

# 1ST INTERNATIONAL CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION



The **1st International Chopin Piano Competition South Africa** will provide young and professional pianists with the opportunity to develop their professional careers through the inspiration of Frédéric Chopin's music. Under the leadership of Congyu Wang, our artistic director, this competition will significantly contribute professional development of young and upcoming pianists across the world.

## **Online Application:**

1 December 2019 – 30 June 2020

## **Semi Finals:**

24 – 25 September

## **Final Round:**

26 September 2020

## **International Jury:**

The **International Jury Members** are Piotr Palaczny, Gen Li, Ben Schoeman and Congyu Wang (Artistic director).

## **General competition rules and guidelines:**

- The competition is announced in three categories:
  - **Junior Pianist category:** born in or after 2007
  - **Senior Pianist category:** born in or after 2002
  - **Professional Pianist category:** born in or after 1985
- The competition rounds are open for the public.
- The prize winners are required to play at the Award Ceremony.
- The program will be established by the Jury.
- The order of passage can be modified by the decision of the Jury - for organisation / program reasons.
- In the case of illness, confirmed by the local medical service, the competitor may be permitted to delay his/her performance until the end of the round.
- The Jury has the right to determine the number of prizes and the amount of money awarded to the winners, within the allocated amount.
- According to the regulations of the National Fryderyk Chopin Institute in Warsaw, the scores will be public after the jury and the administrators completed their works and will be posted on the [sachopiniano.com](http://sachopiniano.com) website when possible.
- The Jury is international. The decisions are definitive and non-debatable.
- In justified cases, the organizers have the right to make decisions, which are unchallengeable and unchangeable.

**Directors** M du Plessis and W van Vollenstee

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- For the three categories, the competition is preceded by an audition round, based on evaluation of the YouTube recordings sent along with the application documents.
- The audition round is followed by the Semi-final and the Final round.
- The competition is open for the public.
- According to the committee's decision, the selected participants will be informed no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of July

## Competition requirements:

### Junior Pianist Category: born in or after 2007

#### Duration:

- 10-15 minutes / round.
- If the time limit is exceeded, the Jury has the right to stop the performance and deduct scores.

#### Program:

**Audition round** (YouTube link): At least two optional Chopin works, among them compulsorily one Chopin Prelude. If the playtime allows, one optional piece by another composer is permitted but not compulsory.

**Final round:** At least two optional Chopin works, among them one Chopin Mazurka or Waltz. If the playtime allows, one optional piece by another composer is permitted but not compulsory.

The repertoire listed on the application form can be changed until the end of May 2020. The repertoire printed in the program brochure is definitive. The competitors should play the pieces from memory.

**Prizes: Total amount R15 000, special prizes, material awards.**

**Entry fee: 100 Euro.** The entry fee is not refundable, even in case of withdrawal or no-appearing for auditions.

### Senior Pianist Category: born in or after 2002

#### Duration:

- 20-25 minutes / round.
- In case of exceeding the time limit, the Jury has the right to stop the performance and deduct scores.

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## **Program:**

**Audition round:** (YouTube link) Optional Chopin works, among them compulsorily one Chopin Mazurka or Waltz if the playtime allows, one optional piece by another composer is permitted but not compulsory.

**Finals:** Optional Chopin works, among them one Chopin Etude if the playtime allows, one optional piece by another composer is permitted but not compulsory.

The repertoire listed on the application form can be changed until the end of May 2020. The repertoire printed in the program brochure is definitive. The competitors should play the pieces from memory.

**Prizes: Total amount R20 000, special prizes, material awards.**

**Entry fee: 120 Euro** The entry fee is not refundable, even in case of withdrawal or no-appearing for auditions.

## **Professional Pianist Category: born in or after 1985**

**Audition Round:** (YouTube link) One Etude by Chopin, one Waltz and Mazurka by Chopin and one Nocturne by Chopin.

### **Duration:**

Minimum of 15minutes.

**Semi Final Round:** 12 Selected Participants

### **Duration:**

Minimum of 25minutes.

### **Program:**

ONE Virtuoso Etude from Op.10 or Op.25, and one of the following

- a Preludes by Chopin (one of the following parts: 1-6, 7-12, 13-18, 19-24)
- a whole opus of Chopin Mazurkas
- a Polonaise by Chopin
- an optional piece by Chopin - except from the already played categories, sonatas and concert

**Final Round:** Up to 4 Participants

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## Program:

Piano Concerto No.1 or No.2 by Chopin.

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The competitors should play the pieces from memory.

**Prizes: Total amount R80 000, invitations to concerts, special prizes, material awards.**

**Entry fee: 150 Euro.** The entry fee is not refundable, even in case of withdrawal or no-appearing for auditions.

## Terms of application:

- All applications can be done online. [www.sachopinpiano.com](http://www.sachopinpiano.com).
- The required documents should be sent to: [entry@sachopinpiano.com](mailto:entry@sachopinpiano.com).

## The required documents:

- Copy of the identification card or passport (name, citizenship, date of birth).
- Short professional biography.
- Copy of bank receipts about the transfer with paying for the extra bank charges
- Electronic photo or two paper-based photos

## The foundation bank account:

**Open Call Industries Pty Ltd**  
Standard Bank Fourways Crossing  
Branch code: 009953  
Account number 421442921  
Swift Code SBZAJJ

Email proof of payment to [entry@kidstalentfestival.co.za](mailto:entry@kidstalentfestival.co.za)

**Reference: Participants Name & Surname**

Online payment option available via PayPal, please visit  
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**Incomplete or wrongly filled documents will be ignored and not be refundable.**

- Application for the competition signifies irrevocable acceptance of the rules. The prize winners are obliged to perform during award ceremony and other related concerts/events without any fee.
- The participant accepts that all photos, video, radio and television recordings taken during all the events of the competition are owned by **Open Call Industries Pty Ltd**, for taking and using them no fees are required.
- Additional expenses related to the competition (travel costs, accommodation, meals) shall be borne by the participant. The competitor takes care of accommodation booking.

## **Entry deadline**

- Deadline of **Audition round** (YouTube link): **30 June 2020.**
- Deadline of the **Audition round results** **10 July 2020.**

We wish the participants and their teachers' successful preparation and good health

*"Don't tell me how talented you are. Tell me how hard you work."*

*Arthur Rubinstein*

For further information or to book masterclasses please e-mail [info@sachopinpiano.com](mailto:info@sachopinpiano.com).

Kind regards  
Mariaan du Plessis (Organizer)



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