15th INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION PREMIO CITTA’ DI PADOVA FOR SOLOISTS AND ORCHESTRA

The Competition will take place in Padova - Italy in Teatro-Auditorium del Collegio Vescovile Barbarigo (address: Via Rogati 17) from June 11th to June 18th 2017. The Final Stage with the Symphony Orchestra will take place on 27th of January 2018 in Auditorium of Music Conservatory “Cesare Pollini” in Padova.

The application deadline is April 23rd 2017.

This competition is open to pianists, string and wind instrumentalists. Two preliminary rounds will take place from June the 11th to June the 18th 2017 and the final stage with the Symphony Orchestra will take place on 27th of January 2018 (max. 3 competitors chosen from sections piano, strings, winds).

There are 3 rounds:

1) **first preliminary round**: each competitor will perform a solo free choice program (music written for solo instruments, without the piano accompaniment for strings and winds), not more than 15 minutes length. Therefore, in the first round the piano accompaniment is not arranged for string and wind instruments.

2) **second preliminary round**: each competitor will perform one concerto movement chosen from the list (look at the art.9 with detailed list). The performance will include the piano accompaniment of the orchestra score. The performing concerto movement (only one movement) will be chosen by the jury and communicated to competitors together with the results of preliminary round. For the second preliminary round the competitors can bring their own piano accompanist or require the Padova Competition staff piano accompanist for an added fee (look at the art.10). The extra charge fee has to be sent to the competition secretary together with the application fee with the same bank transfert. There is no extra fee refund for the contestant who does not get in the second round.

3) **final stage with Orchestra**: the competitors will perform the entire concerto with the Symphony Orchestra in a public concert which will take place on 27th of January 2018 in Auditorium of Music Conservatory “Cesare Pollini” in Padova.

**GENERAL RULES**

**Art. 1** - The Competition is open to musicians of all nationalities and background. The competition purpose is to select musicians with high professional qualities to be introduced in national and international concert circuit. The winners will be included in XXVI International Concert Season 2018-2019 (october-april) of Padova Music Association AGIMUS in Padova and/or Rome, Venice, Abano Terme and in other main italian cities for the most important concert institutions.
Art. 2 - The application form has to be sent by e-mail IN DOC or PDF FILE to the Competition Secretary not later than April 23rd 2017 (deadline) at the following e-mail address: padovacompetition@gmail.com

The application form must be completed with the following documents:

- demand of registration as ordinary member of Padova AGIMUS Association, the Competition organizing institution (for underage contestants, the request will be compiled by one of the parents) and signing of the form about privacy and processing of personal data (see pre-filled sample attached). The secretary will not accept the applications without this two application forms completely filled and signed;
- copy of the Identity Document;
- biography;
- music score copy (to be sent by e-mail) in case the competitor requires staff piano accompanist. In this case the competitors have to communicate the concerto to the Competition Secretary, which will demand music score copy if needed. Music scores copies has to be sent by deadline, April 23rd 2017. 2 copies of music scores that has to be shown to the jury are not to be sent with the application, but only exhibited before the audition (see Art.4);
- photocopy of application fee payment (including the piano accompanist fee that has to be added to the the application fee and paid by only one bank transfert).

The payment has to made by bank transfer.

Beneficiary: Associazione Musicale AGIMUS di Padova

Bank: UNICREDIT Agenzia di Padova, San Marco

IBAN CODE: IT64T0200812113000100539159

BIC-SWIFT CODE: UNCRITM1QT9

Any bank fees on transfers will be paid by the participants.

The application fee and piano accompanist fee will not be refunded in case of competitor’s withdrawal.

The application form will not be accepted without the attached receipt.

Art. 3 - From May the 16th 2017 the complete audition timetable will be determined. It will be possible to consult it on the AGIMUS Association web site (www.agimuspadova.com) or by Secretary e-mail (padovacompetition@gmail.com).

In any case, the secretary office will send the audition timetable to each competitor by e-mail by 16 May. In the application form it is obligatory to indicate an e-mail address and a mobile phone number clearly legible.

Art 4 - All the competitors before the audition are supposed to show to the jury a valid document (identity card or passport) and 2 copies of music scores (music scores does not have to be sent by e-mail).
Art. 5 - The audition music program is free choice. The competitors who decide to apply in several sections, against payment of respective application fees (for example International Music Competition Premio Città di Padova and Premio Virtuosità) are supposed to perform a **completely different music program in each competition**.

Art. 6 - The competitors may require the staff piano accompanist against payment of extra charge fee that has to be paid together with the application fee in only one bank transfer (see Art.10). The *extra charge* fee has to reach the competition secretary with all the application documentation and music score copy not later than April 23rd 2017 (only for competitors who received the demand for music scores by the Competition Secretary).

Art. 7 - RESULTS

During the summer session the jury will proclaim the finalists (max. 3) who will perform in the final stage in winter session (27th of January 2017). At the end of the final stage the jury will award the first, second, third and fourth prize winners.

Art. 8 - PRIZES

1st PRIZE

- € 2000
- 3 concerts
- Trophy “Premio Città di Padova”
- First Prize Certificate
- Medal
- Journalistic Presentation for the AGIMUS Concert Season prize concerts
- Insertion in Register of Honour

2nd PRIZE

- € 1000
- 3 concerts
- Second Prize Certificate
- Medal
- Journalistic Presentation for the AGIMUS Concert Season prize concerts

3rd PRIZE

- 2 concerts
- Third Prize Certificate
- Medal
- Journalistic Presentation for the AGIMUS Concert Season prize concerts

4th PRIZE
- 1 concert
- Fourth Prize Certificate

The prize concert winners will perform in Italy in important and prestigious concert seasons and cities as Rome, Venice, Padova, Abano Terme.

**Art. 9 - SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES**

**SECTIONS**

1 - Piano

2 - String instruments (violin, viola, cello)

3 - Wind instruments (flute, oboe, clarinet)

**SINGLE CATEGORY**

Ages 16 - 40

The competitors younger than 16 may take part in this competition if their qualification is adequate.

**PRELIMINARY SOLOIST STAGE** (solo performance): max. 15 minutes length

**SECOND ROUND** (mandatory play from memory): one concerto chosen from the list.

The jury will communicate the performing concerto movement after getting through the preliminary round, the chosen concerto movement has to be played from memory with piano accompaniment of the orchestral part.

**LIST OF CONCERTOS WITH ORCHESTRA** (only 1 concerto to be chosen from the list)

**PIANO**

Mozart: all the concertos

Beethoven: all the concertos

Schumann: concerto op.54

Chopin: concertos op.11 and op.21

Brahms: concertos n.1 and n.2

Liszt: concertos n.1 and n.2

Mendelssohn: concerti op.25 e op.40

Grieg: concerto op.16

Saint-Saens: concerto n.2

Ciaikovsky: concerto n.1 op.23

Rachmaninoff: concerto n. 1-2-3

**VIOLIN**

Bach: all the concertos

Haydn: all the concertos

Mozart: all the concertos
Beethoven: concerto op.61
Mendelssohn: concerto op.64
Paganini: all the concertos
Viotti: concerto n.22
Bruch: concerto n.1 op.26
Saint-Saens: all the concertos
Dvorak: concerto op.53
Vieuxtemps: all the concertos
Wieniawsky: all the concertos
Ciaikovsky: concerto op. 35
VIOLA
Stamitz: all the concertos
Hoffmeister: concerto in D major
CELLO
Boccherini: all the concertos
Tartini: all the concertos
Haydn: all the concertos
Schumann: concerto op.129
Saint-Saens: concerto n.1 op.33
Lalo: concerto
FLUTE
C.P.E. Bach: concerto H. 445
Mozart: concertos K.313 and K.314
Tartini: all the concertos
Telemann: all the concertos
Vivaldi: all the concertos
Mercadante: concerto
C. Nielsen: concerto FS 119
C. Reinecke: concerto op. 283
CLARINET
Mozart: concerto K.622
Weber: concertos op.73 and op.74
OBOE
Albinoni: concertos op.7 and op.9
Haendel: all the concertos
Marcello: concerto
Mozart: concerto K.314
Telemann: all the concertos
Vivaldi: all the concertos

Art. 10 - APPLICATION FEES
Single category € 120
Extra charge for staff piano accompanist (to be added to the application fee and sent with only one bank transfer):
piano, strings and winds - section soloists and orchestra € 45

Art. 11 - In case of ex-aquo score, the awards and concerts will be split up. The participation conditions concerning the concert prizes will be accorded directly with each Music Foundation.

Art. 12 - The invitation letters for foreign competitors will be sent only after the application fee payment. 

Art. 13 - Diplomas not picked up by the competitors after the reading of the results by the jury at the end of each audition, will be delivered by the Secretary only during the competition or in the final concert (they will not be sent by e-mail or by post). Competitors who have not taken steps to personally collect their certificate during the course of the competition, will no longer have any right to claim it. Also possible scores left by competitors in the competition site can not subsequently be claimed.

Art. 14 - The organization is not responsible for any inconvenience during the competition.

Art. 15 - Due to force majeure the Art Direction may require the Finalists to change the concerto to be performed in the Final Round.

Art. 16 - In accordance with Law no. 675/96 on "Protection of Personal Data" AGIMUS declares that the information given in the application form will be kept and used for the sole purpose of sending communications relating to the Competition or AGIMUS Concert Season. The application form will be considered valid only if two forms are attached and signed: demand for registration AGIMUS Association of Padova as an ordinary member (required, but free) and consent to the processing of personal data and privacy (see application form).

Art. 17 - No juryman must present his own students or keep artistic or acquaintance relations with the competitors in order to ensure maximum transparency in the evaluation of candidates. The international competition was in fact created by the need primary to select the best musical talents that will be presented to the citizens of Padova in the annual program of the prestigious International Concert Season of the Musical Association AGIMUS of Padova, which also involves the winners of other important and prestigious international competitions.
Art. 18 - The Application entails the acceptance, and unconditional aware of these regulations and any amendments made by the Artistic Director. For matters not provided in these Regulations the board of Directors has all the competences. The Art Director reserves the right to make changes of various kinds for organizing reasons.

The jury's decision is final. The communication of the results will be read by the commission at the end of every audition. Therefore, the competitors are personally invited to attend the reading of the results since the secretary will not provide explanations of the opinions expressed by the jury. No disputes are possible or the verbal or written of any kind. Otherwise, the art director will take legal action against anyone who does not respect the jury's decision.

The art director recommend that candidates listen to the hearings of other competitors in their category, in order to accept more calmly and objectively the jury's verdict.

Art. 19 - It is not allowed to publish on internet video recordings concerning the competition, without the authorization of the art direction.

Art. 20 - The competition has a convention with HOTEL GRAND’ITALIA, (Corso del Popolo 81, phone 0039 049 8761111, booking@hotelgranditalia.it, in front of Padova railway station. From the Hotel you can easily reach the competition site in a few minutes by city metrobus in front of the hotel.