà 39 13100 Vercelli ITALY +39 0161 255 575

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The 70th Gian Battista Viotti International Piano Competition 2019 is open to pianists of all nationalities who were born after October 19,1988. The age limit for the singers of the Viotti Competition 2020 is 30 (women) and 32 (men).

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES** Piano • Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual €10,000 to €50,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair

Pietro Borgonovo, Artistic Director of the Viotti

**Music Competition** 

6 to 10 Jury size Application fee €120 Application deadline July 21, 2019

#### Application notes

The two disciplines of the Viotti Competition, voice and piano, alternate from year to year. The application deadlines for each are late July of the Competition year.

#### SEMIFINALS (live rounds)

October 10-13, 2019: First round • October 14-15, 2019: Quarterfinal • October 16, 2019: Semifinal, City Theater of Vercelli, Vercelli, Italy

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

October 19, 2019: Finals with orchestra, City Theater of Vercelli, Vercelli, Italy

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals **≭** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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# **VSA** INTERNATIONAL YOUNG SOLOISTS

Each year outstanding young musicians with disabilities from around the world receive the VSA International Young Soloists Award of \$2,000, and the opportunity to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

2700 F Street NW Washington, DC 20566 **UNITED STATES** 202-416-8898

email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Musicians with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 25.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Voice • All Instruments & Genres

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? Yes Annual Frequency Less than \$10,000 First prize Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Performances Additional prize Jury chair(s) Not provided

Jury size 1 to 5 Application fee None

Application deadline March 29, 2018

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

July 26, 2019: Selected winners perform at the Kennedy Center, Washington, DC

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**X** Semifinals **X** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed

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# **16TH INTERNATIONAL** HENRYK WIENIAWSKI VIOLIN COMPETITION

This is the oldest violin competition in the world, the first one having been held in 1935. Prize winners include Ginette Neveu, Ida Haendel, David Oistrakh, Igor Oistrakh, Julian Sitkowiecki, Wanda Wilkomirska, and Charles Treger. It is organized every five years and includes rounds with chamber orchestra and orchestra, the latter including two concertos, one by H. Wieniawski.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

Swietoslawska str. 7 61-840 Poznań **POLAND** 

+48 61 8522642; 0048 603 255 272 email website

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to violin players of all nationalities ages 16 to 28.

ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Quinquennial First prize €10,000 to €50,000 Smallest prize €5,000 to €10,000 Additional prizes Performances Management

Recording Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 11 or more Application fee €100 to €200 Application deadline January 8, 2021

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

October 8-19, 2021. For more information check Competition website.

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

October 20-22, 2019, Adam Mickiewicz Auditorium, Poznań, Poland

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals ✓ Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed









# WIGMORE HALL INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET COMPETITION

The Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition is one of the best and most prestigious quartet Competitions in the world. Held under the auspices of Wigmore Hall, the leading venue for chamber music, the Competition attracts the best young quartets and offers excellent career development opportunities to prize winners.

#### MAIN OFFICE

Wigmore Hall 36 Wigmore Street London W1U 2BP UNITED KINGDOM +44 0207 258 8244 email

<u>il</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All members of quartets wishing to apply must be under 35 at the start date of the Competition for which they are applying.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

**DETAILS** 

Travel covered? No
Frequency Triennial
First prize €10,000 to €50,000

Strings

Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prizes Performances Recording

Jury chair

John Gilhooly OBE, Director, Wigmore Hall Additional jurors Jury TBA in 2019

Jury size 6 to 10

Application fee

£25 (initial); £35 (if selected)

Application deadline October 9, 2020

#### **Application notes**

The deadline for applications for the 2021 Competition is not yet fixed but it will not be earlier than October 9, 2020.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

April 2021, exact date TBA, Wigmore Hall

### **FINALS** (live rounds)

April 2021, exact date TBA, Wigmore Hall

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals✓ Finals✓ Finals streamed

# WIGMORE HALL/INDEPENDENT OPERA INTERNATIONAL SONG COMPETITION

The Competition celebrates the art of the song recital and honors the Lied's place at the heart of the genre. The Competition has grown in status and prestige since its foundation in 1997 and continues to attract international singers and pianists keen to embark on significant recital careers.

#### MAIN OFFICE

Wigmore Hall 36 Wigmore Street London W1U 2BP UNITED KINGDOM +44 0207 258 8244

<u>email</u> <u>website</u>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All singers and accompanying pianists must be under 33 at the start date of the Competition for which they are applying.

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Voice

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Biennial

First prize Less than €10,000 Smallest prize Less than €5,000 Additional prize Performances

Jury chair

John Gilhooly OBE, Director, Wigmore Hall

#### Additional jurors

John Mark Ainsley, Iain Burnside, Bernarda Fink, David Jackson, Graham Johnson OBE, Dame Felicity Lott, Natalie Murray Beale, Thomas Quasthof,

Richard Stokes, Ailish Tynan

Jury size 11 or more

## Application fee

£25 (initial); £35 UK (if selected)

Application deadline March 15, 2019

## **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

September 9, 2019, Wigmore Hall

## **FINALS** (live rounds)

September 11, 2019, Wigmore Hall

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

✓ Semifinals
✓ Semifinals streamed
✓ Finals
✓ Finals



## **WILSON CENTER GUITAR FESTIVAL**

It is the goal of the Wilson Center Guitar Festival to celebrate the greatest guitarists of today and tomorrow. Featuring four competitions—Classical, Fingerstyle, Jazz, and Rock/Blues—the Wilson Center Guitar Festival is open to competitors of all ages. Compete for your share of \$32,000 on August 15-17, 2019. Semifinals and finals take place before a public audience and are judged by a panel of renowned artists from each genre.

#### MAIN OFFICE

19805 West Capitol Drive Brookfield, WI 53045 UNITED STATES 262-373-5028 email

**ELIGIBILITY** 

The Wilson Center Guitar Festival is open to nonprofessional guitarists of all nationalities and ages. A candidate may not be a professional guitarist and may not be signed to any labels and/or professional management. A professional quitarist is defined as a person who makes a full-time career from guitar-related work, such as teaching (i.e. 30-60 students per week), touring fulltime, or session work fulltime. A guitarist who only teaches a small number of students, and/or plays non-regular iobs, or is enrolled as a full-time student, is not considered a professional guitarist. The qualification as professional or non-professional will ultimately be at the sole discretion of the Wilson Center Guitar Festival management.

website

#### ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE Strings

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Annual Frequency First prize Less than \$10,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Jury chair(s) Not provided Jury size 11 or more Application fee \$50 to \$80 Application deadline May 31, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Applicants must submit a performance video of two contrasting works either by DVD or YouTube, with the video marked as public or unlisted. Please read the complete rules before applying. Applications must be received by midnight (CDT) on May 31, 2019.

#### SEMIFINALS (live rounds)

August 16, 2019: Semifinals, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield, WI

#### FINALS (live rounds)

August 17, 2019: Finals, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield, WI

#### COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

✓ Semifinals **X** Semifinals streamed ✓ Finals **≭** Finals streamed

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## YOUNG CONCERT ARTISTS INTERNATIONAL AUDITIONS

Young Concert Artists Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to discovering and developing the careers of extraordinary classical musicians. The sole criteria are exceptional musicianship, virtuosity, and individuality. The musicians compete against a standard of excellence not each other. There is no limit to the number of winners.

#### **MAIN OFFICE**

1776 Broadway, Suite 1500 New York, NY 10019 **UNITED STATES** 212-307-6656

website email

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants at the beginning of a musical career, who offer repertoire within the categories listed, provide two appropriate letters of recommendation, and are not under U.S. management.

#### **ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES**

Piano • Strings • Voice • Brass • Woodwinds Chamber Ensembles

#### **DETAILS**

Travel covered? No Frequency Annual First prize Less than \$10,000 Smallest prize Less than \$5,000 Additional prizes Management Performances Recording

#### Jury chair

Susan Wadsworth, Director, Young Concert Artists, Inc. 11 or more Jury size

#### Application fee

\$55 early deadline / \$85 final deadline Application deadline August 2, 2019

#### **Application notes**

Early deadline: May 31, 2019 • Final deadline: August 2, 2019.

#### **SEMIFINALS** (live rounds)

November 2019, New York, NY

#### **FINALS** (live rounds)

November 2019, New York, NY

#### **COMPETITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?**

**≭** Semifinals streamed **X** Semifinals ✓ Finals ✓ Finals streamed









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