

The 23rd International Piano Duo Competition <Composition Category>

<<Rules for Participants>>

The International Piano Duo Association is taking applications for piano duo compositions with the intention to promote and broaden repertoire for a wide range of performers interested in this genre.

The "Grand Prize" winner's work will be used as a compulsory piece in the final round of the 24th International Piano Duo Competition "Performance Division" in 2024.

【Submission Requirements】

Category **A**: Compositions for Piano Duet (**One piano, Four hands**)

Category **B**: Compositions for Piano Duo (**Two pianos, Four hands**)

- Both categories will be adjudicated together in one competition.
- The work must be unpublished and unperformed previously.
- The duration of the work (one piece, or a collection of small pieces) must be from 4 to 7 minutes.
- Extended piano techniques (hitting or plucking the strings directly or any other direct manipulation of the strings) is not permitted.

【Eligibility】

This competition is open to composers of all ages and nationalities.

【Application and Work Submission Period】

January 8, 2023 to February 28, 2023

* The application and the work must arrive at our office on or before **February 28, 2023**.

【Selection schedule】

- ◆ Preliminary Round: Mid-March, 2023 – Score submissions adjudicated
- ◆ Final Round: Saturday, June 24, 2023 – Performance of selected works in a juried concert setting, followed by an awards ceremony.

(Place: Kawai Omotesando Concert Salon "Pause" in Tokyo)

* The performers for the final round will be provided by the International Piano Duo Association.

【Registration fee】

General: 15,000 yen

Our members: 10,000 yen

【Awards】

- ◆ Grand Prize: Prize money 300,000 yen, certificate, trophy
- ◆ 2nd place: Prize money 200,000 yen, certificate, trophy
- ◆ 3rd place: Prize money 100,000 yen, certificate, trophy

* The work selected for the "Grand Prize" will be used as a compulsory piece in the 24th International Piano Duo Competition "Performance Division".

- ◆ Ongaku-no-Tomosha Encouragement Award: Certificate of Merit, plaque, memento

- ◆ Kawai Award: Certificate of Merit, plaque, memento

- ◆ Steinway Awards: Certificate of Merit, plaque, memento

- ◆ Bechstein Award: Certificate of Merit, plaque, memento

- ◆ Audience prize: Certificate of Merit, plaque, memento

【Judges】 (honorific titles omitted, in alphabetical order)

- * Shin-ichiro KATO (composer, pianist, Toho Gakuen College, Kunitachi College of Music, lecturer)
- * Akira NISHIMURA (composer, Professor at Tokyo College of Music)
- * Céleri HARUHATA (composer)
- * Takehiko YAMADA (composer, pianist, Professor at Sensoku Gakuen College of Music)
- * Sumiko MINEMURA (composer, Professor Emeritus of Nihon University, Chairwoman of the International Piano Duo Association)

【Application procedure】

(1) How to apply

① Apply from **the following URL or QR code** and fill in the form.

<https://forms.gle/DPC9UDTWvys8siFk6>



② Submit an upper body photo by e-mail.

(The photo must be in color, front facing, including your face and upper body, at the highest possible resolution.)

E-mail address: ipda.2pianos4hands@gmail.com

* Enter your name in the subject line of the email.

* The photos may be used in our newsletter and website.

③ Submit the registration fee to the following account within 5 days of submitting the application materials (listed above in ① and ②):

Bank name: **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation**

Branch name: **Koganei Branch**

Store number: **848**

Account number: (Savings) **3524140**

Account name: **International Piano Duo Association**

* You may apply with multiple works, however, a separate application and registration fee is required for each work.

* The registration fees are non-refundable.

(2) Submitting the work

• Please submit the work **by E-mail**.

• The work must be submitted in **a single PDF**, which must include both the "**cover page**" and "**score**".

- The title of the work must be written in both Japanese and foreign text. The name of the composer must appear in Japanese and English on the cover page.
- The score can be written by musical notation software or clear handwriting.
If handwritten, submission as PDF is still required.
- Submit the PDF file to: **ipda.2pianos4hands@gmail.com**

【About copyrights】

The copyright of award-winning works in the composition category belongs to the composer. However, the International Piano Duo Association reserves the right to publish, perform, or disseminate said works on the Internet, and no copyright fee will be incurred until December 2024.

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