CONCOURS DE PIANO
HÉLÈNE DE MONTGEROULT
ROMONT - SUISSE

Regulations 2027

Art. 1 The competition

- The competition is open to pianists of all nationalities.
- Candidates under the age of 18 years old must provide agreement of the legal representative when registering.
- The competition is divided into four levels according to the age of the pianists.
- In each level, the candidate will perform, in the order of his or her choice, a programme including **one** or -depending of the length- **two** compulsory etudes by Hélène de Montgeroult and at least two pieces of different styles and periods. Playing by heart is strongly recommended but not compulsory.

The candidate must **strictly observe the total timing** set for each level, including pauses.

- The total number of candidates is limited to 40. In principle, 10 per category.

New: A pre-selection will be made on video. At the same time as registering, candidates must send a recent video recording. This video can simply be made using a mobile phone. The programme is free. The pieces recorded may be played at the competition. The length of the recording is specified for each level.
These videos can be transmitted by SwissTransfer or WeTransfer. The links must be indicated on the registration form.

- **Candidates will be notified of the results of the pre-selection process by 20 June 2027 at the latest.**

Art. 2 Programme
Level 1: This level is for pianists born on or after 1 January 2015
Etude n° 8 in C major *« Pour mesurer les valeurs sur une batterie par trois »*
The total time must be **between 5 and 9 minutes**.
Video : Free programm 2-3 minutes

Level 2: This level is for pianists born between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2014.
Two Etudes : Etude n° 22 in A major *« Pour que la basse accompagne par des tems coupés »*
and Etude N° 35 in C minor *« Sur les tems coupés »*
The total timing must be **between 7 and 12 minutes**.
Video : Free programm 2-3 minutes

Level 3: This level is for pianists born between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2011.
Etude N° 104 in G sharp minor *« Pour la difficulté du ton dans un mouvement agité»*
The total time must be **between 9 and 14 minutes**.

Video : Free programm 3-5 minutes

Level 4: This level is for pianists born between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2009.
Etude N° 114 in F major *« Pour l'emploi des pédales »*
The total time must be **between 12 and 18 minutes**
Video : Free programm 3-5 minutes

It should be noted that the organiser cannot accept works for prepared piano.

Art. 3 Course of action

- The rounds will take place on **Saturday 13 November 2027** all day long and **Sunday 14 November 2027 until 2.30 p.m.** The schedule of the competition will be established as soon as registrations are closed but no later than **15 July 2027**
- The prize-giving concert will take place on Sunday **14 November 2027 at 3.30 pm.**
- All rounds and the prize-giving concert will take place in the Bicubic hall in Romont (Switzerland) on a Steinway D.
- Rehearsal studios will be available according to a fair distribution plan set by the organisers.
- The organisers reserve the right to cancel a category if there are not enough candidates.

Art. 4 Registration and accommodation

- Registration will be possible between **1 and 31 May (11:59 pm) 2027**.

Registration is online only. It will be taken into account on receipt of a file including all of the below:

  - a list of the works selected for the competition
  - total timings (including the compulsory study of Hélène de Montgeroult and the pauses)
  - a good quality photo (300 dpi) for the booklet introducing the candidates
  - youtube or swiss transfer link for the preselection video
  - the proof of payment of the registration fee
  - a signed agreement of the legal representative (for candidates under 18)
  - on arrival at the competition, candidates must spontaneously present a document proving their identity and age.

- **In the event of a change in the programme, the organiser must be notified by 15 September 2027 at the latest.**
- Accommodation is at the expense of the candidate unless a host family is available.

Art. 5 Registration fee

- The registration fees are fixed as follows:
  Level 1: 40 CHF
  Level 2: 50 CHF
  Level 3: 60 CHF
  Level 4: 70 CHF

- The entry fee will only be refunded if the competition or a grade is cancelled by the organiser. In all other cases, it is due.

Bank details:
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1680 Romont
Banque cantonale de Fribourg
IBAN : CH92 0076 8300 1638 5100 1
SWIFT/BIC : BEFRCH22
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Art. 6 Invitations

- The candidate will be acknowlegded by e-mail as soon as the organiser has received his/her complete registration file. **Confirmation of admission to the competition will be sent no later than 20 June 2027**
- The schedule of the competition will be communicated no later than **15 July 2027**

Art. 7 The jury

- Members of the jury are chosen by the organisers for their artistic and educational skill.
- The jury reserves the right to interrupt a candidate during the competition.
- The jury reserves the right not to award all prizes.
- The jury's decisions are final and cannot be appealed.
- At the end of the competition, candidates will receive constructive feedback from the jury members.

Art. 8 Awards

Prizes are set for each level, as follow :

Level 1
First prize: 200 CHF
Second prize: 100 CHF
Third prize: 50 CHF

Level 2
First prize: 300 CHF
Second prize: 150 CHF
Third prize: 100 CHF

Level 3
First prize : 400 CHF
Second prize: 200 CHF
Third prize: 150 CHF

Level 4
First prize : 500 CHF
Second prize: 250 CHF
Third prize: 200 CHF

Special prizes may be added. Please check our website.

- The results will be announced at the end of each level.
- The prizes will be awarded during the winners' concert on Sunday afternoon.

Art. 9 Communication and image rights

- All the performances are open to the public and free of charge.
- Candidates authorise the recording, broadcasting and retransmission of their performances on any medium without financial consideration.

Art. 10 Acceptance of the regulations.

- Any registration to the competition implies the acceptance of the regulations.
- In the event of a dispute, the French version of the regulations will prevail.