



Video Submission (no travel required)

The 5th Zodiac International Music Competition is open to **COMPOSERS** and **INSTRUMENTALISTS** of all ages in the following disciplines:

- Winds (Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone),
- Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Classical Guitar)
- Piano & Harpsichord

Instrumentalists born before March 1, 2005 may choose to compete in a Junior category (not an obligation). Prizes in the Junior category vary from the Open category



APPLICATION PROCESS

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 round judged by the Zodiac Trio and final round judged by an international jury, and will use a points-based system. 10 soloist and 10 composer finalists will be selected and published on the competition website by March 16th, 2023. Final winners will be announced on March 28th, 2023

ENTRANCE FEE

February 1st, 2023 - \$35 USD Early Bird

March 1st, 2023 - \$60 USD

DEADLINE AND SCHEDULE

FINALISTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED by March 16th, 2023

INSTRUMENTALIST FINALISTS VIRTUAL CONCERTS - March 18th, 2023

COMPOSITION FINALISTS VIRTUAL CONCERT - March 25th, 2023

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED by MARCH 28th, 2023



PRIZES INSTRUMENTAL

- \$1000 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

- \$300 Cash Prize & Diploma

3rd Place:

- Diploma

PRIZES COMPOSITION

1st Prize:

- \$1000 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:

- \$300 Cash Prize & Diploma
- Professional Audio/Video recording of a work of the composer's choosing*

3rd Prize:

- Diploma

**Piece for the Zodiac Trio instrumentation (Clarinet, Violin, Piano) or any combination of those instruments*



SOLOIST WINNER'S RECITAL

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 may include chamber music selections in collaboration with the festival's faculty and 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.

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 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.



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