

**Eligibility:** 

The 3rd Zodiac International Music Competition is open to artists of any nationality, without age limit, in the following categories:

PIANO

WINDS (Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Basson, Saxophone) STRINGS (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass) COMPOSITION

#### - CASH PRIZES -

-INVITATION TO PERFORM AT THE ZODIAC MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE (ROUNDTRIP AND ALL ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED) -

-PROFESSIONAL RECORDING AND PERFORMANCES IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE AND NEW YORK FOR COMMISSIONED COMPOSERS -

- ALL FINALISTS PRESENTED IN A VIRTUAL CONCERT -



Interested applicants are invited to submit an online application (www.zodiaccompetition.com/apply).

**Soloist** applicants should submit a minimum of two contrasting video samples, with a total viewing time not to exceed 30 minutes. Videos should be unedited, and offer a single continuous shot. Videos should be uploaded to YouTube, Vimeo or any other online video hosting service, and links sent as part of the application.

**Composition** applicants are asked to submit two scores in PDF format, along with links to a Sound Cloud recording (midi is acceptable), or a recording hosted by any other platform (YouTube, Vimeo, etc).

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

The submissions will be judged in two rounds: preliminary and final, and will use a pointsbased system. 10 soloist and 10 composer finalists will be selected and published on the competition website by April 1st, 2021. Final winners will be announced on April 15th, 2021

## ENTRANCE FEE

#### January 15th, 2021 - \$35 USD Early Bird

March 15th, 2021 - \$50 USD

#### **DEADLINE AND SCHEDULE**

FINALISTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED by April 1st, 2021 INSTRUMENTALIST FINALISTS VIRTUAL CONCERT - April 3rd, 2021 COMPOSITION FINALISTS VIRTUAL CONCERT - April 10th, 2021 WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED by April 15th, 2021



# PRIZES INSTRUMENTAL

#### **1st Prize:**

• \$500 Cash Prize

- Solo and Chamber Music Recital (repertoire to be discussed on an individual case basis) at the Zodiac Music Academy & Festival
- Roundtrip airfare to Nice, France from anywhere in the world, hotel accommodations, local transportation and meals
  - Audio/Video recording of the performance
    - Diploma & Trophy

## 2nd Prize

• \$250 Cash Prize & Diploma

### 3nd Place:

• Diploma

# PRIZES COMPOSITION

# 1st Prize:

• \$500 Cash Prize

Commission to write a work (up to 10 min) for the Zodiac Trio or its individual members in any combination of clarinet/violin/piano

 A minimum of two performances: 1. A performance at the Zodiac Music Academy & Festival in France 2. Performance in New York during a mutual agreed upon time. Professional Audio/Video recording of the performance

 Diploma & Trophy

> **2nd Prize:** • \$250 Cash Prize & Diploma

# **3rd Prize:**

• Diploma



The winning soloist will give a recital at the Zodiac Music Academy & Festival, which takes place from July 2-15. Exact date of the recital will be discussed with the winner. The festival will provide the winning soloist with a collaborative pianist (if needed). The recital will include chamber music selections in collaboration with the festival's faculty and possibly students. Specific repertoire will be mutually agreed upon between the festival and the winner. The Zodiac Music Academy & Festival is invited to perform at various venues on the Côte D'Azur. The exact venue for the winning recital will be specified at a later date.

The winning recital will be broadcast live on Facebook, and posted on the website. Cello and Double Bass Applicants: should a cello or double bass applicant be chosen as the winner, the competition will offer a professional-grade instrument rental of the highest quality for the performance, free of charge. The competition will not cover airfare or transportation cost for the instrument. Winning soloist is welcome to bring their own instrument at their expense.

#### WINNING COMPOSER'S PIECE

The winning composer will be invited to write a work (up to 10 minutes) for the Zodiac Trio, or its members, and will be premiered at the Zodiac Music Academy & Festival. The festival will not provide airfare for the winning composer, however, should the composer choose to attend the performance, the festival will provide meals and accommodations during the duration of the composer's stay (maximum 3 days). The winning piece will also be performed at the DiMenna Center for Classical Music in New York City, NY. No travel expenses will be provided for this performance. Exact date will be discussed with the winning composer to allow enough time to complete the work.

# APPLY:

www.zodiaccompetition.com



#### PREMIERING NEW WORKS ON YOUTUBE

In an effort to help the struggling arts community, which is being devastated by COVID 19, members of the Zodiac Trio (the founding ensemble of the Zodiac Intl. Music Competition and of the Zodiac Music Festival) are offering to video-record short works, at no cost to the composer, under the initiative called Moving Music Forward.

The recordings are then premiered and promoted online, allowing these works to have a life even during today's difficult times. The goal is to provide composers with non-midi recordings of their works that composers can then add to the portfolios, use for applications, and promote to audiences world-wide. At the moment, to facilitate recording, only works for solo clarinet, solo violin, solo piano and clarinet-violin duo are being considered. We are, however, working on expanding the roster to include other instruments, as well as chamber music! During these trying times for creators and music lovers,

Moving Music Forward strives to be an agent for good, connecting new music artists with audiences worldwide.

To join please visit www.zodiaccompetition.com. For any question, please email mmf@zodiaccompetition.com



Simulacrum (2020) for Solo Clarinet