

24th International Piano Duo Competition <Performance Division> Professional Category

Our Mission

The International Piano Duo Association was established in 1989 with the aim of popularizing and promoting the field of piano duo, enhancing the art of piano duo, in an attempt to appeal to a wider audience. The following year, in 1990, a composition competition for piano duo works was held, followed by a performance competition for piano duo works in 1991. Since then, we have alternated between composition competitions and performance competitions.

In recent years, the piano duo genre has become more popular, and the number of performers specializing in piano duos has increased. Many professional players have emerged from the winners of this competition.

The 35th year of the association's foundation in 2024, we will increase the number of categories in hopes of further development of the piano duo world.

Eligibility

[A] Piano Duo (1 piano 4 hands) [B] Two Pianos (2 pianos 4 hands)

Over age 18 (Born before 2006, December 6)

No upper age limits.

Open to all nationalities.

Past winners may participate (except for the past Grand Prize winners).

Event Schedule

[Preliminary Round]

Friday, December 6, 2024

[Final Round]

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Place

[Preliminary Round] C.Bechstein Centrum Tokyo (1-5-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)
(東京都千代田区有楽町 1-5-1)

[Final Round] Suntory Hall Blue Rose (1-13-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo)
(東京都港区赤坂 1-13-1)

Repertoire Requirements

Preliminary Round: Composition(s) of your choice between 6-10minutes. (Multiple pieces are accepted)

Final Round: A program of under 17 minutes. The program must include the required assigned composition, and the rest consisting free composition(s) of your choice.

- Only published works are accepted for the free compositions.
- Internal piano playing techniques (touching inside the piano or anywhere other than the keyboard) are not allowed.
- The contestants may switch parts (primo and secondo) between pieces.
- The piece(s) played in the preliminary round may be used again for the final round.
- Performing from memory is not required.

[Required Assigned Composition]

Suguru WAGATSUMA 「MAYOIGA ~for One Piano Four Hands~」

(The Grand Prix Composition of the 23rd International Piano Duo Competition <Composition Division>)

The work must be performed on 1 piano 4 hands.

The sheet music can be downloaded from the International Piano Duo Association website, and a sample performance can also be heard.

URL: <http://ipda-pianoduo.com/material/MAYOIGA-score.pdf>
<http://ipda-pianoduo.com/material/MAYOIGA-manuscript.pdf> (manuscript)

Application Periods

From Tuesday, October 1, 2024 to Thursday October 31, 2024 at 23:59 (Japan time)

Registration Fees

Preliminary Round:

Professional Category 17,000 yen per person (10,000 yen per person for IPDA members)

Final Round:

Professional Category 30,000 yen per person

Awards

Professional Category

☆Grand Prize: Cash Award of 500,000 yen, Certificate, Trophy

☆Second Prize: Cash Award of 300,000 yen, Certificate, Trophy

☆Third Prize: Cash Award of 200,000 yen, Certificate, Trophy

Honorable Mention: Certificate, Plaque

Required Repertoire Prize: Certificate, Plaque

Audience Prize: Certificate, Plaque

Bechstein Prize: Certificate, Plaque and Commemorative gift

Kawai Prize: Certificate, Plaque and Commemorative gift

Steinway Prize: Certificate, Plaque and Commemorative gift

Yamaha Prize: Certificate, Plaque and Commemorative gift

Ongaku no Tomosha Musica Nova Prize: Certificate, Plaque and Commemorative gift

Zen-On Music Publishing Co. Prize: Certificate, Plaque and Commemorative gift

The prizes will be chosen from 1 piano 4 hands and 2 pianos 4 hands pairs combined.

The cash prize☆ will be awarded to the pair.

Judges (In alphabetical order)

Preliminary Round (12/6)

Guigla KATSARAVA

Kei OSANO

Miwako TAKEDA

Etsuko TERADA

Kikuo WATANABE

Final Round(12/7)

Pascal DEVOYON

Akiko EBI

Guigla KATSARAVA

Nobuhito NAKAI

Miwako TAKEDA

Etsuko TERADA

Kikuo WATANABE

Suguru WAGATSUMA (For the required assigned composition only)

Travel Assistance

International participants traveling overseas who make it to the Final Round in the Professional Category will be eligible for travel assistance of up to 100,000 Japanese yen per couple. The amount is determined by the competition Secretariat depending on the region traveled. Japanese nationals are excluded.

For those entering the December stage, preliminary fees will be subsidized after the competition is over.

For Accommodations in Tokyo on the day before and during the competition, "Yaesu Terminal Hotel" will be offered at a discount rate. It is located at a convenient location, only 3 minute walk from Tokyo Station Yaesu north exit.

Address: 1-5-14 Yaesu, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo (東京都中央区八重洲1丁目5-14)

To apply for travel assistance, contact our office by e-mail during the application period.(Oct.1-Oct.31)

For more details,we acceptingniries at : ipda.2pianos4hands@gmail.com

Application Procedure

① Access the website from the QR code below and fill in the required information.

② Send in a photo of your face to our office by e-mail.

(Upper body shot, facing straight forward. Color photo. High resolution and as clear as possible.)

*Include your name in the e-mail title section.

*Submitted photos may be used in the association's newsletter, website, etc.

③Registration Fee Transfer

Transfer the required registration fee within 10 days of submitting the application to the following bank account.

Name of Bank: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (三井住友銀行)

Branch name: Koganei Branch

Store number: 848

Account No.: (Savings) 3524140

Account Name: International Piano Duo Association

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