10th International Competition for Young Pianists

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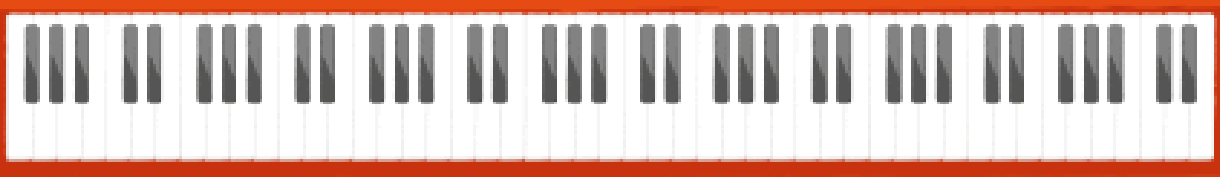
08-12 APRIL 2026
Brussels, Belgium

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PROGRAM 2026

FIRST & FINAL ROUNDS
Piano's Maene Brussels
Rue de l'Argonne, 37
April 8-11th, 2026

GALA CONCERT
Brussels Town Hall
Gothic Room, Grand Place
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Dear Participants,

Welcome to the ninth edition of the International Competition for Young Pianists “Merci, Maestro!” 2026! This year, we have selected **56** participants from **30** countries.

We believe that the entire society does benefit from the talents of young people. That is the reason why we organize this competition: we want to give you an opportunity to showcase your talents to the world and to express yourselves in front of your young colleagues.

Your participation in this prestigious competition is already a proof of your high level of ambition. It demonstrates your strong motivation to become a professional musician in the future!

I wish you a lot of success and good luck!

Best Regards,

Nataliya Chepurenko
Founder & Artistic Director
International Competition for Young Pianists “Merci, Maestro!” 2026

JURY MEMBERS



Nataliya Chepurenko (Belgium/Ukraine)

President of jury, founder, artistic director of the:
- International Piano competition “Merci, Maestro!”

Founder, director, piano & chamber music teacher of the :
- Brussels International Music Academy
- International Festival “MUSIC ACADEMY FORTE”
- Chamber Orchestra “CAMERATA BRIMA”

For several years main pianist of the Royal Ballet of Flanders pianist at many international ballet companies.
Jury member of several international competitions.



Jean-Claude Vanden Eynden (Belgium)

Honorary Professor at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels and Master in Residence at the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel. Vanden Eynden was often a jury member in international competitions, primarily on the jury of the International Queen Elisabeth Competition. He was also artistic advisor for some festivals such as in Stavelot.

He built a solid career as an international soloist. He was also artistic director of the Center européen de maîtrise pianistique Eduardo Del Pueyo.



Yannick van de Velde (Belgium)

Professor of piano performance at the Conservatory Grand Duchee in Luxembourg and the Akademie für Tonkunst Darmstadt. He regularly teaches at the International Festival MUSIC ACADEMY FORTE Masterclass, Belgium.

Performed across the world: the Philharmonie of Berlin, the Acropolis Museum in Athens, Lincoln Center in New York, Center of Fine Arts and studio 4 of Flagey in Brussels, Casa da Musica in Porto, Palacio de Festivales in Santander.



Milana Chernyavska (Germany)

Professor of Piano at the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz (Austria) & Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofía (Madrid, Spain). She leads numerous international masterclasses worldwide. A German artist with Ukrainian roots. A sought-after jury member at various prestigious piano competitions, including ARD (Munich), Busoni Competition, Telekom Beethoven Competition (Bonn), Mozart Competition (Salzburg), Santa Cecilia in Porto Competition, and Bluethner Goldaward (Vienna).

JURY MEMBERS



Tamara Kordzadze (Switzerland)

Professor of piano at the Zurich Conservatory. President of Association "Unite Classics" and "Vivace" – an association that promotes and supports musically talented children and adults in Georgia. Was co-founder, board member, and head of international relationships of the association „Youth Classics" and „International Music Week Montepulciano" from 2009 to 2014. Tamara has been distinguished and has won prizes – including 1st prizes – at numerous national and international piano competitions. Jury Member at international Competitions.



Elena Margolina (Germany)

Professor of piano at the University of Music in Detmold, Germany. Faculty Professor at the Euro Arts Academy. Master classes worldwide, including Germany, South Korea, Canada, China, Albania, Ukraine„ UK, Poland, Italy. Numerous students of hers regularly win prizes at piano competitions around the world, launching successful international careers. A sought-after juror at international music competitions worldwide. Lively artistic career as a concert pianist collaborating with renowned symphony orchestras and distinguished conductors in prestigious concert venues all across Europe and overseas.



Pietro Sellitto (Italy)

Music teacher at the Italian public school and founder of the International Music Competition CIMN at Italy. He is also a director of chamber, choral and orchestral music, in Italy and abroad. Founder of the Accademia Musicale Nocera and president of the Associazione di Cultura Musicale di Sant' Anna in Nocera Inferiore (SA)- at the moment known as Associazione Musica Nova-, since 2013, he is also the organizer of many significant cultural events during which renowned artist of the opera, classical and contemporary music world are involved.



Illia Ovcharenko (Ukraine)

Internationally Acclaimed Performing and Recording Pianist. One of the world's most celebrated young pianists. He is the 2022 Honens Prize Laureate. Ovcharenko has received prizes at more than 20 competitions throughout the world. Ovcharenko plays in some of the most prestigious concert halls in the world, including Carnegie Hall, Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg, Konzerthaus Berlin, Salle Bourgie in Montréal, and Salle Cortot in Paris. He has also been an artist in the prestigious Classeek Ambassador Programme.

JURY MEMBERS



Gustav A. Alink (Nederlands) - Independent Press Jury

Director of the Alink-Argerich Foundation, founded in 1999 together with Martha Argerich. In the early 1980s, it was Martha Argerich who advised him during his research on piano competitions. During this research, Gustav Alink visited some 600 piano competitions worldwide. He published six books and wrote many articles. Because of his dedicated research, Gustav Alink was often referred to as "Mr. Competition".The Alink-Argerich Foundation (AAF) is an independent and objective information and service centre for musicians and competitions with a specific focus on pianists and piano competitions.



Chenrui Zhang (China) - Junior Jury

- Laureate (Category C – First Prize) and Special Prizes Winner
  - Invitation to perform as a soloist with the Symphony Orchestraof Lviv in Ukraine
  - Participation at MUSICORUM Festival in Brussels, Belgium

  of the International Piano Competition "Merci, Maestro!" 2025
- Currently a piano performance major at University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (mdw).



Jef Kolacny (Belgium) - Junior Jury

- Special Prizes Winner of the International Piano Competition "Merci, Maestro!" 2024:
  - Invitation to perform as a soloist with the Symphony Orchestraof Lviv in Ukraine
  - Concert with CAMERATA BRIMA
  - SOLO Concert at SALON BRIMA,
  - Grant for participation in International Festival Masterclasses & Concerts MUSIC ACADEMY FORTE
- Currently studying with Julien Libeer at LUCA School of Arts in Leuven and at the Bell'Arte International Music Academy (ICPA) with Nelson Delle-Vigne Fabbri.



Aude Van De Keere (Belgium) - Junior Jury

- Laureate (Category C- 3rd Prize) and Special Prize Winner
  - Concert in Belgium organized by BRIMA

  of the International Piano Competition "Merci, Maestro!" 2019
- Currently continuing her studies at the Royal Conservatory of Antwerp as a soloist master's student under the renowned pianist Polina Leschenko, while continuing her violin education with top violinist Aylen Pritchin.

Competition Schedule

FIRST ROUND

- **CATEGORY E:** Wednesday, **08 April 2026 | 10:00-12:45**
- **CATEGORY F:** Wednesday, **08 April 2026 | 13:00-19:00**
- **CATEGORY C:** Thursday, **09 April 2026 | 10:00-14:45**
- **CATEGORY D:** Thursday, **09 April 2026 | 15:00-20:15**
- **CATEGORY B:** Friday, **10 April 2026 | 10:00-11:15**
- **CATEGORY A:** Friday, **10 April 2026 | 11:30-14:30**

FINAL ROUND

- **CATEGORY E:** Friday, **10 April 2026 | from 14:30**
- **CATEGORY F:** Friday, **10 April 2026 | from 16:00**
- **CATEGORY B:** Saturday, **11 April 2026 | from 09:30**
- **CATEGORY A:** Saturday, **11 April 2026 | from 10:30**
- **CATEGORY C:** Saturday, **11 April 2026 | from 12:30**
- **CATEGORY D:** Saturday, **11 April 2026 | from 15:00**

Competition Venue: Piano's Maene Brussels
Rue de l'Argonne 37, 1060 Bruxelles

GALA CONCERT

of the winners

12th April 2026 (SUN)
19:00
Gothic Room,
Brussels Town Hall
Grand-Place



CATEGORY A

(age 10 and below)



Cecilia Martini
(Age 7, Italy)

5th International Amadeus Piano Competition Primo Premio Assoluto 100/100 2025 Lazise Italy
12th International piano Competition Città di San Donà di Piave 2025 1° Premio 96/100
30th National Piano Competition "Giulio Rospigliosi" Lamporicchio PT 2025 1° Premio 97/100

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach: Giga Partita N1 in B-flat Major BWV 825
F.Burgmuller : Etude Op. 109 N2
D.Alexander: Sonatina in C Major,
allegro, andante grazioso, vivo

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach: Giga Partita N1 in B-flat Major BWV 825
E.Elgar: Sonatina: andantino e allegro



Rebecca Di Marzio
(Age 10, Italy)

1st Prize - 25° Concorso Internazionale Premio LAMS Matera (28/11/2025)
1st Prize - 10° International Piano Competition "F. Liszt" Grottammare (19/10/2025)
1st Absolute Prize - 4° Concorso Internazionale Emilia ed Elsa Gubitosi Capri (10/10/2025)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Invention N10 in G Major, BWV 781
M.Moszkowski : Etude Op. 91 N3
L.v.Beethoven : 6 Variations on Theme Paisiello
"Nel Cor più non mi sento "

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Invention N10 in G Major, BWV 781
I.Berkovich : Variations on theme of Paganini



Aaron Gruber
(Age 8, Belgium)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach: Minuet
F.Burgmuller : Etude Op.100 N2 Arabesque
R.Schumann : Le Petit Cavalier

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach: Minuet
F.Burgmuller : Tarantelle
C.Graupner : Allegro
M.Carré : l'Apprentie-Sorcière



Molly Liu
(Age 8, United Kingdom)

North London Festival of Music, Speech & Drama Class 133 Repertoire Competition- Recital- 7-8 years, 1st Place
North London Festival of Music, Speech & Drama Class 128 Graded Competitions-Grade 5 & above-10 years & under, 1st Place
The Watford Festival of Music, Speech & Drama 20th & 21st Century Class 14 and under, 3rd Place

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Aria (from the Goldberg Variation)
F.Chopin : Etude Op. 25 N2 in f minor
M.Harvey : Down to Earth

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Aria (from the Goldberg Variation)
M.Harvey : Petrushka (for speaking pianist)



Stefania Magnani
(Age 10, Italy)

Amadeus Competition - First Prize - October 2025
Recondite Armonie - First Prize - June 2025
YAPCO - Absolute First Prize - December 2024

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Air, French Suite N2, BWV 813
C.Czerny : Etude Op.299 N17
J.Haydn : Allegro – Piano Sonata in F major,
Hob. XVI:23

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Menuet, French Suite N2, BWV 813
R.Schumann : Arabeske in C major, Op. 18



Hilaire Pan
(Age 10, France)

concours CIP Paris 1er prix excellent 2025
concours Pianissima 1er prix 2025
concours Claude Kahn Paris prix d'honneur 2024

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Prelude N3 in c minor, BWV 999
C.Czerny : Etude Op. 299 N4
R.Schumann : Knecht Ruprecht

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Prelude in F major, BWV 927
(ed. Ferruccio Busoni)
R.Schumann : Knecht Ruprecht



Sophia Panagiotou
(Age 10, Cyprus)

1st Prize Laureate:Young Orpheus PanCyprian Instrumental Competition 2025
3rd Prize Laureate: 2nd International Vienna Piano Competition 2025
Finalist: 14th PanCyprian Avantgarde Competition for Young Pianists 2024

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Little Prelude in c minor, BWV 934
F.Burgmuller : Etude Op.109 N15 "Sylphs"
C.Czerny : 30 New Studies in Technics Op.849 N26
L.v.Beethoven : Contradance N1 in C major

Final Round Program:
J.SBach : Little Prelude in c minor, BWV 934
C.Czerny : 30 New Studies in Technics Op.849 N26
F.Chopin : Nocturne in E flat major Op. 9 N2



Dara Protopopenko
(Age 10, Ukraine)

Winner of the REGIONAL FESTIVAL-COMPETITION OF STUDENT PIANISTS "YOUNG VIRTUOZ" 2025.
laureate of the 1st degree of the 15th International Festival-Competition "Snowdrop".
laureate of the 1st degree of the II All-Ukrainian festival-competition of young jazz performers "JAZZ MOZAIC DNIPRO"

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Invention N9 in f minor, BWV 780
H.Berens : Etude Op. 61 N26 in d minor
S.Bortkiewicz : Op. 21 "France", "Poland"
from the cycle "The Little Traveler"

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Invention N9 in f minor, BWV 780
M Clementi : Sonatina in D Major, Op.36 N6,
1st Mov.
S.Bortkiewicz : Op. 21, "Poland"
from the cycle "The Little Traveler"



Elena Valchova
(Age 9, Bulgaria)

First Prize at the Munich Piano Competition 2024, Category A with a score of 97.4 points, ranking second in the overall competition standings.
First Prize at the 8th International Piano Competition “Andrey Stoyanov” 2024.
Grand First Prize in the category “Classical Piano – Professional Discipline” at the 4th International Competition “Golden Piano Talents”, North Macedonia (May 2025)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach: Prelude in C major, BWV 933
C.Czerny : Etude Op. 849 N7
I.Berkovich : Variations on a Folk Song, a minor

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Prelude in F major, BWV 927
A.Diabelli : Sonatina Op.151, N3, 2nd & 3rd mov.
F.Chopin : Polonaise in G minor (posth.)



Guilherme Vale
(Age 9, Portugal)

Nouvelles Étoiles (Paris, 1er Prix 2023 et 2024)
International Youth Music Competition (NY 2023, Grand Prize)
Paços Premium Internacional Competition (1er Prix - 2023 et 2025)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach :Two-Part Invention N4, BWV 775
C.Czerny : Etude Op. 299 N4
F.Chopin : Prelude N4 Op. 28
M.Ivo Cruz : Canto de Luar, Aguarelas N3

Final Round Program:
J.S.Bach :Two-Part Invention N4, BWV 775
W.A.Mozart : Fantasie D minor

CATEGORY B
(age 11 to 13)



Angela Kendrick
(Age 11, Ireland)

2nd place in 2025 Tu Dublin Conservatoire Music Competitions Junior Piano Solo Under 11
2nd place in 2024 Tu Dublin Conservatoire Music Competitions Keyboard Repertoire Under 11
1st place in 2023 Dublin Conservatoire Music Competitions Junior piano Solo Under 8

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : Invention N10 in G Major
F.Burgmuller : Etude Op. 109 N2 Les Perles
J.Field : Nocturne No. 6 in F Major, H.40
"Cradle Song"

Final Round Program:
J.L.Dussek : Sonata in D Major, Op. 25 N2,
IV. Rondo allegremente
W.Gillock : Valse Etude in Romantic Style



Tamar Kvitsiani
(Age 13, Georgia)

2025, May-June, 4th Golden Piano Talents Competition, Republic of North Macedonia,
Grand First Prize & Special Prize for Virtuosity
2025, July 25-30, International Young Musicians Music Competition, Vienna
Das Muth Konzertsaal, Vienna, Austria, Final round, I prize
2026, February 14-15. 3rd International Piano competition of Braganca, Portugal, Braganca, 1st prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N3
in C-sharp Major BWV 848
F.Chopin : Etude Op. 25 N11
F.Liszt : Waldesrauschen

Final Round Program:
J. Haydn : Sonata Hob. XVI: 52, 1st mov.
F.Liszt : Rigoletto Paraphrase



An Jung Liu
(Age 13, Taiwan)

Second prize (Junior high school category)at The Taipei Student Music competition in 2025
First prize (Intermediate category) at the Taipei excellence international Piano and Violin competition in 2025
First prize(Elementary six grader category) at the Taiwan Music Competition

First Round Program:
J.S. Bach : Sinfonia N11 in g minor, BWV 797
F.Liszt : Waldesrauschen, S.145 N1
M.Clementi : Sonata in g minor, Op. 7, N3
I. Allegro con spirito

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Piano Sonata K.576 in D major,
I. Allegro
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N12
in f minor BWV 857
M.Ravel : Sonatine, M.40: III. Animé



Sniedze Sarja
(Age 12, Latvia)

I prize – International Brothers Medins Competition for Young Pianists (2023)
I prize – 24th International Competition for Piano Jurmala 2023
II prize – Young Musician – Tallinn 2025

First Round Program:.
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N9
in E Major BWV 854
F.Chopin : Etude Op. 25 N2 in f minor
F.Chopin : Prelude Op. 28 N15, D flat major

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N5 in c minor, Op. 10 N1- 1st mov.
M.K.Ciurlionis : Nocturne in c-sharp minor Op. 6 N2
C.Debussy : Prelude from Pour le Piano



Ondřej Skopový
(Age 13, Czech Republic)

V. Novák International Piano Competition 2025 – first prize
Prague Junior Note 2025 – first prize + absolut winner
International Piano Competition „Virtuosi per musica di pianoforte 2025“ – second prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N2
in c minor BWV 847
S.Bortkiewicz : Etude Op.15 N9 in f-sharp minor
R.Schumann : Zart und singend, Op.6, No.14
F.Poulenc : Toccata

Final Round Program:
J.Haydn ; Sonata in D major, Hob.XVI:33 – 1. Allegro
F.Mendelssohn : Rondo capriccioso, Op. 14

CATEGORY C

(age 14 to 16)



Juliette Chachereau
(Age 14, France)

Deuxième prix au concours prodige art 2025

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N6 in d minor BWV 875
F.Chopin : Etude Op. 25 N2
M.Ravel : Sonatine M40, 3rd mov.

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N5 in c minor, Op.10 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op. 25 N2
E.Chabrier : Scherzo-Valse
M.Ravel : Sonatine M40, 3rd mov.



Miruna-Ioana Covreag
(Age 15, Romania)

APRIL 2025 – Primo Premio Assoluto 100/100 at XIV Amigdala International Music Competition, Italy
MAY 2024 – First Prize at the Instrumental Performance and Visual Arts Competition with international participation, Sighetu Marmației - Romania
MAY 2024 – Second Prize at the 12th Edition of the International Piano Competition "Frederic Chopin", Bacău – Romania

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N6 in d minor BWV 875
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N8 in F Major "Sunshine"
F.Chopin : Scherzo N1 in b minor, Op. 20

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N10 in G major, Op.14, N2
F.Chopin : Scherzo N1 in b minor, Op. 20



Clovis Gobry
(Age 16, France)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N15 in G Major BWV 860
M. Moszkowski : Etincelles Op. 36 N6
J.Brahms : Ballade Op. 10

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Sonate N8 K 310, 1st mov.
M.Moszkowski : Etincelles Op.36 N6
J Brahms : Ballade Op.10
A.Schoenberg : Six petites pièces, Op.19 N3



Jason Lee Reks Jacobsen
(Age 15, Denmark)

1st Prize & Special Prize for Best Performance of Ravel, Pianister i Nord, Denmark (2024&2025),
2nd Prize, Steinway Nordic International Piano Competition, Sweden (2025),
1st Prize, Music Without Limits International Piano Competition, Lithuania (2024&2025).

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N6 in d minor BWV 875
F.Chopin : Etude Op. 10 N4 in c-sharp minor
F.Chopin : Ballade N1 in g minor

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata in A Major, Op.2 N2
R.Schumann : Fantasiestücke Op. 12, 1. Des Abends
F.Chopin : Ballade N1 in g minor



Kalina Jovanovic
(Age 15, Montenegro)

First Prize 98/100, Category Young Pianists A, 11th International Piano Competition "Ivan Rijavec", Rogaska Slatina, Slovenia, June 21–22, 2022.
First Prize, 98/100, Category IV, XIV International Piano Competition "Slavenski", Novi Sad, Serbia, May 19–21, 2023.
Second Prize 92.75/100, Category D, IV International Piano Competition, Tivat, Montenegro, May 2025.

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N18 in g-sharp minor BWV 863
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N5 in G-Flat Major
F.Chopin : Polonaise in C sharp minor Op.26 N1

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N6 in F major, Op.10 N2
F.Liszt : Hungarian Rhapsody N3 in B-flat Major, S.244/3
F.Chopin : Polonaise in C sharp minor Op.26 N1



Yelyzaveta Kalyta
(Age 16, Ukraine)

SJMW 2025 - 3rd Prize
All-Ukrainian competition named after V.V. Pukhal'sky 2025 - 3rd Prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N9 in E Major BWV 878
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N5 in G-Flat Major
Y.Stepovy : Prelude in memory of Taras Shevchenko
F.Liszt : Liebestraum N3 in A-Flat Major S. 541

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N3 in C Major, 1st mov. Allegro con brio
Y.Stepovy : Prelude in memory of Taras Shevchenko
F.Liszt : Liebestraum N3 in A-Flat Major S. 541



Lilija Muižniece
(Age 15, Latvia)

2025 – 1st place and special award for the best performance of Latvian music at the VII International Young Pianists Competition "Mūsdienu klasika"
2024 – 1st place in the VI Jānis Ivanovs Young Pianists Competition "Latgales skicējums"
2024 – 1st place and special award in the Young Pianists Competition "Etīžu putenis 2024"

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N14 in f-sharp minor BWV 859
C.Debussy : Etude N6 "Pour les huit doigts" from 12 Etudes
F.Chopin : Bolero Op. 19

Final Round Program:
J.Haydn : Sonata in A-flat Major, Hob. XVI:46, I. Allegro moderato
F.Liszt : Transcendental Etude N9 "Ricordanza"



Mika Natzke
(Age 16, Portugal)

Oeiras Piano Competition 2024 (Oeiras, Portugal): Honorable Mention
Oeiras Piano Competition 2022 (Oeiras, Portugal): 2nd Place
Carmel Klavier 2021 (Carmel, Indiana: USA): Honorable Mention

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N12 in f minor BWV 881
M.Moszkowski : Etude Op. 72 N6 in F Major
E.Grieg : Sonata in e minor, Op.7, 1st mov.
I.Berkovich : Toccata in a minor

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Sonata in C Major N10, K330
F.Chopin : Scherzo N2 Op.31



Olcay Kara
(Age 16, Turkey)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N20 in a minor BWV 889
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N8 in F Major "Sunshine"
M.Ravel : Mirroirs N2 "Oiesaux Tristes"

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N6 in F Major, Op.10 N2, I.Allegro
F.Chopin : Polonaise N1 in c-sharp minor, Op.26
A.Saygun : 12 Preludes on Aksak Rhythms, Op.45. Prelude N9



Lise Ricard
(Age 15, France)

Juin 2021 concours international ile de france a maisons laffitte : mention tres bien à l'unanimité avec les félicitations du jury
Juin 2023 concours international ile de france a maisons laffitte : mention tres bien
Avril 2024 concours rotary rouen flaubert 3eme prix

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N2 in c minor BWV 871
V.Kosenko : Etude Courante Op. 19 N4
J.Haydn : Grande Sonate 1er mvt Allegro Hob XVI 50

Final Round Program:
J.Haydn : Grande Sonate 1er mvt Allegro Hob XVI 50
E.Granados : La jeune fille et le rossignol
F.Chopin : Etude Op.25 N5 in e minor



Yingtong Xie
(Age 14, China)

Jugend-musiziert Regionalrunde 1. Preis
First Prize in Landeswettbewerb Jugendmusiziert
2. Prize in Bundeswettbewerd Jugendmusiziert

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N2 in c minor BWV 847
M.Clementi : Sonata in f-sharp minor, Op. 25 N5
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N5 in G-Flat Major

Final Round Program:
M.Clementi : Sonata in f-sharp minor, Op.25 N5
R.Schumann : Etudes in variation form on a theme by Beethoven
T.Takemitsu : Rain Tree Sketch II



Enruei Yang
(Age 16, Taiwan)

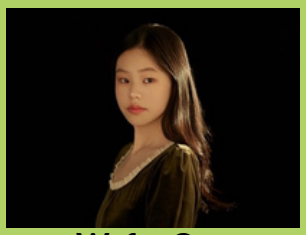
Vienna Pure Classic International Music Competition 3rd Prize
WPTA Spain International Piano Competition : 3rd Prize
The 4th Singapore International Music Competition : Gold Award

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N18 in g-sharp minor BWV 863
C.Debussy : Etude N7: Pour les degrés chromatiques
A.Berg : Piano Sonata Op.1

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Piano Sonata in D Major K576 1st mov
R.Schumann : Fantasie in C Major, Op.17 I. Durchaus fantastisch und leidenschaftlich vorzutragen

CATEGORY D

(age 17 to 19)



Wufan Cao
(Age 19, China)

2nd prize at the 32nd Rome International Piano Competition in Italy
1st prize at the 4th. International Mozart Competition in Berlin

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N21
in B-Flat Major BWV 890
J.Haydn : Sonata N52 in E-Flat Major I. Allegro
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N1

Final Round Program:
J.Haydn : Sonata N52 in E-Flat Major III. Presto
F.Liszt : Vallée d'Obermann



Sophus Elmark
(Age 19, Denmark)

Nordic International Piano Competition 2nd prize and talentprize winner
Yamaha Piano Competition Malmö 1st prize winner
Steinway Piano Festival 1st prize winner

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N2
in c minor BWV 871
W.A.Mozart : Piano sonata in c minor KV 457
I. Molto Allegro
F.Liszt : Transcendental Etude N12 "Chasse Neige"

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano sonata Op.2 N3 in C Major
I. Allegro con brio
C.Nielsen : Tre Klaverstykker Op. 59



Yutong Huang
(Age 19, China)

2nd Prize and Special Prize for the Best Performance of a Contemporary Piece, 3rd International J.S.Bach Competition for Young Pianists "J.S.Bach in Vilnius" 2026
3rd Prize, Professional High School Division, 6th Guangdong Piano Association Cup Youth Piano Competition, China 2024
2nd Prize, Professional Group B (South China Division), 11th Steinway National Youth Piano Competition, China 2023

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N12
in f minor BWV 881
J.Haydn : Piano Sonata in E-flat Major,
Hob. XVI: 49, I. Allegro
F.Chopin : Etude in F Major, Op. 10 N8

Final Round Program:
J.Haydn : Piano Sonata in E-flat Major, Hob. XVI: 49,
I. Allegro
B.Smetana : Concert Etude "On the Seashore", Op. 17
C.Vine : Toccatissimo



Ching-Hui Huang
(Age 19, Taiwan)

The 4th Singapore International Classical Piano Competition – First Prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N12
in f minor BWV 857
W.A.Mozart : Piano Sonata N14 in c minor, K. 457
- I. Molto allegro
C.Saint-Saëns : Etude Op. 111, N6 - Toccata

Final Round Program:
J.Haydn : Piano Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI:50
- I. Allegro
F.Chopin : Impromptu N2 in F-Sharp Major, Op. 36
C.Debussy : L'isle joyeuse



Yazdi Madon
(Age 19, United Kingdom)

EPTA (UK) 1st Prize 2024
Munich Piano Competition 1st Prize 2024 Category E
International Music Competition for Youth "Dinu Lipatti" Tivoli 1st Prize 2024 Category E

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N4
in c-sharp minor BWV 873
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata in D Major Op.10 N3 -1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N12 "Revolutionary"

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata in D Major Op.10 N3 -1st mov.
M. de Falla : Fantasia Baetica



Aylin Mahmudova
(Age 17, Azerbaijan)

ADS Global Gulsin Onay Turkey . 2 prize (1 prize not awarded) 2025
Nouvelles Etoiles . France 1 Prize . 2025

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N24
in b minor BWV 893
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N1 . Op.2 - 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N4

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Sonata N8 a minor, KV310 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Scherzo N2 Op.31



Marii Matesen
(Age 17, Estonia)

GRAND PRIX "Koolidevaheline klaveriõpilaste konkurss" 2026
2nd place "1st International Ilze Graubina Piano Competition" 2025
"Best interpretation of a piece by J. S. Bach" at the "1st International Ilze Graubina Piano Competition" 2025

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N22
in b-flat minor BWV 867
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N18 in E-Flat Major, Op.31 N3
4th mov. "Presto con fuoco"
F.Chopin : Etude Op. 25 N12

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N18 in E -Flat Major,
Op.31 N3 - 1st mov. "Allegro"
C.Debussy : Pour le piano L. 95



Patrick Meier
(Age 17, Germany)

First prize Bundeswettbewerb Jugend musiziert
First prize International Competition "Giovani Musicisti - Città di Treviso"
Third prize Bach-Compeition for Young Pianists in Köthen

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N5
in D Major BWV 874
J.Haydn : Piano Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI:48:
1st mov. Andante con espressione
F.Chopin : Etude in c-sharp minor, Op. 10 N4

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N1 in f Minor, Op. 2 N1
1st mov. Allegro
R.Schumann : Allegro in b minor, Op. 8
M.Ravel : from Miroirs: 4. Alborada del gracioso



Jekaterina Pisarenko
(Age 19, Latvia)

VI Jelgava International Young Pianist competition - 1st place (2025)
Latvian National Piano competition (Valsts konkurss) - 2nd place (2026)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N3
in C-Sharp Major, BWV 872
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N18 in E-Flat Major,
Op.31 N3, 1st mov.
F.Liszt : Transcendental Étude N10 in f minor, S.139

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N18 in E-Flat Major,
Op.31 N3, 1st mov.
E.MacDowell : Piano Sonata N4 in e minor, Op.59
"Keltic", 2nd & 3rd movements



Tristan Razai
(Age 18, Germany)

First Prize, National Piano Competition Bechstein Osnabrück 2025
Second Prize, International Piano Competition Munich 2025
Second Prize, National Piano Competition Einbeck 2025

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N6
in d minor BWV 875
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N23, Op.57 "Appassionata",
2nd & 3rd mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N1

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N23, Op.57 "Appassionata"
- 1st mov.
F.Liszt : Hungary Rhapsody N11



Jingyi Ren
(Age 19, China)

Second Prize, Mimas Musik Festival International Piano Competition
First Prize, Orbetello International Piano Competition Second Prize, Blüthner International Music Festival.

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N14
in f-sharp minor BWV 883
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N11 Op.22 N11
in B-Flat Major, I. Allegro con brio
F.Liszt : Concert Études, S.145, N2
in f-sharp minor, "Gnomenreigen"

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata Op.22 N11
in B-Flat Major, I. Allegro con brio
F.Chopin : Scherzo in E-Major, Op.54

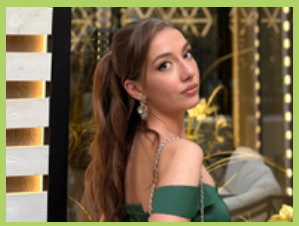


Neza Susnik
(Age 19, Slovenia)

1st prize at the Davorin Jenko International Piano Competition in Belgrade, Serbia (2024)
1st prize at the Giovani Musicisti – Città di Treviso Competition in Treviso, Italy (2024)
1st prize "de excelenta" at the Pro Piano–Romania International Competition in Bucharest, Romania (2025)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N21
in B-Flat Major BWV 866
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata Op.2 N3 in C major
- 1st mov. Allegro con brio
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N5

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata Op.2 N3 in C major
- 1st mov. Allegro con brio
F.Chopin : Ballade N1 in g minor, Op. 23



Valeria Vechiu
(Age 19, Moldova)

Concursul National al Tinerilor Pianisti "Lia Oxinoit" (2023)-First place
Concursul "Clapele fermecate"(2024)-First place
Concursul Republican de interpretare muzicala "Zlata Tcaci" (2017)-2nd Place

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N18
in g-sharp minor BWV 863
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N4 Op.7 - 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.25 N1

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N4 Op.7 - 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Scherzo N1 Op.20

CATEGORY E

(age 20 to 22)



Ruslan Alentiev
(Age 22, Ukraine)

"Horizons of classics" Kyiv, 2nd prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N24
in b minor BWV 893
W.A.Mozart : Sonata in F Major. K.332, 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.25. N12
F.Chopin : Ballade N3 Op.47

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N13
N.Nyzhankyvskyi : Prelude and Fugue in c minor



Gordon Chan
(Age 21, Hong Kong)

Alexander Kelly Concerto Prize and Muzika be sineu International piano competition

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N17
in A-Flat Major BWV 862
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata in E Major, Op.109
-1st mov.
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata in E Major, Op.109
- 3rd mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N4

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata in E major, Op.109
- 1st mov.
C.Franck : Prelude Chorale and Fugue



Angelina Datseniuk
(Age 21, Ukraine)

2nd Prize at the London International Music Competition (2023); 3rd Prize at the International BTHVN Wien Competition (2023) ; 2nd Prize and Special Award for the Best Performance of a Contemporary Work at the WPTA Spain International Piano Competition (2024) and 4th Prize at the Horowitz International Piano Competition (2016)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N3
in C-Sharp Major BWV 848
J.Haydn : Piano sonata Hob. XVI: 41 in B-Flat Major
- 1st mov.
F.Liszt : Transcendental etude N10 in f minor
V.Kosenko : Nocturne fis-moll, Op. 9

Final Round Program:
J.Haydn : Piano sonata Hob. XVI: 41 in B-Flat Major
- 1st mov.
E.Grieg : Ballade Op. 24 in g minor



Zengyue Fan
(Age 22, China)

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First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N9
in E Major BWV 854
W.A.Mozart : Sonata KV332 in F Major, 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etüde, Op.10 N5 in B-Flat Major
F.Schubert : Impromptu D899 N4 in A-Flat Major

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : KV.533/494 in F Major, 1st mov.
B.Bartók : Dancesuite Sz. 77 BB 86b,
III. Allegro vivace
F.Chopin : Ballade N4 Op.52 in f minor



Agata Repeć
(Age 20, Poland)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N20
in a minor BWV 865
W.A.Mozart : Piano Sonata N6 in D Major, K. 284
- 1st mov. Allegro
C.Debussy : Etude N5 "pour les octaves", L. 136
F. Liszt : Sonetto 123 del Petrarca
from Années de pèlerinage II, S.161/6

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Piano Sonata N6 in D Major, K. 284
- 1st mov. Allegro
F.Liszt : Sonetto 123 del Petrarca
from Années de pèlerinage II, S.161/6
R.Schumann : Fantasy in C Major Op. 17,
I. Durchaus phantastisch und
leidenschaftlich vorzutragen



Gustavo Costa e Silva
(Age 21, Portugal)

1st Prize – Concurso Internacional Paços' Premium, Portugal (2023)
1st Prize – Concurso do Festival Internacional Cidade do Fundão, Portugal (2023)
1st Prize – Concurso de Piano da Serra da Estrela, Portugal (2023)

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N1
in C Major BWV 870
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N24 Op.78
I. Adagio cantabile - Allegro ma non troppo
F.Chopin : Étude Op.25 N10
C.Debussy : Feux d'artifice, Prelude N12, Book II

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N30 in E Major, Op.109
C.Debussy : Estampes - Jardins sous la Pluie

CATEGORY F

(age 23 to 25)



Letizia Rosaria Palmieri
(Age 25, Italy)

Ariano International Piano Competition first absolute prize
32° International Piano Competition for Young Musicians "Città di Barletta" first absolute prize
33° International Piano Competition "Città di Albenga" First Absolute prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N5
in D Major BWV 850
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata Op.111 N32 - 1st mov.
C.Debussy : Etude N7 "Pour les degrés cromatiques"
S.Barber : Sonata Op.26 - 3rd & 4th mov.

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata Op.111 N32 - 1st mov.
S.Hough : Sonatina Nostalgica
F.Liszt : Fantasie sur des motifs favoris
de "La Sonnambula" S.393



Wanying Song
(Age 24, China)

Participation in the Steinway Piano Competition Düsseldorf
Selected participant – International Piano Masterclass, Pisa (Italy)
Featured student interview – Piano Department, Robert Schumann Hochschule Düsseldorf

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N23
in B Major BWV 868
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata Op.101- 1st & 2nd mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N8
O.Messiaen : Vingt regards sur l'enfant - Jésus N11

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata Op.101
H.Holliger : Elis



Amira Satey
(Age 24, Kazakhstan)

2018 international Rachmaninov competition in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan - III prize
2019 international Akhmet Zhubanov Competition in Almaty, Kazakhstan III prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N3
in C-Sharp Major BWV 872
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N15 in D Major,
Op. 28 "Pastoral" - 1st mov.
F.Liszt : Transcendental Étude N10 in f minor, S.139
M.Ravel : Mirroirs: Une barque sur l'océan

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Piano Sonata N15 in D Major,
Op. 28 "Pastoral"
F.Mendelssohn : Variations sérieuses, Op. 54
M.Ravel : Mirroirs: Noctuelles



Anastasia Tatjana Kalter
(Age 23, Germany)

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First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N13
in F-Sharp Major BWV 858
W.A.Mozart : Sonata N4 in E-Flat Major, KV282
- 3rd mov. Allegro
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10 N9 in f minor
R.Schumann : Drei Romanzen Op.28 N1 & N2
F.Chopin : Ballade N1 in g minor Op.23

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Sonata N4 in E-flat KV 282
D.Martinček : Aus „12 Präludien"
N3.Präludium Allegretto grazioso, con umore & N5.Präludium Molto moderato
F.Chopin : Ballade N1 in g minor Op.23



Rocío Sonseca Andrés
(Age 25, Spain)

First Absolute Prize – VIII Joves Valors Valencians Piano Performance Competition (Spain). Prize included recital engagements at the Palau de la Música de Valencia (Jan 8, 2025) and in Dénia, Spain.
Selected as piano soloist with the CPMT Orchestra through the internal student audition process; performed Mozart's Piano Concerto in D minor

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N12
in f minor BWV 881
W.A.Mozart : Piano Sonata N12 in F Major, K.332
– I. Allegro
F.Chopin : Etude in G-Flat Major, Op. 10 N5
A.Ginastera : Danzas Argentinas, Op. 2
I. Danza del viejo boyero
II. Danza de la moza donosa
III. Danza del gaucho matrero

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Piano Sonata No12 in F Major,
K. 332
I.Albéniz : Recuerdos de viaje, Op. 71
- N4 "En la Alhambra",
- N6 "Rumores de la Caleta",



Mariia Zanko
(Age 23, Ukraine)

3rd place in the eighth category of the 20th International Music Festival and Competition in Budapest

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N3
in C-Sharp Major BWV 848
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N21, Op. 53,
I. Allegro con brio
F.Chopin : Etude Op.25, N12
F.Chopin : Scherzo

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N7, Op10 N3,
I.Presto
V.Silvestrov : Piano Sonata N1
I.Moderato
II.Andantino
E.Suchoň : Mountain Suite
I.Rapsodia



Seoyoon Lee
(Age 24, South Korea)

2022 Universial Music Competition. 1st prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N9
in E Major BWV 854
L.v.Beethoven : Op.53, C Major Waldstein
- 1st mov.
F.Liszt : Transcendental Étude N10 in f minor
M.Borboudakis : Katharsis

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata Op.10 N3 in D Major
F.Liszt : Après une Lecture du Dante
- Fantasia quasi Sonata



Yani Sun
(Age 25, China)

Santa Cecília International Competition Junior 2nd Prize
"Hope Cup"Competition 1st Prize

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N18
in g-sharp minor BWV 887
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N27 in e minor, Op.90
- 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etude Op.10. N10
F.Chopin : Barcarolle in F-Sharp Major, Op.60

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Sonata N15 in F major, K533/494
- 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Ballade Op.47 N3 in A-Flat Major
F.Schubert : Sonata in c minor, D 958
- 1st mov.



Elen Harutyunyan
(Age 24, Armenia)

22.04.2011, VII Republican Pianist Competition named after Georgi Sarajev, third prize
Chamber Music Competition organized by the AGBU and was awarded the Grand Prix
GeneralBass International Piano Competition, First Prize in my category, and Special Prize for the best performance of a Baroque-era composition.

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC II: Prelude and Fugue N14
in f-sharp minor BWV 883
L.v.Beethoven : Sonata N7 in D major, Op.10 N3
- 1st mov.
F.Chopin : Etude in F major Op.10 N8
Komitas (Arr. by G.Saradjian) : Qeler,Tsoler

Final Round Program:
W.A.Mozart : Sonata N14 in c minor, K.457
- 1st mov.
Bach - Busoni : Chaconne in d minor



YoonSu Kim
(Age 24, South Korea)

Franz Liszt Competition Seoul - 1st Prize
Seoul Piano Competition - 3rd Prize
Vienna Music Festival - Grand Prix

First Round Program:
J.S.Bach : WTC I: Prelude and Fugue N9
in E Major BWV 854
W.A.Mozart : Sonate KV.311 - 1.Satz
F.Chopin : Etüde Op.25 N8
F.Liszt : Apres une lecture du Dante

Final Round Program:
L.v.Beethoven : Klaviersonate Op.106 N29 - 1.Satz
F.Liszt : Réminiscences de Norma, S.394

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- **Invitation by The Academic Symphony Orchestra of the Lviv National Philharmonic named after Myroslav Skoryk and the Lviv Krushelnytska State Music Lyceum to perform in one concert as a soloist with the Symphony Orchestra of Lviv (Ukraine) 2026/2027**
- **GRANT f or Participation at the masterclasses in International Piano Forum Sanok, Poland** - *Provided by "Bieszczady Without Borders"*
- **"Schubert Prize" – for the best interpretation of a work by Franz Schubert** - *Provided by Elena Margolina-Hait*
- **Prize for the youngest promising participants in each category**
- **Cash prizes**
- **Special prizes for category A**
- **Special prizes from independent press jury**
- **Special prizes from junior jury**
- **Others special prizes from: "Point d'Orque" , "MUSIC ACADEMY FORTE", "BRIMA" …**