Dear pianists,

The World Piano Teachers Association has launched its International Piano Competition (WPTA IPC), a member of the Alink-Argerich Foundation.

It is a competition with a real difference; our mission is "Putting pianists where they belong - on the stage!"

Laureates will be featured as soloists at the annual World Piano Conference (WPC) in Novi Sad, Serbia. The winner of the Concerto category will perform with orchestra at the WPC Grand Gala Opening and winners of the Recital and Chamber Music categories will be presented in the WPC Evening Celebrity Series.

The auditioning process is unique as competitors can send us their recordings as web-posted links or audio-visual files. Alternatively a live audition by a WPTA-appointed judge can be arranged in many places around the world.

In this way competitors avoid the expense normally associated with travelling to international piano competitions (airfares, accommodation etc). It also eliminates the stress of the live competing atmosphere, enabling pianists to select their best performances for us to hear.

Laureates will have all their costs covered. In addition to their concert platform they will benefit from free masterclasses with world-class musicians and have access to all events in the World Piano Conference. The WPC provides the perfect opportunity to network and make musical contacts all over the world.

The annual application deadline is March 31 and awards will be realised at the subsequent World Piano Conference (June 27 - July
3 each year). The announcement of laureates will take place on April 15 each year.

Please find attached the WPTA IPC Rules and Application Form.

Complete details are available online at www.wpta.info/ipc.htm

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

We cordially invite you to apply for this exciting event which can enhance your career in so many ways!

Kind regards,
WPTA IPC

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WPTA IPC APPLICATION FORM

First (Given) Name:
Last (Family) Name:
Gender (delete as appropriate):  Male  Female
Nationality:
Date of Birth (day/month/year):
Country of Birth:
Address:
Telephone:
Mobile Phone:
Email:

1. I am applying for the following competition category (delete as appropriate):
   A) Piano Concerto category
   B-1) Piano Recital category - short recital (30-40 minutes)
   B-2) Piano Recital category - full recital (55-65 minutes of music + 10 minute interval)
   C-1) Chamber Music category - short recital (30-40 minutes)
   C-2) Chamber Music category - full recital (55-65 minutes of music + 10 minute interval)
   If applying for the Chamber Music category, provide names and instruments of chamber music partners:

2. For audition, I provide (delete as appropriate):
   A) Web-link(s)
      URL(s):
      Works performed:
      Date of performance:
      Venue:
   B) Audio-visual recording (as email attachment)
      Works performed:
      Date of performance:
      Venue:
   C) Details of live audition:
      Name of the WPTA-appointed judge:
      Works performed:
      Date of audition:
      Time of audition:
      Venue:

The audition programme, whether sent as a web-link/recording or presented at a live audition, should consist of a minimum of 20 minutes well-contrasted repertoire which is taken from the full programme offered for performance during the WPC. Web-links and audio-visual recordings should clearly show you as the performer in an unedited performance. It is permitted to send a
combination of A and B or to use recordings submitted for previous competitions (see complete WPTA IPC Competition Rules).

3. Application fee payment details

Please visit [www.wpta.info/ipc.htm](http://www.wpta.info/ipc.htm) and follow instructions to make payment. You will then receive an electronic remittance slip which you must forward to office@wpta.info

In addition please provide this information (delete as appropriate):

Last four digits of the credit/debit card used for payment:

or

I used Pay-Pal for the payment

4. Other materials

Please send a colour photograph and biography in English to office@wpta.info

5. The full programme (please highlight in bold the pieces offered for audition):

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By typing my name below and sending this Application Form to WPTA IPC, I state that all information given here and in my biography is true. I agree to the WPTA IPC rules and accept as final the decisions of the competition jury.

First and Last Name

Date

Please send all correspondence, Application Form and materials to office@wpta.info