First Vienna International Music Competition
(Piano, Strings, Voice, Winds, Chamber Music)

REGULATIONS

The “Vienna International Music Competition” has been designed to promote musicians of all ages and disciplines who possess outstanding artistic personality, by offering them a debut recital at Musikverein, together with a cash prize and an audio/video recording of the performance. Vienna is universally considered the capital of classical music, and Musikverein is probably the most popular and prestigious classical concert hall, closely connected to the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, the iconic New Year’s Concert as well as musical geniuses like Herbert von Karajan.

VIDEO SELECTION (travel is NOT required to apply).
No age limit. ALL musical disciplines.

Application Deadline: 20 NOVEMBER 2018

Notification of winners (results): 15 January 2019
Application fee: 95€ (or $109 USD)

WINNERS’ RECITALS: MUSIKVEREIN
(Gläserner Saal):
9 March 2019
VIEW EVENT on MUSIKVEREIN’s calendar

Over 20.000 € in prizes

REGISTRATION FEE:
95 Euros or $110 American dollars

CATEGORIES

JUNIOR: 12 years old and younger
YOUNG ARTIST: 13 to 19 years old
VIRTUOSO: 20 to 26 years old
PROFESSIONAL: 27 years old and older, with no age limit
MUSIC DISCIPLINES

Discipline A: PIANO

Discipline B: STRINGS
(Violin - Viola - Cello - Double Bass - Harp - Guitar)

Discipline C: VOICE
(Soprano - Mezzo - Contralto - Tenor - Baryton - Bass)

Discipline D: WOODWINDS, BRASS
(Flute - Oboe - Clarinet - Bassoon
Trumpet - French Horn - Trombone - Tuba - Accordion
- Saxophone)

Discipline E: CHAMBER MUSIC
(Duos, Trios, Quartets and Quintets)

PRIZES

- At least 12 Recitals at Musikverein:
In each of the four age categories (Junior, Young Artist, Virtuoso and Professional), at least three First Grand Prizes will be awarded. The musicians who are awarded a First Grand Prize (at least 12 musicians) will each offer a short recital at Musikverein (Gläsnder Saal), on 9th March, 2019. The Awards Ceremony will take place in conjunction with the winners’ recitals at Musikverein on 9th March, 2019.

- Audio and video recording:
A professional recording will be made at the winners' recitals (Musikverein), and will be offered to the winners for personal use. Professional pictures will be taken for the winners as well.
- Cash prize:
Each of the winners of a First Grand Award (at least 12, three musicians in each age category), will receive a professional fee for the concert at Musikverein, as well as free invitations for distribution to family and friends.
- International management:
Various musicians will be offered the invitation to join the roster of “Manhattan Concert Artists” for worldwide representation, as a free service with no exclusivity.

www.manhattanconcertartists.com
- Marketing campaign and publicity for the concert at Musikverein. International critics, music promoters and international managers will be invited.
- At least 30 Golden and Silver special prizes: offered to musicians who possess outstanding talent.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Competitors are to register before the 20th of November 2018 (application deadline), by using the online form (APPLICATION in the main menu), and following these steps:
- All fields of the online form should be filled out.
- A brief biography (no more than 500 words) must be submitted, highlighting the musician's main achievements and musical training (schools).
- Applicants must select the appropriate category for their age:
  The JUNIOR category is open to musicians who are 12 years old or younger on the 1st of January of 2019.
  The YOUNG ARTIST category is open to musicians who are between 13 and 19 years old on the 1st of January of 2019.
  The VIRTUOSO category is open to musicians who are between 20 and 26 years old on the 1st of January of 2019.
  The PROFESSIONAL category is open to musicians who are at least 27 years old on the 1st of January of 2019 (with no age limit).
  For Chamber Music ensembles (duos, trios, quartets and quintets), the age category will be determined by the age of the oldest member of the ensemble. For example, if one trio is composed of a 12-year-old pianist, a 17-year-old violinist and a 20-year-old cellist, the trio must apply for the Virtuoso category, since the oldest member fits into this age category.
  The application form must be filled by the oldest member of the Chamber Music ensemble with his / her personal data. Additionally, he or she must specify on the form the name, age, instrument and email of the other members of the Chamber Music ensemble. In the case of Chamber Music Ensembles, each member of the ensemble must submit the application fee individually.

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REPERTOIRE for musikverein
- Provide the REPERTOIRE to be performed at MUSIKVEREIN, according to the following length for each category:
PERFORMANCE TIMES AT MUSIKVEREIN

JUNIOR: around 5 minutes
YOUNG ARTIST: around 8 minutes
VIRTUOSO: around 12 minutes
PROFESSIONAL: around 15 minutes

Applicants can propose 1, 2 or even 3 short pieces. Individual movements of large pieces are acceptable. The total playing time can vary around 2 minutes from the proposed timing for each category. Pianists must choose pieces for piano solo. String players, singers and wind performers can choose pieces with piano accompaniment or solo repertoire. String players, wind performers and singers will NOT need to perform with their own piano accompanists. The Vienna International Competition will provide an accompanist for the Winner’s Concert at Musikverein on 9th March, 2019.

video recordings

- Applicants must send the links of the videos they wish to submit for consideration (via Youtube, Vimeo, Youku, etc.). They can send 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 individual links of the video recordings. The repertoire of the video recordings is totally FREE: applicants can choose the styles, pieces and composers that best describe their artistic personality in the best way. The total duration of the video recordings should last at least as long as the proposed performance time for each category:

TOTAL DURATION OF THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

JUNIOR: 5 minutes or more
YOUNG ARTIST: 8 minutes or more
VIRTUOSO: 12 minutes or more
PROFESSIONAL: 15 minutes or more

The musical works of the video recordings may be different to the repertoire proposed for the recital at Musikverein. Solo recordings and concertos with orchestra or piano accompaniment are acceptable, as well as individual movements of sonatas and concertos. String performers, singers and wind performers can send repertoire for duo with piano. In the event that a candidate cannot submit the videos online for technical reasons or cannot make the payment by credit card, contact us via email at for assistance.
AWARD PUBLICATION

- Winners' names will be published on the “Vienna International Music Competition” website: (www.viennacompetition.com) on 15 January 2019.
- The Winners' recitals at Musikverein, in all categories (Junior, Young Artist, Virtuoso and Professional) will take place on 9 March 2019. VIEW EVENT.
- The audio and video recordings will be conferred at the Winners' Gala (Award Ceremony), on 9 March 2019 at Musikverein.
- International Jury: The audition for the jury will be evaluated through the video materials presented by each participant. A panel of international judges will evaluate the video material submitted, and the final selections of winners will be based solely on the video recordings submitted. Judges are independent, and their students are not permitted to participate in the competition.

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

- By submitting an application, the participant accepts the regulations, the general policies, the terms of use, and the privacy policy of the competition.

- Applications of minor musicians must be filled and submitted by their parents or legal guardian (tutor).

- Once an online application is sent, it may be resubmitted to change its content. Only the last version submitted will be considered by the jury.

- Once the application fee is submitted, it cannot be reimbursed.

- The international jury's decisions are final and not to be discussed. The jury's votes and opinions are strictly confidential, and the jury members will not be able to provide feedback about the applicant's performance on the video recordings.

- Applicants who fail to submit the online application and the application fee prior to the deadline will be disqualified. In the case of Chamber Music Ensembles, each member of the ensemble have to submit the application fee individually.