

## Franz Liszt International Piano Competition in Hungary

**Filharmonia Hungary organizes the highly prestigious Franz Liszt International Piano Competition at the Liszt Academy of Budapest between 12-19 September in 2021. This reputable event invites young and talented pianists to apply by 15 April, 2021!**

The competition organized by the most notable classical music concert agency of Hungary, is part of the Budapest International Music Competitions, the founding member of the World Federation of International Music Competitions. With a tradition dating back to 1993, the Franz Liszt International Piano Competition, also member of the Alink-Argerich Foundation, is among the most prestigious national and international competitions. The first winner of the competition was Annie Fischer. Young musicians are invited to apply for the pre-selection of the 15<sup>th</sup> Liszt Competition by 15 April 2021, at the webpage of [filharmonia.hu](http://filharmonia.hu)

The competition is hosted by the Liszt Academy. At one of the most prestigious venues of the Hungarian musical life, young contestants display their talents to a prominent jury, whose members include world famous artists like Olga Kern and Tamás Vásáry.

Winners of the competition are rewarded with concert invitations and generous prizes, the first-prize-winner receives 30 000 euros!

The repertoire of the 2021 competition features mandatory and free-choice compositions that enable competitors to exhibit their unique musical world. The core programs includes iconic Liszt compositions and different transcripts.

The repertoire pays tribute to György Cziffra, the world-renown Hungarian pianist, on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, by including his Liszt-transcriptions, and on the occasion of Saint-Saëns-anniversary, Liszt-transcripts reflecting on the French composer have also been added to the program.

As a novelty, the repertoire of the pre-selection also includes Bach and Haydn compositions, whose works form an essential part of the European musical heritage. Filharmonia invites gifted young pianists to apply and demonstrate their talents at this prestigious international competition!

Further information can be found on the webpage of the competition: [www.filharmonia.hu](http://www.filharmonia.hu) and [www.lisztcompetition.hu](http://www.lisztcompetition.hu)

Greetings video from Olga Kern: <https://youtu.be/VkL2vmlANwc>

