

Sobrio Festival International Competition for young Composers

Competition Rules

1. The competition was created in collaboration with Vincent Vogel, timpanist with the Berliner Philharmoniker, and the Sobrio Festival. Its aim is to encourage young composers to create works dedicated to unusual instrumental combinations.
2. The 2026 competition is dedicated to a composition for timpani and violin (DUO).
3. The competition is open to composers of all nationalities who are under 40 years of age on April 25, 2026.
4. Candidates must submit their compositions (PDF format + MP3 audio file [optional] preferably via WeTransfer) to info@sobriofestival.com by April 25, 2026.
5. Compositions must be original, unpublished, and never submitted or awarded in other competitions. Duration of the composition: 10-15 minutes.
6. The jury will be chaired by Vincent Vogel. The jury's decision is final and cannot be appealed.
7. The winning composition will receive a prize of CHF 3,000.—.
8. The winning composition will be dedicated to Vincent Vogel, who will perform the work at the Sobrio Festival 2026 on July 11.
9. The winner of the competition agrees to transfer all rights of publication and performance of the composition to the Sobrio Festival / Associazione Ars Dei for an unlimited period of time, in favour of scholarships for young talents and new projects promoted by the Festival.
10. Candidates must send the following to info@sobriofestival.com (by April 25, 2026):
 - curriculum vitae;
 - personal details (first name, last name, address, nationality);
 - three recent high-resolution photographs;
 - written statement of acceptance of these rules.