

# PIANOTALENTS 2021

## Rules for Application

- 1) **PianoFriends** Association announces the **11th edition** of the **International PianoTalents Competition**, which will take place in Milan (Italy) from November 18th to November 21st, 2021.
- 2) Pianists of all nationalities, aged between 5 and 18, will be admitted to the competition.
- 3) The competition is split into the following categories:
  - Age Category A: 5-6 years
  - Age Category B: 7-8 years
  - Age Category C: 9-10 years
  - Age Category D: 11-12 years
  - Age Category E: 13-14 years
  - Age Category F: 15-16 years
  - Age Category G: 17-18 years

Candidates can enroll into higher categories of their age if, according to their preparation, they deem it appropriate. You cannot register for multiple categories.

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

- 4) The Competition will be split into two rounds:
  - First Round**, for which participants must submit a recorded video of their performance.
  - Final Round**, in person, in which the first prizes of each category will have access, for a maximum of 7 pianists per category.

The Final Round takes place from November 18th to November 21st, 2021, **starting from the G category**, in the Hall of Honor of the Casa G. Verdi, Piazza Buonarroti 29, Milan (Italy).

Second prize, third prize, merit and participation diplomas will be awarded to all participants and non-finalists.

## 5) Program

### Video for First Round

Category A: free program with a maximum duration of 5 minutes.

Category B: free program with a maximum duration of 6 minutes.

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

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

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

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

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

### Final Round (in person)

Category A: free program with a maximum duration of 5 minutes.

Category B: free program with a maximum duration of 6 minutes.

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

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

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

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

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

### Note

During the Final Round you cannot perform the same program of the First Round.

## 6) Awards

Three scholarships will be awarded for each category: the first absolute prize and the two non-absolute first prizes with the highest score.

### Category A

1° absolute prize: € 400

1° prize: € 200

1° prize: € 100

### Category B

1° absolute prize: € 500

1° prize: € 250

1° prize: € 150

#### Category C

1° absolute prize: € 600

1° prize: € 300

1° prize: € 200

#### Category D

1° absolute prize: € 700

1° prize: € 350

1° prize: € 250

#### Category E

1° absolute prize: € 800

1° prize: € 400

1° prize: € 300

#### Category F

1° absolute prize: € 900

1° prize: € 450

1° prize: € 350

#### Category G

1° absolute prize: € 1000

1° prize: € 500

1° prize: € 400

### **PIANOTALENTS 2021 SCHOLARSHIP € 1500**

The first absolute prizes of each category will participate in the Gala Concert on November 21st, 2021 at 4.30 pm.

On this occasion, the **PianoTalents 2021** scholarship will be awarded.

All those awarded with scholarships must be present and perform at the Award Concert on November 21st, 2021 at 3 pm for the expected prize collection, under penalty of cancellation of the prize.

The other finalists will participate in an awards concert dedicated to them on November 20th at 4 pm in which they will perform and will be awarded by the Jury.

### Special Awards:

The President of the Società dei Concerti Foundation, M.to Enrica Ciccarelli and the President of the Cesar Franck International Competition in Brussels, M.to Philippe Raskin, will choose a pianist to be invited to their 2022 concert season from among the winners of the first absolute prizes.

### Voting procedure:

For each category, the Absolute First Prize will be awarded to the finalist participant with a score of not less than 98/100.

For each category, the First Prize will be awarded to the finalist participant with a score of not less than 95/100.

For each category, the Second Prize will be awarded to the finalist participant with a score of not less than 90/100.

For each category, the Third Prize will be awarded to the finalist participant with a score of not less than 85/100.

For each category, the Merit Diploma will be awarded to the finalist participant with a score of not less than 80/100.

For each category, the Participation Diploma will be awarded to the finalist participant with a score of not less than 75/100.

Second prize, third prize, merit and participation diplomas will be sent via email.

### Entry fee

Category A-B € 60

Category C-D-E € 70

Category F-G € 80

### Entry fee for Final

Category A-B € 40

Category C-D-E € 50

Category F-G € 60

The entry fees must be paid by bank transfer to the following bank account in the name of PianoFriends Association:

**IBAN** IT46Q0335901600100000069651

**BIC/ SWIFT** BCITITMX

Banca Prossima - Filiale di Milano

Piazza Paolo Ferrari 10 - 20121 Milano (Italy)

The payment reference for the First round must contain the words "**PianoTalents 2021 Competition Contribution**", the candidate's surname and category.

The payment reference for the Final must contain the words "Contribution for the Final PianoTalents 2021 Competition", the surname of the candidate and the category.

The registration fee is not refundable except in case of cancellation of the competition.

In case of missed payment of the required contributions, the registration will not be considered valid.

## 7) Registration procedure

Candidates will be able to register for the competition no later than October 1st, 2021 by filling in the registration form on the website [www.pianofriends.eu](http://www.pianofriends.eu)

During the registration procedure for the First Round, competitors must enter the link to the video of their performance, which must be uploaded by the competitor on the Youtube platform in "**unlisted**" mode

- Video features: 1080 HD format, single film without any editing; with fixed shooting of a single camera, without cuts, which allows the vision of hands and face.
- The "PianoTalents Competition 2021" sign, filled in all its parts, must be visible in the video (the sign can be downloaded from the website with all the registration materials). At the beginning of the video, the candidate must present himself by saying his name and surname, his category and a statement that he is recording the video for the PianoTalents 2021 Competition.

The results of the First Round will be communicated not later than October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by publishing the rankings on the website [www.pianofriends.eu](http://www.pianofriends.eu)

The finalists must pay the second part of the registration fee by 30 October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, otherwise they will not participate in the Final. Any applications sent after the deadline may exceptionally be accepted at the discretion of the Artistic Director

On the registration form, candidates must indicate the author, title and duration of the chosen compositions of both rounds.

- 8) Before the Final round, candidates must show a valid identity document to the competition secretariat.
- 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) During the Final, results of each category will be announced at the end of each category.
- 12) The winners of the first absolute prizes, under penalty of cancellation of the prize, must participate in the Gala Concert, which will be held on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 4.30 pm at the Hall of Honor of Casa Verdi.
- 13) In the case of radio, television, or audio and / or video recording of the competition rehearsals and the prize-giving concert, the candidates have no right to make any claim or request towards the production and broadcasting bodies.
- 14) For underage candidates, the consensus form signed by a parent or guardian authorizing the Secretariat to process personal data, including the dissemination of photographic, audio and video material, must be presented. The release is available on the site like all other registration materials.
- 15) Candidates, awarded at the International PianoTalents 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 eminent artists of Italian and foreign nationality. The members of the Jury can present their students upon notice to the secretariat at the beginning of the competition. In this case, they will abstain from voting on their students.
- 17) Registration for the Competition implies the unconditional acceptance of the above rules, as well as the reservation of the Artistic and Organizational Direction to make changes to them.
- 18) For any dispute, the regulation in Italian is valid and the Court of Milan is competent.