in memoriam György Ferenczy

VII. INTERNATIONAL
CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION IN BUDAPEST

The Royal Castle Gödöllő (Grassalkovich – castle)

PARTNERS, CO-ORGANIZERS:

F. Chopin Elementary Music School, only one Hungarian music school named after Chopin,
Gödöllő Symphonic Orchestra,
Gödöllő Royal Castle.

The VII International Chopin Piano Competition will be held in Gödöllő, a small town close to Budapest, having sights of historical importance,

within the framework of Gödöllő Chopin Week

27 June – 8 July 2016.
Organisations or private persons are welcome to offer money or other material prizes until the beginning of the competition. The accepted prizes will be given as special awards. Money prizes will be paid out in the deposited currency.

THANKS FOR OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE SPONSORS.

Our competitions are dedicated to the memory of György Ferenczy (1902 – 1983), Hungarian piano artist and teacher, recognized as the best Chopin interpreter in Hungary of His time.

„MANY CAN PLAY MUSIC WELL, A FEW PLAYS IT BEAUTIFULLY” (György Ferenczy)

The competition is announced in three categories:

I. category: born in or after 2003
II. category: born in or after 1999
III. PROFESSIONAL category: born in or after 1981

Candidates are awaited from any countries, without any limitations in the types of schools and forms of education. The group of the participants which can represent the Hungarian primary music schools will be chosen in course of the VII. György Ferenczy National Piano Competition.

The auditions are open for the public. The rounds containing solo pieces will be held in the concert hall of the Frederic Chopin Music School, the round with orchestra – in the concert hall of the Royal Castle. The prize winners are required to play at the Award Ceremonies. The program will be established by the Jury.

The order of auditions can be modified by the decision of the Jury - for organisation / program reasons, or in other justified, exceptional case. In the case of competitor’s illness, confirmed by the local medical service, the competitor may be permitted to delay his/her performance until the end of the round.

The repertoire listed on the application form can be changed until the end of May 2016. The repertoire listed in the program brochure is definitive. The competitors should to play the pieces by heart, in optional order.

The Jury is international. The decisions are definitive, there is no opportunity to appeal them.

The Jury has the right to change the number of prizes and the amount of money awarded to the winners. According to the regulations of the National Fryderyk Chopin Institute in Warsaw, the scores will be exposed to a billboard after the end of each round, after the jury and the administrators completed their works, and also to the György Ferenczy Foundation’s website – when possible.

In justified cases, the organizers have the right to make decisions, which are unchallengeable and unchangeable.
I. category: born in or after 2003

Playtime: 10-15 minutes / round.
In case of exceeding the time limit, the Jury has the right to stop the performance and deduct scores.

Required material:
I. round: at least two optional works by Chopin, among them compulsorily one Chopin Mazurka,
if the playtime allows, one optional piece by another composer is permitted but not compulsory.

II. round: at least two optional works by Chopin, among them one Chopin Polonaise,
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PRIZES: 1200, 800, 500 USD, special prizes, material awards.

All three prize winners are required to play at the Award Ceremony.

THE FIRST PRIZE WINNER – in addition to this:
is invited to perform in Gödöllő Royal Castle concert hall, at the beginning of Alberto Nosè Gala Concert.

ENTRY FEE: 15 000 Ft or 50 EUR
The entry fee is not refundable, even in case of withdrawal or no-appearing for auditions.

II. category: born in or after 1999

Playtime: 20-25 minutes / round.
In case of exceeding the time limit, the Jury has the right to stop the performance and deduct scores.

Required material:
I. round: optional works by Chopin, among them compulsorily one Chopin Mazurka
if the playtime allows, one optional piece by another composer is permitted but not compulsory.

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III category: PROFESSIONAL – born in or after 1981

For the III category, the competition is preceded by preliminary round. Based on evaluation of recordings sent along with the application documents (DVD, Youtube etc), 30 applicants will be admitted to participate at the competition consisting of three rounds. The auditions will be open for the public.

The repertoire listed on the application form can be changed until the end of May 2016.

The repertoire listed in the program brochure is definitive.

The preliminary round material: one Valse by Chopin, one Nocturne by Chopin, two Studies by Chopin

The organizers inform the rejected candidates without explanation.

I. round: Preludes by Chopin (one of the following parts: 1-6, 7-12, 13-18, 19-24)
   a whole opus of Chopin Mazurkas
   a Polonaise by Chopin,
   an optional piece by Chopin - except from the already played categories, sonatas and concerts
   (recommended genres: Fantaisie, Impromptu, Ballade, Scherzo, Barcarole, Berceuse, Tarantella etc.).

   Based on the decision of the Committee, 12 competitors go on to the II round.
   The rejected participants will receive a memorial certificate.

II. round: a whole Sonata by Chopin

   Based on the decision of the Committee, 3 competitors go on to the III round.
   The rejected participants will receive a diploma.

III. round: a whole Piano Concert by Chopin

   The collaborative orchestra: Gödöllő Symphonic Orchestra, conductor: Gábor Horváth.

   The Concert performances establish the order of prizes.

PRIZES: 5000, 3000, 2000 USD
   invitations to concerts, special prizes, material awards.

All three prize winners are required to play at the Award Ceremony. The program will be established by the Jury.

THE FIRST PRIZE WINNER – in addition to this:

is required to perform his/her Chopin Piano Concert in Gödöllő Royal Castle “Lovarda” concert hall, in the framework of the concert of Gödöllő Symphonic Orchestra. Conductor: Gábor Horváth,

ENTRY FEE: 40 000 Ft or 130 EUR

The entry fee contains: preliminary round fee: 10 000 Ft or 30 EUR and participation fee: 30,000 Ft or 100 EUR.
In case of candidate rejection, the participation fee will be refunded after reduction of any bank transfer costs. The participation fee is not refundable in case of competitor’s withdrawal or no-appearing for auditions.
TERMS OF APPLICATION:

Application for the competition signifies irrevocable acceptance of the rules.

The prize winners are obliged to perform during award ceremonies and other related concerts/events without any fee.

The participant accepts that all photos, video, radio and television recordings taken during all the events of the competition are owned by the György Ferenczy Foundation, for taking and using them no fees are required.

Additional expenses related to the competition (travel costs, accommodation, meals) shall be borne by the participant.

The competitor takes care of accommodation booking.

The organizers draw attention to the Student Home of the Szent István University in Gödöllő: www.sziekollegium.hu

The completed application form enclosing the required documents should be sent:
VIA E-MAIL to: competition@chopin-budapest.hu
or BY REGISTERED MAIL to: Ferenczy György Alapítvány, H – 1172 Budapest, Nagyszékes u. 8

The required documents:
copy of the identification card or passport (name, citizenship, date of birth),
short professional biography
copy of bank recipes about the transfer with paying for the extra bank charges
electronic photo or two paper-based photos

for the III category only: the preliminary round video recordings

Incomplete or wrongly filled documents will be ignored without paying back the entry fee.

The György Ferenczy Foundation bank account:
Ferenczy György Alapítvány, 1172 Budapest, Nagyszékes u. 8.
MKB Bank Zrt, 1056 Budapest, Váci u. 38
SWIFT / BIC: MKKB HU HB,
IBAN: HU71 10300002 20616061 00003285

Deadline of mail delivery (the date stamp): 15. 03. 2016.

Deadline of the preliminary round results: 15. 04. 2016.

We wish the participants and their teachers successful preparation and good health