The 14th Khachaturian International Competition

The 14th Khachaturian International Competition (hereinafter Competition) will be held in Yerevan from June 6 to 14, 2018.

Conditions of the Competition
The Competition is open for cellists regardless their citizenship and nationality. The age limit of participants must be not younger than 16 and not older than 32 years inclusive at the date of the opening ceremony of the Competition (June 6, 2018).
The Khachaturian International Cello Competition consists of Preliminary selection and 3 rounds: 1st round, 2nd round (semifinal), 3rd round (final).
No more than 30 participants will be selected to participate in the 1st round of the Competition.
No more than 15 participants will be selected to participate in the 2nd round.
No more than 4 participants will be selected to participate in the 3rd round.
In special cases, by decision of the jury, a larger number of participants can be admitted to the next round of the Competition.
All competition pieces (except the sonatas) must be performed by heart. The program of the competition cannot be changed during the competition.
Each participant is free to decide the order of his/her pieces during the performance.
The pitch of the piano is 442 Hz.
The Competition will provide contestant with a room for warm-up an hour before performance during each round.
The jury reserves the right to refrain from awarding a prize altogether or to divide a prize. The decision of the jury is final and indisputable.
The 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds of the Competition are public.
The order of appearance of participants will be determined by a random draw and will be kept till the end of the Competition.
All rights to recording and broadcast of some of the rounds of the Competition and the final concerts of the winners (as also to the sale and distribution of the forgoing materials) belong to the Competition Committee; participants will not be compensated.
All the finalists of the Competition are obliged to give a gratis performance on the closing ceremony and the concert of the Laureates of the Competition, as well as other concerts organized by the competition contributing to its promotion with no financial reimbursement.

Selection of participants
Each participant must provide the Competition with a link of his/her video performance of compositions for solo cello or cello and piano (orchestra) by both a composer of classic period and a composer of romantic period.
Participants must mention in the application form the exact list of compositions, indicating the date and duration of the video recordings.
The duration of the 2 links should be no more than 20 minutes. Videos should be taken by one fixed camera without interruption during performance of one piece. Only videos made after June 6, 2015 are accepted.
Participants who passed the Preliminary selection will be informed via e-mail. The results of Preliminary selection will be announced on the website of the Competition on May 5, 2018.

Admission fee
The Organizing committee of the competition has set an admission fee for the applicants.
• In case of applying till January 10, 2018 (included) the applicants should pay 100 Euro
• In case of applying from January 11 to April 10, 2018 (included) the applicants should pay 150 Euro
• In case of applying from April 11 to April 25, 2018 (included) the applicants should pay 200 Euro

Any bank transfer fee should be paid by the applicant. The admission fee will not be reimbursed.
Foreign applicants should transfer the amount to the bank account of the Competition as follows:
Raiffeisen Zentralbank Oesterreich AG, Vienna, Austria
SWIFT: RZBAATWW
Beneficiary’s bank:
UNIBANK, Armenia, SWIFT: UNIJ AM 22
Beneficiary: ARAM KHACHATRYAN-MRTSUYT MSH.HIMNADRAM
Account No: 24130001552602 EUR

Citizens of the Republic of Armenia should make the transfer of the admission fee in AMD to the following bank account:
“Aram Khachaturian Competition” Cultural Foundation
TIN: 02568841
Address: Yerevan, 0009, Zarubyan st. 3
UNIBANK 24130001552600 AMD

How to Apply
Application for participation and other documents should be sent by the following e-mail: info@khachaturian-competition.com.
The deadline of the applications is 25 April, 2018. Application form can be downloaded here.
The completed application form should be attached with documents listed below:

- The photocopy of the passport,
- Biography (in English),
- One artistic photo (of 2Mb minimal size) for use in the competition print materials,
- 2 letters of recommendation provided by well-known musicians,
- Copy of the admission fee payment order. No application will be considered without payment confirmation document.

The Competition has the right to reject an application which does not meet the regulations of the Competition. Participants representing false information are subject to disqualification.
An application signed by the candidate indicates that he/she accepts all the conditions of the Competition.

Information for foreign participants
After receiving the invitation the foreign participants should apply to the Armenian Embassy or Consulate in their countries for visa if necessary. You can check the necessity of the visa via this link http://www.mfa.am/en/visa.
The Competition can provide accompanists (pianists) to the contestants but it should be indicated in the application form beforehand. During each round contestants are given 2 free hours for rehearsal with the accompanist.
During the whole competition the Committee provides foreign participants with hotel and food.
The Competition does not cover the expenses of the accompanying persons (including the accompanists).

As of the moment of publication all the rules of participation are correct. However, the organizing committee of the Competition reserves the right of certain adjustments not later than two months before the Competition launch.