

# 2026 Orbifold International Music Competition

## Concerto Competition Rules and Schedule

### 🚩 NEW THIS YEAR! 🚩

The competition now includes a Concerto Category. One winner will be selected to perform a concerto movement with the **Orbifold String Chamber Orchestra** (approximately 20 musicians) in Northern Italy, about 1-hour from Venice, Italy (July 31-August 6, 2026). The winner will receive a **\$1,500 orchestra fee waiver** if they participate in the 2026 Orbifold Music Festival X Italy – Piano, Strings, or Vocal Program.

## Competition Format & Important Deadlines

- One round, online only.
- Piano, Strings, and Vocalists are eligible for the 2026 edition.
- Registration Deadline: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Result Announcement: no later than June 20, 2026.
- Repertoire Requirement: One movement of a concerto selected from the official concerto list [🌐 https://www.orbifoldmusicfestival.com/](https://www.orbifoldmusicfestival.com/). **Vocalist:** If your aria or song selection has an arrangement with a string quartet, quintet, or chamber orchestra reduction, you may enter to perform with the orchestra. Vocalists may choose their own selection, but must email us the score reduction at the time of application.
- All repertoire must be performed from memory, except for Oratorio, Mass, Requiem, and Cantata Arias, where singers may hold music scores as is traditional performance practice.

## Registration Guidelines

- Open to participants of all nationalities.
- Ensure all information on the registration form is accurate and valid. False information will result in disqualification.
- To apply, submit the concerto competition application form on the official website and include a video clip of one movement/selection.
- Winners must perform the same selection from the competition.
- Winners will be available for rehearsals and performances between (July 31-August 6, 2026), in Northern Italy near Venice. Participants are responsible for their own travel.

## Registration Fees

\$50 (Discounted \$20 for those who participated in the Orbifold Global Music Competition Preliminary Round).

*\*Registration fees are non-refundable.*

## Prizes

- **First Prize:** Performance with the Orbifold String Chamber Orchestra + \$1,500 orchestra fee waiver if the winner participates in the 2026 Orbifold Music Festival X Italy.
- **Second Prize:** \$400 scholarship for the 2026 Orbifold Global Music Festival.
- **Third Prize:** \$200 scholarship for the 2026 Orbifold Global Music Festival.

## Travel & Visa Information

- **Italy is part of the EU Schengen visa zone.**
- Apply for a **visa** as early as possible.
- Review visa requirements at the **embassy of the country that issued your passport.**

## Scoring Criteria

- First Prize: 97-100 points
- Second Prize: 93-96 points
- Third Prize: 90-92 points

## Disclaimer

- All prize money and fees are in USD.
- All participants must understand and assume certain unknown risks. Orbifold Global Music Festival & Competition will not be responsible for any loss, damage, virus transmission, personal safety, or other uncontrollable factors.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to interpret all competition rules and will strive to maintain fairness and impartiality.
- Orbifold Global Music Competition is not responsible for any uncontrollable factors (including health issues, mental health concerns, natural disasters, etc.) that may occur during the competition.