

The 9th Sendai International Music Competition

General Outline

Title	The 9th Sendai International Music Competition
Organizers	Sendai International Music Competition Organizing Committee City of Sendai Sendai Cultural Foundation
Sections	Violin Section and Piano Section
Competition Dates	[Violin Section] Saturday, May 24 – Sunday, June 8, 2025 [Piano Section] Saturday, June 14 – Sunday, June 29, 2025
Venue	Hitachi Systems Hall Sendai (Sendai City Youth Cultural Center) 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, 1995.
Application Period	Wednesday, July 10 – Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 11:59 PM (Japan time)
Application Method	Submit video data of repertoire performance, etc.
Entry Fee	JPY15,000
Repertoire	Focusing on concertos in the selection of repertoire.
Prizes	[1st prize] Cash prize of JPY 3,000,000; Diploma; Gold Medal; Concerts with the Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra or other major orchestras in Japan; Recitals in Japan; CD Production [2nd prize] Cash prize of JPY 2,000,000; Diploma; Silver Medal [3rd prize] Cash prize of JPY 1,000,000; Diploma; Bronze Medal [4th prize] Cash prize of JPY 800,000; Diploma [5th prize] Cash prize of JPY 700,000; Diploma [6th prize] Cash prize of JPY 600,000; Diploma
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] JPY70,000 [Other] JPY150,000
Accommodation for Contestants	If the Contestant uses the accommodation of 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. * Homestay program operated by citizen volunteers may also be available for the Contestants not advancing to next round.
Others	Performance opportunities such as mini-concerts during the Competition period, after completion of the Contestants' last round.
Managing Committee Chairperson	UEDA Katsumi
Jury Chairperson	[Violin Section] HORIGOME Yuzuko / [Piano Section] NODAIRA Ichiro
Orchestra	[Violin Section Preliminary Round] Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra and Yamagata Symphony Orchestra (without conductor) [Violin / Piano Section, Semifinal and Final Round] Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor	[Violin Section] HIROKAMI Junichi / [Piano Section] TAKASEKI Ken



Schedule

< Up to selection of Contestants >

Schedule	Dates	Remarks
Deadline for application and for payment of entry fee	Wednesday, October 23, 2024	
Pre-Selection		*Pre-Selection shall NOT be open to the public
Pre-Selection results sent out	By Wednesday, February 12, 2025	
Deadline for changes to the repertoire	Wednesday, March 12, 2025	

< Preliminary Round — Prizewinners' Gala Concert >

Violin Section	Dates	Detail	Number of Contestants
Registration	Thursday, May 22, 2025		
Preliminary Round	Saturday, May 24, 2025 — Monday, May 26, 2025	Performing a solo piece and a piece with an orchestra (without conductor)	approx. 36
Semifinal Round	Friday, May 30, 2025 — Sunday, June 1, 2025	Performing a concerto with an orchestra and a specified part(s) of the piece as orchestra's concertmaster	12
Final Round	Thursday, June 5, 2025 — Saturday, June 7, 2025	Performing two concertos with an orchestra	6
Prizewinners' Gala Concert	Sunday, June 8, 2025	Performing a concerto with an orchestra	Three of the highest ranked Prizewinners

Piano Section	Dates	Detail	Number of Contestants
Registration	Thursday, June 12, 2025		
Preliminary Round	Saturday, June 14, 2025 — Monday, June 16, 2025	Performing solo pieces	approx. 36
Semifinal Round	Friday, June 20, 2025 — Sunday, June 22, 2025	Performing a concerto with an orchestra	12
Final Round	Thursday, June 26, 2025 — Saturday, June 28, 2025	Performing two concertos with an orchestra	6
Prizewinners' Gala Concert	Sunday, June 29, 2025	Performing a concerto with an orchestra	Three of the highest ranked Prizewinners

