



# The 1st WPTA Finland International Piano Competition

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. About the competition

1. The WPTA Finland International Piano Competition (WPTA Finland IPC) is an **online piano competition** based on video selection, organized by the national association of WPTA (World Piano Teachers Association) Finland.
2. The WPTA Finland IPC is open to pianists of all nationalities from 5 to 30 years old. Young pianists are encouraged to apply, as are emerging and established pianists who seek further promotion and performance opportunities.
3. The mission of the WPTA Finland IPC is to provide awarded laureates with high-level performance opportunities before an audience of world-class pianists, professors and critics as well as members of the general public. Furthermore, its aim is to encourage and promote educational and social interaction between young pianists and established professionals.
4. *Multiple prize winners* for each category will be selected. Attractive prize awards for 1<sup>st</sup> prize laureates include: (Refer to section V).
5. In addition, all participants will be issued an International WPTA IPC Diploma and top winners will be featured on our competition website with concert portrait, biography and their prize winning video.

### II. Application Procedure

1. Application deadline: **19th March 2019**.
2. Late submission will not be considered.
3. Application fee: **€75 (Cat. A-F), €100 (Cat. G-I)**
4. Application fee is non-refundable
5. The competition result will be announced by email on **2nd April 2019**.

Registration can be carried out online via this link: <https://form.jotform.me/90743057640456>

Candidates will be sent an email confirming the approval of their applications. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and application fee will not be refunded.

### **III. Video submission guidelines**

1. Edited/processed video will not be accepted.
2. The work(s) must be performed from memory.
3. No more than 3 pieces are allowed for each candidate.
4. The applicant's face and hands have to be clearly visible.
5. Content of the recording must include: name of participant, full title (including opus number), composers, duration of performance, date and time of recording. The content must be indicated in description of video.
6. Professional recording is not mandatory, but submitted recording must be of reasonable video and audio quality with minimal background noise.
7. Please upload and submit the video by link (YouTube, Vimeo, Dailymotion, Youku or similar video online platforms), and the video must not be private.
8. Video must not contain any copyrighted materials.
9. The WPTA Finland IPC Committee reserves the exclusive rights to re-upload the video submitted by contestants for marketing or any other purposes.

### **IV. Category Division**

**The competition is divided into the following categories, divided in four sections:**

Applicants can choose to perform a free choice solo repertoire according to their respective categories:

Kids Section:

- Category A : 5 to 6 years (01.01.2013 - 31.12.2014)
- Category B : 7 to 8 years (01.01.2011 - 31.12.2012)
- Category C : 9 to 10 years (01.01.2009 - 31.12.2010)

Junior Section:

- Category D : 11 to 12 years (01.01.2007 - 31.12.2008)
- Category E : 13 to 14 years (01.01.2005 - 31.12.2006)
- Category F : 15 to 16 years (01.01.2003 - 31.12.2004)

Senior Section:

- Category G : 17 to 19 years (01.01.2000 - 31.12.2002)
- Category H : 20 to 22 years (01.01.1997 - 31.12.1999)

Artist Section

- Category I : 23 to 30 years (born on or after 20.03.1989)

**Length of recording**

Kids Section

- Category A : up to 2 minutes
- Category B : up to 3 minutes
- Category C : up to 5 minutes

Junior Section

- Category D : up to 7 minutes
- Category E : up to 8 minutes
- Category F : up to 9 minutes

Senior Section

- Category G : up to 12 minutes
- Category H : up to 18 minutes

Artist Section

- Category I : up to 23 minutes

**V. Prizes and Awards**

**Absolute Prize – Platinum award**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Gold award**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Silver award**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Bronze award**

**Merit awards**

**Certificate of participation**

**Laureates of WPTA Finland IPC will also receive:**

1. An International WPTA Finland IPC Diploma co-signed by all jury members of the competition.
2. Web presence on our website featuring winner's concert portrait, biography and prize winning video after the competition.
3. A copy of jury's comments and marks can be made available upon request

**Special masterclass awards:** Masterclass opportunity for outstanding candidates from **Junior Section** with Finnish pianist **Teppo Koivisto** (Sibelius Academy, Head of Junior Piano Department)

Absolute prize winners from **Senior and Artist section** will each receive the following *cash prizes* :

1. Senior Section - Category G : **€150**
2. Senior Section - Category H : **€200**
3. Artist Section - Category I : **€300**

**Selected prize winners will be presented in concerts and masterclasses in Europe (Finland/Italy/Serbia) and Asia (Singapore) including:**

- **World Piano Conference 2019** in Novi Sad, Serbia. (Masterclass, performance and lectures included)
- **Naples Music Festival** in Italy (Offered by Associazione Mousikè, masterclass with Professor **Giuseppe Devastato**)
- **Singapore Performers' Festival 2019**. (Including two masterclasses and solo performance in Singapore)

Note: Prize-winners invited to international festivals are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

## VI. Competition jury

1. The competition jury will be comprised of internationally recognized musicians and pianists.
2. The jury's decisions are final and are not subjected to appeal. By signing the application form, a competitor accepts the WPTA Finland IPC rules and the decisions of the competition jury.
3. Members of jury may not vote for a candidate who is, or has been, his/her student for more than one year.

## VII. General Rules

1. The WPTA Finland IPC reserves the right to make any changes to the rules, schedule and any information relating to the prizes at any time.
2. Participants agree and authorize the organizer, WPTA Finland IPC, to use their image, biography and winning videos for promotion and publicity relating to the event.
3. Multiple awards may be given in each category. Absolute prize may only be awarded to ONE candidate, and is not mandatory unless there is a suitable candidate to award to. In this matter, the jury's decisions are final and are not subjected to appeal.
4. The scholarships are strictly not convertible to cash or transferrable. Awards offered to absolute prize winners are subjected to changes and are decided solely by WPTA Finland IPC which must not be disputed.
5. For additional information, please send an email to [wpta.finland.ipc@gmail.com](mailto:wpta.finland.ipc@gmail.com)

## VIII. Management and Contact Information

WPTA Finland International Piano Competition Committee

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