

PRESS RELEASE



Outline announced - the 8th Sendai International Music Competition

Sendai International Music Competition has two sections, Violin Section and Piano Section, and is held every three years.

The Competition is unique in that it designates the concerto as the center of repertoire; that it enjoys a high reputation for balanced and reliable competition management; and that it is supported by warm hospitality of the citizens of Sendai.

In the past, many talented young musicians from across the world gathered in Sendai and competed in high level Competitions. After the Competitions, our past prizewinners have been steadily building up their bright careers and are active on the world stage.

The 8th SIMC Violin Section is scheduled to be held from May 21, 2022, and the Piano Section will be held from June 11, 2022.

We would like to have many talented young musicians to apply for the 8th SIMC.

Your kind cooperation in spreading information on the Competition application would be greatly appreciated. (Application period: June 10, 2021 - November 10, 2021)

The 8th Sendai International Music Competition General Outline

【Competition Dates】

Violin Section: Saturday, May 21, 2022 — Sunday, June 5, 2022

Piano Section: Saturday, June 11, 2022 — Sunday, June 26, 2022

【Venue】

Hitachi Systems Hall Sendai (Sendai City Youth Cultural Center)

Address: 3-27-5, Asahigaoka, Aoba-ku, Sendai City, Miyagi Pref., Japan

【Eligibility】

It is open to candidates of all nationalities born on or after January 1, 1992.

【Application Period】

From June 10, 2021 through November 10, 2021

【Jury Chairpersons】

[Violin Section] HORIGOME Yuzuko [Piano Section] NODAIRA Ichiro

【Prizes】

[1st prize] Cash prize of JPY 3,000,000 (≈USD28,846*); Diploma; Gold Medal; CD Production;

Concerts with the Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra or other major orchestras in Japan; Recitals in Japan

[2nd prize] Cash prize of JPY 2,000,000 (≈USD19,231*); Diploma; Silver Medal

[3rd prize] Cash prize of JPY 1,000,000 (≈USD9,615*); Diploma; Bronze Medal

【Travel Expense Grants】

The Secretariat shall provide the grants as follows to Contestants who live outside of Japan to help them pay for round trip transportation to Sendai:

[Asia] JPY50,000 (≈USD481*) [Other] JPY100,000 (≈USD962*)

*Calculated based on the exchange rate of Jan.11, 2021 (USD1=JPY104)

【Accommodation for Contestants】

If the Contestant uses the accommodation arranged by the Secretariat's choice from the day of registration until the day specified, the organizers shall pay the accommodation expenses (one single room basic room charge and breakfast) for the Contestant for the duration of his / her stay. All other expenses shall be borne by the Contestant.

【Organizers】

Sendai International Music Competition Organizing Committee, City of Sendai, Sendai Cultural Foundation

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Schedule

< Preliminary Round — Prizewinners' Gala Concert >

Violin Section

	Dates	Detail	Number of Contestants
Preliminary Round	Saturday, May 21, 2022 — Monday, May 23, 2022	Performing a solo piece and a concerto with an orchestra	approx. 36
Semifinal Round	Friday, May 27, 2022 — Sunday, May 29, 2022	Performing a concerto with an orchestra and a specified part(s) of the piece as orchestra's concertmaster	12
Final Round	Thursday, June 2, 2022 — Saturday, June 4, 2022	Performing two concertos with an orchestra	6
Prizewinners' Gala Concert	Sunday, June 5, 2022	Performing a concerto with an orchestra	Three of the highest ranked Prizewinners

Piano Section

	Dates	Detail	Number of Contestants
Preliminary Round	Saturday, June 11, 2022 — Monday, June 13, 2022	Performing solo pieces	approx. 36
Semifinal Round	Friday, June 17, 2022 — Sunday, June 19, 2022	Performing a concerto with an orchestra	12
Final Round	Thursday, June 23, 2022 — Saturday, June 25, 2022	Performing two concertos with an orchestra	6
Prizewinners' Gala Concert	Sunday, June 26, 2022	Performing a concerto with an orchestra	Three of the highest ranked Prizewinners

Jury Members of the 8th Sendai International Music Competition

[Violin Section]

Chairperson: HORIGOME Yuzuko (Japan)

Vice-Chairpersons: HORI Masafumi (Japan), Boris BELKIN (Belgium)

Members: Gregory AHSS (Israel), Olivier CHARLIER (France), Yuki Manuela JANKE (Germany / Japan) *, KAWASAKI Masao (Japan), Young-Uck KIM (U.S.A.), Gidon KREMER (Latvia)** , Cho-Liang LIN (U.S.A.), Joel SMIRNOFF (U.S.A.), TOYOSHIMA Yasushi (Japan)

* Preliminary Round and Semifinal Round ** Final Round

[Piano Section]

Chairperson: NODAIRA Ichiro (Japan)

Vice-Chairpersons: EBI Akiko (Japan), Jacques ROUVIER (France)

Members: Giuseppe ANDALORO (Italy), Michel BÉROFF (France), DAN Zhaoyi (China), KIM Daejin (Korea), Matthias KIRSCHNEREIT (Germany), Erik T. TAWASTSTJERNA (Finland), Elisso VIRSALADZE (Germany / Russia), Frank WIBAUT (U.K.)

Past Winners of Sendai International Music Competition

	Violin Section	Piano Section
1st SIMC	HUANG Mengla (China) Svetlin ROUSSEV (Bulgaria/France)	Giuseppe ANDALORO (Italy)
2nd SIMC	MATSUYAMA Saeka (Japan)	TAN Xiaotang (China)
3rd SIMC	Alena BAEVA (Russia)	TSUDA Yuya (Japan)
4th SIMC	Clara Jumi KANG (Germany/Korea)	Vadym KHOLODENKO (Ukraine)
5th SIMC	Richard LIN (U.S.A. / Taiwan)	SUNWOO Yekwon (Korea)
6th SIMC	JANG Yoojin (Korea)	KIM Hyun Jung (Korea)
7th SIMC	Shannon LEE (U.S.A. / Canada)	CHOI Hyounglok (Korea)