

PIANOTALENTS ONLINE 2020

Rules for Application

- 1) The PianoFriends Association announces an extraordinary edition of the "PianoTalents Online" International Competition, which will take place through viewing of the videos received by an international jury.
- 2) Pianists of all nationalities, aged between 6 and 21, will be admitted to the competition.
- 3) The competition is split into the following categories divided into 3 sections:

Kids Section

Age Category A: 6-7 years

Age Category B: 8-9 years

Young Section

Age Category C: 10-11 years

Age Category D: 12-13 years

Age Category E: 14-15 years

Senior Section

Age Category F: 16 to 18 years old

Age Category G: from 19 to 21 years

Candidates will be able to enrol into higher categories of their age if, according to their preparation, they deem it appropriate. You cannot register for multiple categories.

Note: Winners of the first absolute prizes of the previous editions cannot re-enrol in the same category, but only in higher category.

4) Selection tests by sending videos

Competitors must submit to the Jury the link to the video of their execution, which will be uploaded online by the competitor on the Youtube platform, Vimeo or other hosting service.

- Video features: 1080 HD with fixed shooting without detachments to see hands and face
- The video link must be received along with the application form by 10 October 2020

The Jury's activities will take place from 15 to 20 October 2020 via video conference. At the end of the Jury's judgement, the results of each category will be made public on 22nd October on the website www.pianofriends.eu and on Facebook page. The absolute winners and the relative scores will be announced. All participants will receive their diploma via email, the First Absolute winners must collect their certificate during the Gala Concert on 13 December 2020.

5) Program

Kids section

Category A: free program with a maximum duration of 7 minutes.

Category B: free program with a maximum duration of 9 minutes.

Young section

Category C: free program with a maximum duration of 11 minutes.

Category D: free program with a maximum duration of 13 minutes.

Category E: free program with a maximum duration of 15 minutes.

Senior section

Category F: free program with a maximum duration of 20 minutes.

Category G: free program with a maximum duration of 25 minutes.

Gala concert will be held at Casa Verdi, Hall of Honor, in Milan on 13 December 2020.

The first absolute prizes of each category, will perform the pieces that the jury will have selected during the listening of the videos and communicated promptly.

6) Awards

Kids section

1st prize absolute category A: € 300

1st absolute prize category B: € 400

Young section

1st absolute prize category C: € 600

1st absolute prize category D: € 700

1st absolute prize category E: € 800

Senior section

1st absolute prize category F: € 900

1st absolute prize category G: € 1,000

Super prizes

Kids Section (Cat. A-B) "PianoTalents Online Kids 2020", scholarship prize of € 500.

Young Section (Cat. C-D-E) "Young Talents Online 2020", scholarship prize of € 1,000.

Senior Section (Cat. F-G) "Senior Talents Online 2020", scholarship prize € 1,500

7) Registration procedure

Candidates will be able to register for the competition from May 1, 2020 and no later than October 10, 2020 by filling in the registration form on the website www.pianofriends.eu

To go directly to the subscription module please [clik here](#)

The registration fee will be paid through Paypal; to complete the registration procedure, follow all the instructions on the form including the upload of the required documents.

Any questions sent after the deadline may exceptionally be accepted at the discretion of the Artistic Director.

On the application form, candidates must indicate the author, title and duration of the compositions that will be performed in the video.

8) Entry Fee

Section

Category A: € 40

Category B: € 40

Category C: € 60

Category D: € 60

Category E: € 60

Category F: € 80

Category G: € 80

The registration fee will be paid with Paypal directly from the site.

The payment reference must contain the wording "Contribution to PianoTalents Online Competition 2020 - Extraordinary edition", the candidate's surname, section and category. The registration fee is not refundable, with the exception if the competition is cancelled.

In absence of the participation fee, the registration will not be valid and participation will not be guaranteed.

9) The jury's decisions will be final and not subject to any appeal.

10) The jury reserves the right not to award prizes if no candidate achieve the standard required.

11) The winners of the first absolute prizes must perform for free in the Gala Concert to be held on 13 December 2020 in the Honor Hall of Casa Verdi in Milan, where scholarships will also be awarded. If the winner will not attend her/his prize will be cancelled.

The winners of the first absolute prizes in each category of the Kids section (Cat. A-B) should participate in a further test, during the gala concert, in which the "PianoTalents Online Kids 2020" Prize awarded: a scholarship of € 500.

The winners of the first absolute prizes of each category of the Young section (Cat. C-D-E) should participate in a further test, during the gala concert, in which the "Piano Talents Online Young 2020" Prize awarded: a scholarship of € 1,000.

The winners of the first absolute prizes of each category of the Senior section (Cat. F-G) should participate in a further test during the gala concert, in which the " Piano Talents Online Senior 2020" award will be awarded: a scholarship of € 1,500.

- 12) The organizers reserve the right to record all the performances during the Gala Concert, for use at their own discretion for radio and television broadcasts, or other purpose. Each candidate, by signing the entry form, will renounce all rights, fees and claims regarding such recordings, films and broadcasts.
- 13) For underage candidates, a consensus form, signed by a parent or guardian, is required to authorise personal data, photos, audio and video submitted.
- 14) By registering to the Competition, you give consensus to the above.
- 15) Candidates, awarded at the International Piano Talents Online Competition, commit themselves to use the title actually issued by the jury. Any abuse will be prosecuted according to the law.
- 16) The jury is made up of well-known artists from Italy and other nationality.
- 17) Registration for the Competition implies acceptance of these rules, Competition Administration reserve the right to amend any of the rules or regulations contained herein if it is considered necessary to give proper efficacy to the running of the Competition.
- 18) For any dispute, the jurisdiction will be under the Italian legislation, Milan court.