

## Category and Eligibility \*Open to all nationalities

### ▼ Professional category

This superlative category is to discover and encourage young promising pianists who pursue a career as a professional pianist.

<b>Professional</b>	Those born between 1988 and 2005
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### ▼ Solo categories

<b>Preschool</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2012
<b>Elementary School Grade 1&amp;2</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2010
<b>Elementary School Grade 3&amp;4</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2008
<b>Elementary School Grade 5&amp;6</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2006
<b>Junior High School</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2003
<b>Senior High School</b>	Those born between April 2, 2000 and April 1, 2003
<b>University</b>	Those born between April 2, 1991 and April 1, 2000
<b>Solo Artist</b>	No age limit

\*Those who have skipped grades shall consult the Competition Committee in order to take part in a category which matches to the grade, not necessarily the year of birth.

### ▼ Concerto categories \*Contestants play with string quartet accompaniment

<b>Concerto I</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2006
<b>Concerto AA</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2003
<b>Concerto AB</b>	Those born on or after April 2, 2000
<b>Concerto B</b>	No age limit
<b>Concerto C</b>	No age limit

### ▼ Chopinist categories (ex-Amateur Categories)

Applicants must not derive a major income from public performances or piano teaching, and must not be actively pursuing a music degree at a college or not have earned a music degree from a college. However, graduates of music schools who do not perform or teach primarily for professional pursuits or financial benefit for a certain period of time may apply.

<b>Chopinist A</b>	Those born on or before April 1, 2003
<b>Chopinist B</b>	
<b>Chopinist S</b>	Those born on or before April 1, 1968 *Contestants may play from the sheet music (playing from memory is optional).
<b>Chopinist Concerto A</b>	Those born on or before April 1, 2000

## Procedure \*Date and time below is Japan time

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<b>September 3</b> ~ <b>October 25</b> <b>15:00</b>	<p><b>Application period for prescreening</b></p> <p>1. Go to the application page and fill in all the application form, and make a payment (USD100) via Stripe (online payment system).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*A face photo (headshot) needs to be uploaded.</li> <li>*A list of repertoire (both prescreening and final round) needs to be submitted.</li> <li>*A credit card is needed (we accept VISA, AMEX and MasterCard only).</li> </ul> <p>2. E-mail the following application materials to the competition committee.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; width: 30px;">1</td> <td>URL of your audition video (e.g. YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox) *The video image must show the pianist's hands and the right side of his/her whole figure, filmed with one camera without cuts during the performance of a piece. Volume control in the recording is NOT allowed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>A image file of your valid passport (Identification page)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>A brief biography in Japanese or English (in Word, Text or PDF format)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td>A recommendation letter from a current instructor, or a photo of your certificate (student status) from school/institution</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Any applications received after the closing date are NOT accepted.</li> <li>*Applications which do not contain all the items above or those without a payment of participation fee are NOT considered for the prescreening.</li> </ul>	1	URL of your audition video (e.g. YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox) *The video image must show the pianist's hands and the right side of his/her whole figure, filmed with one camera without cuts during the performance of a piece. Volume control in the recording is NOT allowed.	2	A image file of your valid passport (Identification page)	3	A brief biography in Japanese or English (in Word, Text or PDF format)	4	A recommendation letter from a current instructor, or a photo of your certificate (student status) from school/institution
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<b>November 12</b>	<p><b>Result announcement from competition committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The result of the prescreening is to be e-mailed to each applicant.</li> <li>· Successful candidates are accepted to perform at the final round.</li> <li>*Candidates for professional category are accepted to perform at the <u>second</u> round.</li> </ul>								
<b>November 12</b> ~ <b>November 26</b> <b>15:00</b>	<p><b>Payment period of participation fee for final round</b></p> <p>Make a payment via Stripe (online payment system).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*A credit card is needed (we accept VISA, AMEX and MasterCard only).</li> <li>*In case you fail to make a payment during the period, you can NOT join the final round.</li> <li>*For more information about the participation fee, refer to the next page "participation fee."</li> </ul>								
<b>December 28</b> <b>or earlier</b>	<p><b>Detailed information from competition committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Detailed time schedule and information are to be e-mailed to each participant.</li> </ul>								
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<b>January 9-14</b>	<p><b>Final round</b></p> <p>Please note that if you pass the prescreening (video audition),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★You are responsible for obtaining your passport and visa as well as booking your trip to Japan (including flight tickets and accommodations).</li> <li>★You must apply for your visa by yourself if necessary.</li> </ul>								

## Participation fee

\*Participation fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

### ▼ Prescreening \*Make a payment from September 3 to October 25 15:00

Categories	Amount
All Categories	100 USD

### ▼ Final round \*Make a payment from November 12 to November 26, 15:00

Categories	Amount
Professional	52,000 JPY *including second round
Preschool	12,000 JPY
Elementary School Grade 1&2	17,000 JPY
Elementary School Grade 3&4	18,000 JPY
Elementary School Grade 5&6	19,000 JPY
Junior High School	22,000 JPY
Senior High School	23,000 JPY
University	24,000 JPY
Solo Artist	27,000 JPY
Concerto I	19,000 JPY
Concerto AA / AB	42,000 JPY
Concerto B	46,000 JPY
Concerto C	52,000 JPY
Chopinist A	21,000 JPY
Chopinist B	24,000 JPY
Chopinist S	21,000 JPY
Chopinist Concerto A	46,000 JPY