

Musical Association “NOTE SUL MARE”  
Announces  
12th INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION “ISCHIA”

•RULE•

- Par. 1 The competition is open to young Italian or foreign musicians.  
Par. 2 The main goal of the competition is to promote musical culture, encouraging youth to study music.  
Par. 3 The competition will take place in “VILLA ARBUSTO”, in Corso Angelo Rizzoli n. 194 in the municipality of Lacco Ameno - Ischia (Naples), from 29th May to 1st June 2025.  
Par. 4 Examinations will be public and divided into the following sections and categories:

**Section 1 : Piano solo**

Cat. Junior	up to 8 full yrs. old	Max. time 5 mins.
Cat. A	up to 10 full yrs. old	Max. time 8 mins.
Cat. B	up to 13 full yrs. old	Max. time 10 mins.
Cat. C	up to 16 full yrs. old	Max. time 15 mins.
Cat. D	up to 19 full yrs. old	Max. time 20 mins.
Cat. E	up to 24 full yrs. old	Max. time 25 mins.

**Section 2 : Piano Four hands**

Cat. G	medium age up to 12 years old	Max. time 10 mins.
Cat. H	medium age up to 16 years old	Max. time 15 mins.
Cat. I	medium age up to 21 years old	Max. time 20 mins.
Cat. L	from 22 years old onwards with no age limit	Max. time 25 mins.

**Section 3: Piano performance** Up to 35 years old

\*Eliminatory round: max. performance duration 15 minutes:

°One Study chosen among F. Chopin, F. Liszt, C. Debussy, S. Rachmaninov, S. Prokofiev, A. Skryabin, B. Bartok, G. Ligeti .

°Free choice program;

\*Final round: max. performance duration 30 minutes. Free choice program

- Par. 5 Competitors must enroll in just one category; however, solists from Section 1 are allowed to take part also in the Section 2 and in the Section 3 and viceversa.
- Par. 6 The association may apply some changes to this announcement in the future and possibly suppress a category, if competitors are not enough. In that case, the attendance fee will be refunded. Furthermore, the association will not be responsible for any damages or losses due to competitors, during all the competition.
- Par. 7 All competitors can enroll in higher categories, if they think consider themselves able.
- Par. 8 Competitors will be allowed to test the piano following a timetable provided by the association.
- Par. 9 Before any examination, competitors will be asked by the examination board to show the following documents:  
1) ID card 2) Two copies of the sheet music program. Simplified piano pieces are not allowed.
- Par. 10 Competitors will be examined in alphabetical order, beginning from a letter randomly chosen on the first day of the competition. Exception made for Section 3 in this case the starting letter will be drawn 8 days before the opening of the competition, in order to ease the staying of the competitors.
- Par. 11 For all competitors of section 1 and 2 the program is free choice repertoire; the competitors of “Piano Performance” will be submitted to first eliminatory round and final round.  
For competitors of Cat. Junior, A,B,C and Section 2 the performance by memory is NOT strictly necessary; for all remaining categories and section 3 the performance by memory is compulsory.
- Par. 12 Competitors will be able to test the piano checking a timetable that will be available on the website [www.ischiapianocompetition.com](http://www.ischiapianocompetition.com) a few days before the beginning of the competition.  
Competitors are kindly invited to inform themselves about .
- Par. 13 Results will be published at the end of the examinations for each category.
- Par. 14 In the application form is strictly necessary to put the teacher's name.  
The full list of the examination board will be available on the website [www.ischiapianocompetition.com](http://www.ischiapianocompetition.com)
- Par. 15 The examination board will be formed by musicians, teachers and renowned musical personalities.
- Par. 16 The examination board may stop players, if the max. time is expired.
- Par. 17 The board's decisions are final and irrevocable. The examination board may also decide not to give any prize due to a low-level general performance of the candidates.
- Par. 18 The award ceremony for the First, Second, Third and Fourth winners will be held at the end of the examination of each category. Absolute First Prize Winners of each category will take part in the Major Award Ceremony that will be held on JUNE 1st 2025 in “VILLA ARBUSTO”, in via Angelo Rizzoli n. 194 Lacco Ameno – Ischia.  
Absolute First Prize Winners who won't be present at the final concert, won't be awarded any prize.
- Par. 19 The calendar of the examinations and the date of convocation (from which each competitor will know the day and the time of the call for his/her category) will be published on the association website [www.ischiapianocompetition.com](http://www.ischiapianocompetition.com)  
Each candidate, therefore, in order to know the day of convocation, will have to visit the website or call the secretary of the association “Note sul Mare” (tel. 0039/ 081 5071403 or 0039/ 333 3283159) .  
“Note sul Mare” will not be responsible in this case; no other forms of convocation are considered.

- Par. 20 Candidates will have to provide for their staying during the competition.
- Par. 21 Pursuant to Art. 10 of the Law n° 675/96 on Personal Data Protection, the musical association “Note sul Mare” declares that all requested personal data will be used only to send information strictly related to the competition. However, pursuant to Art. 1 of the same Law, the owner of the data can forbid its use.
- Par. 22 The application to the competition entails the unconditional acceptance of the rules of the present announcement.

°PRIZES°

Competitors of all sections and categories

FIRST classified (score not less than 95/100) 1st prize medal and degree

SECOND classified (score from 94/100 to 90/100) 2nd prize degree

THIRD classified (score from 89/100 to 85/100) 3rd prize degree

FOURTH classified (score from 84/100 to 80/100) 4th prize degree

-Each not awarded competitor will be given an Attendance Certificate.

-FIRST ABSOLUTE WINNERS of each category cup and degree (score 99/100-100/100), will be also awarded the following prizes :

SECTION 1 (Piano solo)

Cat. Junior Scholarship € 60,00 Cat. A Scholarship € 80,00 Cat. B Scholarship € 100,00

Cat. C Scholarship € 140,00 Cat. D Scholarship € 200,00

Cat. E Scholarship € 300,00

- A Concert to be held during the season 2026 . The concert is listed in “CLASSICA FESTIVAL NOTE SUL MARE” in Ischia

“ISCHIA ISLAND PRIZE”

For the Category Junior, A, B, C, D and E Scholarship € 200,00

The Prize will be awarded at the discretion of the Jury to one competitor chosen among First Absolutes .

SECTION 2 (Piano Four Hands )

Cat. G Scholarship € 100,00 in two Cat. H Scholarship € 150,00 in two

Cat. I Scholarship € 200,00 in two

Cat. L Scholarship € 400,00 in two And 1 Concert to be held during the season 2026 .

The concert is listed in “CLASSICA FESTIVAL NOTE SUL MARE” in Ischia

Section 3 (Piano Performance)

First prize scholarship of Euro 1.500,00\* and two concerts

Second prize scholarship of Euro 600,00\*\* and one concert.

Third prize scholarship of Euro 300,00

\*Euro 800,00 will be delivered after the competition, Euro 700,00 will be distributed during the concerts as an expense reimbursement

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- The Concerts Prize will be held during the season 2026 of :

°Musical Association Note Sul Mare in Ischia ,

°Trapani Classi Festival in Trapani ( Sicily)

°Musical Association "Rospigliosi" in Pistoia

- For the First Prize of Section 3 there will be also “Andrea Monte” Prize : Holiday –Concert

\*Double room for two people from June 2nd to June 4th 2025 ( 3 days , 2 nights) at the “Hotel Terme Providence” ( Forio - Ischia ) with half board . The Concert (without compensation to the winner ) will be held on June 2nd 2025 at the 9 pm (21:00). The holiday period is not replaceable . If the winner is not available for these dates , the prize will be awarded to the next winner in the ranking.

**\* Just a formal reimbursement is provided for all award concerts.**

Par. 23 Private agreements are being made with several musical associations, in order to give prize winners the opportunity to play in their festivals. – At the end of the Competition the Absolute Winner of the Ischia Piano Competition will be mentioned.

Par. 24 Recordings , television or radio broadcasting of the performances won't give competitors any right to any reward.

•PARTICIPATION MODE•

Par. 25 Candidates will have to fill out the application form and send it within and not beyond May 10th 2025 via e- mail to [ischiapianocompetition@gmail.com](mailto:ischiapianocompetition@gmail.com) . Proof of payment must be attached to the mail.

•REGISTRATION FEES•

Cat. Junior € 45,00 1^ section Cat. A-B-C € 55,00 1^ section Cat. D-E € 70,00 1^ section

Cat. Piano Performance € 85,00 3^ section

Cat G-H € 90,00 in two 2^ section Cat I-L € 110,00 in two 2^ section

Payment must be net of charges banking

The registration fee can be paid by bank transfer: Banca Prossima- C/C n° 69467 headed to “Associazione Musicale Note sul Mare” IBAN: IT47S0306909606100000069467 ; BIC/ SWIFT : BCITITMM  
Filiale di Milano 20121 - Piazza Paolo Ferrari 10 – Milano

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**“ISCHIA”**

**APPLICATION FORM**

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Cat. \_\_\_\_\_

1) Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2) Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Surname and Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM**

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Total duration : min. \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHED : Proof of payment must be attached to the application .

Payment in euro of \_\_\_\_\_ by Bank Transfer

\* **Payment must be net of charges banking**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**ASSOCIAZIONE MUSICALE  
“NOTE SUL MARE”**



# 12th International Piano Competition “ISCHIA”

**MAY 29th - JUNE 1st 2025**

**SECTION I PIANO  
SECTION II PIANO 4 HANDS  
SECTION III PIANO PERFORMANCE**

**SCADENZA DOMANDE / APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 10th 2025**

**( Piano Solo - Piano 4 hands)**

**JUNE 1st - Awards Ceremony /  
Premiazione Concerto Finale  
ore 21:00**

**VILLA ARBUSTO - LACCO AMENO ( ITALY)**

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