

# International Academy of Arts

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SOLO VIOLIN COMPETITION (2017)

### RULES

#### I. PURPOSE

1. The International Academy of Arts is holding a violin competition from August 10 to August 12, 2017 in Saas-Fee, Switzerland.
2. The competition will proceed in three rounds.

#### First Round:

1. Johann Sebastian Bach — *Adagio* and *Fuge* from 1 of the 3 sonatas for solo violin (free choice)
2. Niccolò Paganini — 2 caprices (free choice)
3. Eugène Ysaÿe — 1 solo violin sonata (free choice)

#### Second Round:

1. Arthur Honegger — Sonata for solo violin
2. One of the following pieces:  
Takahiro Sakuma — Chain Reaction, or  
Gian Paolo Luppi — 1 of the 2 caprices from *Due Liriche*
3. One of the following pieces:  
Isang Yun — *Kontraste* (2nd movement), or  
Luciano Berio — *Sequenza #8*

#### Final round:

1. One of the following pieces:  
Béla Bartók — *Solo Sonata (Chaconne)*, or  
Alfred Schnittke — *A Paganini*, or  
Niccolò Paganini — *Nel cor più non mi sento*
2. One solo piece of a maximum duration of 10 minutes (free choice; it is not allowed to repeat one of the pieces played in the 1st or 2nd round).

3. All the candidates selected during the pre-elimination will play all three rounds of the competition. They will perform in the order determined by drawing of lots. The same order will be maintained in all three rounds.

#### II. SUBSCRIPTION RULES

4. The competition is open to violinists of all nationalities, who are not older than 30 at the start of the competition.
5. A minimum of six and a maximum of twelve candidates will be selected during the pre-elimination. These candidates will play all three rounds of the competition.

6. Participants pay an application fee of 150 €, which is not refundable.
7. If the level of the candidates is too low, the competition may be canceled, in which case the application fee will be refunded.

### **III. TIMETABLE AND VENUE**

8. The competition will proceed according to the following timetable:
  - 1st round: August 10
  - 2nd round: August 11
  - 3rd round: August 12, followed by the deliberation of the Jury and proclamation of the results
9. The Competition will take place in the Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche in Saas-Fee (subject to change).

### **IV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE JURY**

10. The proceedings of the Jury will be coordinated and supervised by its Chairman. The Chairman will be assisted by a Secretary.
11. The Jury can only legally deliberate if complete.
12. Each member of the Jury shall give each candidate a mark ranging from 0 to 20, and this for every round. At the end of each round, each member of the Jury will turn in his or her marks to the Secretary. The marks given by each member of the jury will remain confidential from the other members.
13. After completion of the third round, the Jury will withdraw and award a First, Second and Third Prize. The results will be announced immediately following the deliberations.
14. The decisions of the Jury are reached by secret vote; the jury will nonetheless have the opportunity to deliberate.
15. The candidates will be ranked according to the total number of points awarded to each by the members of the Jury. The Secretary will compute the marks given by all the members of the Jury and inform them of the mathematical result.
16. If the difference between the points obtained by one of the finalists and the points obtained by the finalist(s) ranked below him or her is less than or equal to 3 % of the total number of points obtained by the higher ranking one, the Jury can decide to rank these candidates equally.
17. In the event of unsatisfactory quality, the Jury retains the possibility to refrain from awarding prizes.
18. The decisions of the Jury will not be explained. There is no appeal.
19. The deliberations of the Jury are confidential. All members of the Jury will refrain from disclosing anything from the proceedings.
20. Every member of the Jury will sign these Rules acknowledging approval.