

The Second International Piano Competition WPTA Iceland IPC26
14th -16th August 2026 in Salurinn Concert Hall, Hamraborg 6, Kópavogur.

The second International Piano Competition - WPTA Iceland IPC26 - will be held in Salurinn Concert Hall, Kópavogur in parallel with the Summer Piano MasterClass organized by the Open IUA. The competition jury will include internationally renowned artists who will also appear in concerts and masterclasses. The focus of the piano competition is to build an international platform for the next generation of talented pianists aged 10-25 and give them the opportunity to improve their piano playing through competition in a friendly environment. The events of the competition are open to the public and admission is free.

We provide an international platform where promising piano students can shine, hone their skills, broaden their horizons and build meaningful relationships with other musicians and professors from around the world.

Age groups (based on age on Aug. 4th 2026) and non-refundable participation fee:

- I - 10-14 years old - participation fee ISK 15,000 / EUR 100
- II - 15-19 years old - participation fee ISK 15,000 / EUR 100
- III - 20-25 years old - participation fee ISK 15,000 / EUR 100

First round – submitted video recordings on Youtube, free choice work selection. Applications open Feb. 1st and the application deadline is June 1st 2026, maximum participants 45. All applications will be answered by June 7th.

- I - 10-14 years - 5-6 minutes
- II - 15-19 years old - 7-8 minutes
- III - 20-25 years old - 10-12 minutes

The Second round – Live-Finals - will take place in the Salurinn Concert Hall in Kópavogur on the 14th-15th August – Award ceremony on August 16th.

Work lists - free choice work selection, it is allowed to perform works from the first round

- I - 10-14 years old – maximum 10 minutes
- II - 15-19 years old – maximum 15 minutes
- III - 20-25 years old – maximum 20 minutes

Prizes:

The competition is divided into three age categories, with total prize money of 500,000 ISK (3,500 EUR) awarded to outstanding performers, both Icelandic and international. The prizes are generously sponsored by Tónastöðin and Steinway. Total amount of prizes:

Category I 420 Eur; Category II 1400 Eur; Category III 1680 Eur.

Rules and details:

- The application must be send to iceland@wpta.info and accompanied by a receipt for the payment of the non-refundable application fee, a copy of the passport and a clear portrait photograph
- Please indicate the level of study, competition work list for first and second round, teacher and music school in the application.
- Please submit with the application e-mail an “unlisted” youtube link with the non-edited first round work list according to each category
- Only solo piano works will be accepted and should be performed from memory
- Prizes for excellent performance in the competition will be awarded in all age categories at the suggestion of the jury

- Each finalist will receive a Finalist Diploma and Jury feedback
- Jury decisions are final and binding
- The WPTA Iceland IPC strives to be an objective competition and thus requires from all participants and jury members to avoid conflicts of interest
- All travel and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the participants
- By participating in the competition, the contestants agree that all recordings, photographs and other information will be allowed to be shared on the web, social media, Youtube and other similar platforms during the competition and after it ends, for promotional purposes for the project.
- The competition will accept no responsibility for applications not received.
- All applications and supporting documents will be treated as confidential and will not be shared with third parties.

Maximum participants 45

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To pay the non-refundable competition fee ISK 15,000 / EUR 100 please transfer to the following bank account and include the full name of the competitor:

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