

IV Ilona Fehér International Violin Competition

7-16 July 2021
Budapest (Hungary)

Invitation

I. THE COMPETITION

The Ilona Fehér International Violin Competition, for violinists under 20, was founded in 2017 by leading Hungarian violinists Katalin Kokas and Barnabás Kelemen. The contestants are judged by an international jury comprising famous violinists and music educators. Masterclasses led by jury members form an integral part of the competition, and the contestants may also attend the rehearsals and concerts of Festival Academy Budapest, the international chamber music festival hosted by Katalin Kokas and Barnabás Kelemen themselves, which runs in parallel with the violin competition at the Liszt Academy. The aim of the competition is threefold: first, to give young violinists the chance to exhibit their talents to the world; second, to provide them with the opportunity to continue their learning directly through the masterclasses and, in a more holistic sense, by experiencing the concerts of world-famous musicians; third, to help them better appreciate their roles in one of the most beautiful traditions of classical music. As the co-founders put it:

“If we take a look at the rich and colorful tradition of violin playing, with performers like Joseph Joachim, Carl Flesch, Ede Reményi, Leopold Auer, Jenő Hubay and all the other Hungarian legends, including Ilona Fehér, the different schools from Israel to Russia and Germany and, of course, Hungary, we feel the challenge and beauty of the past, and we are happy to preserve it and pass it on to younger generations.”

II. TIMELINE

15 December 2022	Publication of the online application form
2 March 2022	Last date for applications
1 April 2022	Release of pre-selection decisions
1 May 2022	Release of the detailed competition schedule
15 May 2022	Last date for submission of changes in the participants' competition program and the scanned scores of the freely chosen pieces
7 July 2022	Arrival and personal registration (by 5 pm the latest)
7 July 2022	Opening ceremony and concert (the order of the contestants' performances will be drawn during the opening ceremony by the youngest participant in each age group).
7-16 July 2022	Competition in 3 rounds
16 July 2022	Awards ceremony and gala concert (attendance is compulsory for all finalists)
14-18 July 2022	Masterclasses by the jury members

III. LOCATIONS

COMING SOON

IV. AGE GROUPS

Age Group 1: under 15
(Born on or after 8 July 2007)

Age Group 2: 15-19 years old
(Born between 8 July 2002 and 7 July 2007)

V. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

AGE GROUP 1

PRE-SELECTION

YouTube Video

The application video should consist of the performance of two freely chosen pieces. The chosen pieces should represent different characters and styles. The pieces performed in the video can form part of the competition program.

FIRST ROUND

Program:

The first movement of one of the following sonatas:

- Ludwig van Beethoven: Violin Sonata No. 1 in D major, Op. 12, No. 1
- Ludwig van Beethoven: Violin Sonata No. 5 in F major, Op. 24
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Sonata No. 18 in G major (K. 301)
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Sonata No. 21 in E minor (K. 304)
- Franz Schubert: Violin Sonata No. 1 in D major (D. 384)
- Franz Schubert: Violin Sonata No. 3 in G minor (D. 408)

AND

- one freely chosen virtuoso piece.

SECOND ROUND

Time limit for the performance: 25 mins.

Program:

- Two movements (or more) from a solo fantasia by Georg Philipp Telemann
- ##### AND
- one freely chosen first or last (but not slow) movement from a Romantic concerto.

THIRD ROUND

Program:

One complete concerto selected from the list below, accompanied by a chamber orchestra without a conductor:

- Antonio Vivaldi: Violin Concerto in E major, Op. 8, No. 1 ("Spring", RV 269)
- Antonio Vivaldi: Violin Concerto in G minor, Op. 8, No. 2 ("Summer", RV 315)
- Antonio Vivaldi: Violin Concerto in F major, Op. 8, No. 3 ("Autumn", RV 293)
- Antonio Vivaldi: Violin Concerto in F minor, Op. 8, No. 4 ("Winter", RV 297)
- Johann Sebastian Bach: Violin Concerto in A minor (BWV 1041)
- Johann Sebastian Bach: Violin Concerto in E major (BWV 1042)
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major (K. 216)

The competition program should be submitted as part of the registration, but changes in the program can be made by 15 May 2022.

AGE GROUP 2
PRE-SELECTION
YouTube Video

The application video should consist of the performance of two freely chosen pieces. The chosen pieces should represent different characters and styles. The pieces performed in the video can form part of the competition program.

FIRST ROUND

Program:

- A freely chosen piece from Niccolò Paganini's *24 Caprices*
- AND
- A freely chosen movement from one of the following sonatas
- Ludwig van Beethoven: Violin Sonata No. 3 in E flat major, Op. 12, No. 3
 - Ludwig van Beethoven: Violin Sonata No. 7 in C minor, Op. 30, No. 2
 - Ludwig van Beethoven: Violin Sonata No. 8 in G major, Op. 30, No. 3

SECOND ROUND

Time limit for the performance: 25 mins.

Program:

- one freely chosen first or last (but not slow) movement from a Romantic concerto.
- AND
- one or more movements from a solo sonata/partita by J. S. Bach

THIRD ROUND

Program:

One complete concerto selected from the list below, accompanied by a chamber orchestra without a conductor: “

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 1 in B flat major (K. 207)
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 2 in D major (K. 211)
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 4 in D major (K. 218)
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 5 in A major (K. 219)

The competition program should be submitted as part of the registration, but changes in the program can be made by 15 May 2022.

VI. PRIZES

Total Prize Money: € 7 000

	First prize	Second prize	Third prize
Age Group 1:	€ 1 400	€ 700	€ 400
Age Group 2:	€ 2 500	€ 1 300	€ 700

Special prizes will be announced after 1 June 2022 as offers arrive.

VII. TERMS OF APPLICATION

- Applicants may participate in the competition only in their own age group.
- The registration fee must be transferred by the required date (see paragraphs III and X).
- A total of 70 contestants will be admitted into the first round.
- The detailed schedule of the three rounds for the two age groups will be released on 1 May 2022.
- Contestants must register for the competition in person on 7 July 2022 (by 5 pm). The order of the contestants' performances will be drawn during the opening ceremony by the youngest participant in each age group.
- The use of Urtext scores for the preparation is highly recommended. The scores of the freely chosen pieces in scanned form must be sent by 15 May 2022 to competition@festivalacademy.org. Repetiteurs must play from official scores (not photocopies), which must be shown during the registration.
- The organizers will provide repetiteurs if requested for an additional fee of € 35. The fee includes one rehearsal per round as well as the performances. The fee for the repetiteur must be sent together with the registration fee.
- Piano rehearsals commence on 7 July 2022.
- Contestants must register on arrival before each round and for each rehearsal.

VIII. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are to be submitted via the online application form at www.festivalacademy.org. The application form will be available from 15 December 2022.

The following documents must be uploaded:

1. The YouTube link for the application video consisting of the performance of two freely chosen pieces.
2. A recommendation written in English by a violin teacher, in pdf format.
3. A short CV in English.
4. A photo of the applicant (minimum size: 600 dpi).
5. The complete competition program of the contestant.
6. Confirmation of payment of the application fee.

IX. APPLICATION FEE

Age Group 1:	€ 65
Age Group 2:	€ 90

The application fee includes

- participation in the competition;
- participation in the masterclass of one of the jury members after the competition;
- free attendance at all the programs of Festival Academy Budapest, the international chamber music festival hosted by Katalin Kokas and Barnabás Kelemen (50% discount is offered to parents or chaperones of the competitors for all programs of the festival).

The application fee is to be payed via bank transfer according to the following details:

Account holder: Fesztiválakadémia Nonprofit Kft.

- Bank account number: 10300002-10653465-48820019
- IBAN: HU92103000021065346548820019
- SWIFT (BIC): MKKB HU HB
- Name of bank: MKB Bank
- Address of bank: Váci u. 38. H-1056 Budapest (Hungary)
- Title: name of the applicant, competition fee

When transferring from abroad, foreign bank charges are to be paid by the applicant, and to be added to the transfer amount. The application fee is non-refundable. However, those applicants who are not selected for the first round of the competition may participate in the masterclass of one of the jury members, the folk music and folk art programs, and attend all the programs of Festival Academy Budapest for free.



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X. ACCOMMODATION

The organizers do not offer accommodation, but the competitors and their families might book rooms with a discount. For more details concerning discounted booking contact the organizers on the e-mail address below.

XI. CONTACT

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