



GENERALBASS BMIPC 2026



Baroque Music International Piano Competition

ONLINE
COMPETITION
1-7 MAY

Applications open
1 February - 30 April

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COMPETITION
1-7 JULY

Yerevan, Armenia

Applications open
1 March - 31 May

Prize Fund
5,000 USD

★ Categories: **Piano Solo**
Piano Duo

★ Age Groups: **6-26 years**

★ International Jury

★ Masterclasses



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Dear Participants,

It is with great joy and inspiration that I welcome you to the GENERALBASS Baroque Music International Piano Competition. This event is not merely a contest, but a true celebration of music, talent, and dedication to the art of piano performance.

In 2026, the competition will be held in two separate formats:

ONLINE COMPETITION – May 1-7

LIVE COMPETITION – July 1-7, Yerevan, Armenia

Both editions will follow the same regulations: age groups, categories, repertoire requirements, as well as prizes and awards are identical.

I am also pleased to announce that the GENERALBASS Baroque Music International Piano Competition is a proud member of the Alink-Argerich Foundation (AAF) and the World Piano Teachers Association (WPTA). This affiliation reflects our commitment to high international standards, and all participants will receive internationally recognized certificates.

One of the essential requirements of the competition is the performance of a work from the Baroque era. Baroque music is profound and multi-layered; it demands not only technical mastery but also stylistic awareness, intellectual depth, and refined artistic sensitivity.

I wish you inspiration, confidence, and truly unforgettable performances.

Izabella Paronyan

President, WPTA Armenia

Founder & Artistic Director

GENERALBASS Baroque Music International Piano Competition



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JURY MRMBERS



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ARMEN BABAKHANIAN
Armenia



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Georgia



ALEKSANDAR SERDAR
Serbia, Slovenia



ANNA SARADJIAN
Armenia, Canada



PABLO GALDO
Spain



JACOB KATSNELSON
Russia



ELMIRA MIRKASIMOVA
Uzbekistan



FRANCESCO CIPOLLETTA
Italy



MARIANNA SHALITAEVA
Russia





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RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERALBASS BMIPC 2026

will be organized as two separate competitions

ONLINE COMPETITION: 1-7 May, 2026

LIVE COMPETITION: 1-7 July, 2026

The Online and Live Competitions share the same
Rules & Regulations.

CATEGORIES

- PIANO SOLO (held in Two rounds)
- PIANO DUO (held in One round)

AGE GROUPS & DURATION OF PERFORMANCES:

- Age Group A (6-9 years): up to 10 minutes
- Age Group B (10-12 years): up to 12 minutes
- Age Group C (13-15 years): up to 15 minutes
- Age Group D (16-18 years): up to 20 minutes
- Age Group E (19-26 years): up to 25 minutes

Duration of the performance is set for each round separately.





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REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

Category: PIANO SOLO (Held in two rounds)

All pieces must be selected from different musical periods and performed from memory.

FIRST ROUND

- Two pieces from different musical periods
- One of the pieces must be from the Baroque period

SECOND ROUND

- Two or three pieces from different musical periods
- One of the pieces must be from the Baroque period (you may repeat the piece performed in the First Round or present a new work from the Baroque era).
- It is recommended to include one piece by a composer of the participant's nationality or an Armenian composer.

Category: PIANO DUO (Held in one round)

- Two pieces from different musical periods
- One piece must be from the Baroque or Classical period
- The other piece must be from the Romantic or Contemporary period



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ONLINE COMPETITION Timeline (1-7 May, 2026)

Application open: 1 February- 30 April, 2026

- 30 April, 2026: Application Deadline
- May 1-2 – Uploading & processing videos
- May 2-4 – First Round auditions (Piano Solo & Piano Duo)
- May 4 – 22:00 – Announcement of the results
- May 5-6 – Second Round auditions (Piano Solo)
- May 7 – Announcement of Online Competition Winners

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LIVE COMPETITION Timeline (1-7 July, 2026)

Application open: 1 March- 31 May, 2026

- 31 May, 2026: Application Deadline
- July 1 – 19:00 – Opening Ceremony
- July 2-4 – 10:00 – First Round auditions (Piano Solo & Piano Duo)
- July 4 – 22:00 – Announcement of the results
- July 5-6 – 10:00 – Second Round auditions (Piano Solo)
- July 7 – 19:00 – Grand Final Concert & Award Ceremony

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Please carefully read the Rules and Regulations before applying to the
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ONLINE COMPETITION Application Fee

- Age Group A: 60 USD (equiv. AMD)
- Age Group B: 80 USD (equiv. AMD)
- Age Group C: 100 USD (equiv. AMD)
- Age Group D: 125 USD (equiv. AMD)
- Age Group E: 150 USD (equiv. AMD)

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LIVE COMPETITION Application fee

- Age group A: 20000 AMD (In USD)
- Age group B: 25000 AMD (In USD)
- Age group C: 30000 AMD (In USD)
- Age group D: 35000 AMD (In USD)
- Age group E: 40000 AMD (In USD)

The entrance fee is non-refundable.

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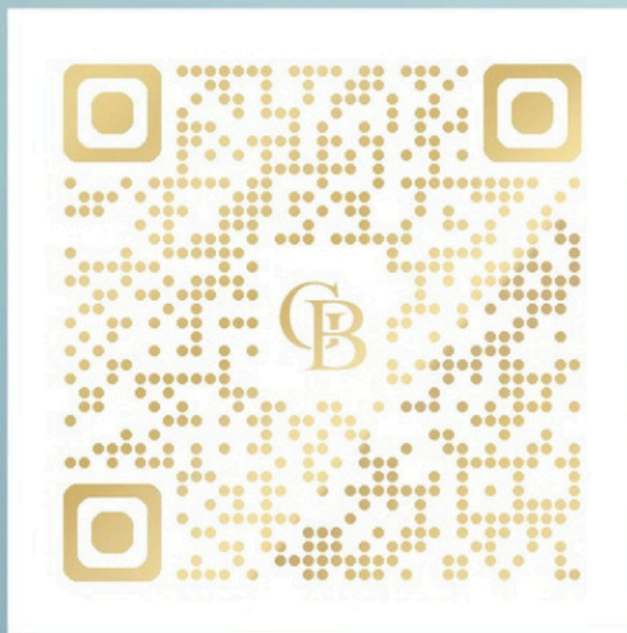
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INTERNATIONAL JURY



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Georgia



Aleksandar
Serdar

Serbia



Anna
Saradjian

Armenia, Canada



Armen
Babakhanian

Armenia



Marianna
Shalitaeva

Russia



Elmira
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Uzbekistan





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Georgia



Jacob
Katsnelson

Russia



Anna
Saradjian

Armenia, Canada



Francesco
Cipolletta

Italy



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