

The International Vienna Piano Competition "**Wiener Klassik**" is organized by the **Association ProArte** and the **Vienna Piano School**. The competition is dedicated to the musical era of the **Viennese Classical period**, with a special focus on the works of **Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven**. Every participant is required to perform at least one piece or movement by one of these composers, while the remaining repertoire is freely chosen.

This year's competition attracted **more than 220 applicants from over 50 countries** in the first round. Following the video selection, **72 pianists** were invited to perform live in the second round at the historic **Ehrbarsaal** in Vienna.

Today, the winners of **Categories 1–5** will perform at the **Gläserner Saal of the Musikverein**. In addition to this Winners' Concert, the **first, second, and third prize winners** in each category will receive cash prizes totaling **€10,550**. The **total value of all prizes**, including special awards, amounts to **€15,000**.

Three special Prizes are awarded:

Beethoven - a solo concert at Ehrbarsaal
(worth 1750€ - sponsored by C.Bechstein/Musikquartier)

Mozart - a solo concert at Mozart Haus
(worth 1500€)

Haydn - an audio recording with C-Arts Studio in Vienna
(worth 1200€)

This years' jury has consisted of :

Jovanka Banjac (Serbia / University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna A.D.)

Boris Bloch (Ukraine / Folkwang University of Music and Arts A.D.)

Russel Harrold (UK / University Franz Liszt Budapest)

Jan Loeffler (Germany/UK / Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

Jura Margulis (Germany/USA / Musik und Kunst Universität Vienna)

Konstantin Semilakovs (Germany / University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna)

Biliana Tzinlikova (Austria / Mozarteum)



3rd International Vienna Piano Competition 2026 „Wiener Klassik“

20.7.2026

18:30 Winners' Ceremony

19:30 Winners' Concert

Musikverein Wien

Magna Auditorium/Gläserner Saal

Category 1

J. S. Bach	Invention in F Major, BWV 779	
F. Chopin	Waltz in A Flat Major, Op. 69/1	
Tan Dun	Eight Memories in Watercolor, Op. 1 II. Herdboy's Song	Nathalie Hu (3rd)
J. Haydn	Sonata in D Major, Hob. XVI:37 III. Finale. Presto ma non troppo	Kexin Zeng (2nd)
J. Haydn	Sonata in D Major, Hob. XVI 37 I. Allegro con brio	Evan Miliani (1st)

Category 2

A. Khachaturian	Toccata	Gustavs Kalejs (2nd)
S. Rachmaninoff	Humoresque, Op. 10/5	Damjan Atanasov (1st)
F. Chopin	Impromptu in A flat Major, Op. 29/1	Noah Kovac (1st)

Category 3

S. Rachmaninoff	Prelude in E Major, Op. 32/3	Adam Pucher (3rd)
A. Rosenblatt	Jazzy Nutcracker Suite, Finale	Gruia Ioan Soare (2nd)
F. Liszt	Transcendental Etude "Wilde Jagd" in C Minor, S. 139/8	Panagiotis Pediaditis (1st)

Category 4

R. Schumann / F. Liszt	Widmung	Chanwon Park (3rd)
L.v. Beethoven	Sonata in C Major, Op. 2/3 I. Allegro con Brio	Safiye Sahin (3rd)
F. Liszt	Transcendental Etude "Chasse- Neige" in B flat Minor, S. 139/12	Cosima Maria Heilmaier (2nd)

Category 5

S. Prokofiev	Sonata in D Minor, Op. 14/2 IV. Vivace	Weiwei Yang (3rd)
F. Chopin	Mazurka in B flat Minor, Op. 24/4	Waka Yamada (2nd)
G. Ligeti	Etude No. 6 „Automne à Varsovie“	Lukas Katter (1st)