

PIANO COMPETITION

Call for Entries

17-19 October 2025

Carpathian Basin

International Piano Competition

The International Piano Competition aims to discover young talents. The competition is open to young piano students, aged between 10 and 20 from the Carpathian Basin countries of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

The competition will take place at the Szent István Király Secondary School of Music (1145 Budapest, Columbus utca 11.)

President of the Jury

Gábor Eckhardt – Franz Liszt Academy of Music, Aladár Tóth Music School – Budapest

Members of the international jury

Boldizsár Csíky – Gheorghe Dima Academy of Music – Cluj-Napoca

Danjiel Detoni – University of Zagreb Academy of Music – Zagreb

Erzsébet Kőrösiné Belák – Szent István Király Secondary School of Music – Budapest

Marianna Szakács – Dezső Zádor Secondary School of Music – Uzhgorod

Awards

Grand Prize of the Carpathian Basin

1st, 2nd, 3rd place, special prizes, valuable gifts worth 1.500.000HUF.

The competition will be organised in 3 age groups

Age group I.: children born between 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2015

Age group II.: those born between 1 October 2009 and 30 September 2012

Age group III.: those born between 1 October 2005 and 30 September 2009

Competition material

At least two works of different style and character, one of which must be a piano work by Béla Bartók or Zoltán Kodály or composed after 1970 by another Hungarian composer.

Playing time

Age group I: 5-8 minutes

Age group II: 10-12 minutes

Age group III: 13-15 minutes

Entry fee

14000Ft or 35 Euro

Registration

You can apply by filling in the application form and paying the application fee on the Carpathian Basin Festival of Popular Music website www.karpatfesztival.hu

Application deadline: Midnight Wednesday 1 October 2025