

Rules and Regulations
International Competition for Young Pianists
“Il Pozzolino”
14th – 18th November 2012

The 1st edition of the International Competition for Young Pianists “Il Pozzolino” will take place in Seregno (Italy) from 14 to 18 November, 2012.

The Competition will be organised by the City of Seregno.

Eligibility

The Competition is open to pianists of both genders and any nationality, who are born between 1 January, 1995 and 31 December, 2006. Pianists can apply for the following Categories:

- CATEGORY A = born in 2004, 2005 and 2006
- CATEGORY B = born in 2001, 2002 and 2003
- CATEGORY C = born in 1998, 1999 and 2000
- CATEGORY D = born in 1995, 1996 and 1997

Competitors can apply for one category only. Competitors may apply for a superior age category if they believe themselves qualified to do so.

All applicants must properly fill out the application form, which can be downloaded from the Competition website www.concorsopozzoli.it or obtained from the Secretariat office.

Applications must be posted before 13 October, 2012 to the Secretariat:

SEGRETERIA DEL CONCORSO PIANISTICO INTERNAZIONALE “IL POZZOLINO”

Piazza Martiri della Libertà n. 1

20831 SEREGNO (MB)

ITALIA

All documentation can also be emailed to info@concorsopozzoli.it, within the same deadline.

Applications must contain the following:

- a) certified copy of birth certificate or another legal document stating the applicant’s age and nationality;
- b) two current photos (if posted, the name of the applicant must be written on the back in capital letters);
- c) photo/video consent and release form and privacy notice form, both signed by a parent or a tutor
- d) application fee payment receipt – application fee to be paid as follows:

- online payment on the website www.concorsopozzoli.it

Or

1) *bank transfer to Banca Popolare di Milano – Tesoreria Comunale - Concorso Pianistico Ettore Pozzoli - c/c n. 19900 - A.B.I. 05584 C.A.B. 33840 - CIN V - IBAN IT 70 V 05584 33840 0000*

IBAN C/C TESORERIA = IT 70 V 05584 33840 000000019900, codice BIC (or SWIFT) BPMIITMM141 stating the name of the applicant

Or

- postal order to the Secretariat of the Pozzoli Competition ("Segreteria del Concorso Pianistico Internazionale "Ettore Pozzoli"), stating the name of the applicant

The application fee is not refundable, unless the Organisation Committee decides to cancel the Competition stages of one or more Categories due to a lack of applicants or to any other reason.

The application fee are calculated as follows:

- CATEGORY A: € 50
- CATEGORY B: € 60
- CATEGORY C: € 70
- CATEGORY D: € 80

Applicants can download the sheet music of the corresponding Category repertoire compositions (see "Competition Repertoire") without charges. The instructions for download can be found on the website www.concorsopozzoli.it.

Jury

Competitors will be assessed by an international Jury composed by at least 5 distinguished pianists. The Mayor of Seregno can witness Jury deliberations.

The Secretary takes part in every phase of the Competition, including Jury deliberations.

The decision of the Jury is final with no appeal.

Any jury member who currently teaches one or more competitors or has held *masterclasses* in the last 2 years in which one or more competitors have taken part will abstain from voting for those competitors.

A maximum of 3 competitors will be admitted to the final round of each Category. The final round of all Categories will take place in Seregno at 3 pm on Sunday 18 November, 2012.

The order of performance will be determined by draw and competitors will be notified before 30 October, 2012, the same deadline to receive the final notification of acceptance.

The Jury reserves itself the right to change the order of performance at its discretion.

The pieces order in the programme is at the discretion of competitors. Changes in the programme will be accepted until 30 October, 2012. Any change that will reach the Secretariat beyond time limits will be accepted but will not appear in the Official Guide of the Competition.

Refrains can be performed at competitors' discretion, as long as the total duration of the programme does not exceed the time limit. If so, the Jury may propose to reduce the programme or stop the performance.

Competitors who are unable to perform when called upon to do so may be disqualified.

All competition rounds are open to the public.

The City of Seregno reserves itself the right to record, produce and distribute all performances and to choose the appropriate time and means to do so. The application must be co-signed by a parent or a guardian and authorises the use of personal data and the recording, production and distribution of audiovisual material.

PRIZES

For each category, the following money prizes will be awarded:

CATEGORY A (6-8 years)

First Prize:	€ 500
Second Prize:	€ 300
Third Prize:	€ 200

CATEGORY B (9-11 years)

First Prize:	€ 1.000
Second Prize:	€ 500
Third Prize:	€ 300

CATEGORY C (12-14 years)

First Prize:	€ 1.500
Second Prize:	€ 700
Third Prize:	€ 400

CATEGORY D (15-17 years)

First Prize:	€ 2.000
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Special Prize to the First-Prize winner

A recital with the Foundation 'Giuseppe Verdi' Symphonic Orchestra and Symphonic Chorus of Milan for Season 2013-2014

Second Prize:	€ 1.000
Third Prize:	€ 500

The following prizes will also be awarded:

Special Jury Prize to the best performance of compulsory Pozzoli pieces: 500 € voucher to purchase methods and sheet music offered by *Casa Ricordi*, to be spent online (dealers chosen by *Casa Ricordi*)

Audience Prize: 500 € voucher to purchase methods and sheet music offered by *Casa Ricordi*, to be spent online (dealers chosen by *Casa Ricordi*)

Special Prize to the teacher who presents the highest number of finalists: invitation to take part in the 2014 Jury

All competitors will receive a **certificate of attendance**.

A **certificate of merit** will be given to those who get a score between 80 and 85.

OTHER REGULATIONS

The Artistic Board, which is composed by the musicians belonging to the Organisation Committee of the Competition, will decide the admission of applicants.

All competitors may communicate to the Secretariat the date and time of arrival in Seregno. They are required to arrive to register in Seregno by 7 pm of the day before the commencement of the corresponding Category Stage. In order to register with the Competition Secretariat, applicants must provide a valid identification document.

Competitors must be accompanied by a supervising adult for the duration of the Competition and for their stay in Seregno. Supervisors are fully responsible for competitors at all times. Other people travelling with competitors must provide for accommodation at their expenses.

Free accommodation with local families or, if necessary, in accommodation facilities is granted to the first 20 applicants and their supervisors, regardless of their Categories.

Daily practice facilities and pianos will be provided for competitors.

By submitting the application, the applicant agrees to all the Rules and Regulations of the Competition.

The Organisation Committee of the Competition has the right to make any modifications at all times.

The organisers disclaim all liability for any damage to persons or property occurring during the Competition.

For further information please contact:

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COMPETITION REPERTOIRE

Category A

- 1) E. Pozzoli, from "24 piccoli studi facili e progressivi", one study of choice among n. 14 – 16 – 18 – 20 – 22 – 23
- 2) E. Pozzoli, from "Piccole Scintille", 15 easy pieces, one piece of choice among n. 4 – 6 – 9 – 11 – 12 – 14
- 3) A free 5 minute programme

Category B

- 1) E. Pozzoli, from "15 studi facili per le piccole mani", a study of choice among n. 5 – 6 – 7 – 10 – 13 – 14
- 2) E. Pozzoli, from the little suite "Pinocchio", a piece of choice
- 3) A free 10 minute programme

Category C

- 1) E. Pozzoli, from "Studi a moto rapido", a study of choice among n. 2 – 4 – 6 – 14 – 23 – 27
- 2) E. Pozzoli, from "Impressioni", Fascicolo I, n. 1 – 4 – 6/ Fascicolo II, n. 7 – 8 – 12, a piece of choice
- 3) A free 15 minute programme

Category D

- 1) E. Pozzoli, from "Studi di media difficoltà", a study of choice among n. 5 – 11 – 16 – 21 – 30 – 31
- 2) E. Pozzoli, from "Riflessi del mare", a piece of choice between n. 1 and 2
- 3) A free 20 minute programme

On Sunday 18 November, finalists will perform one or more pieces chosen by the competitor among those performed in the First Round, with the following time limits:

- 1) Category A time-limite 4 minutes
- 2) Category B time-limite 6 minutes
- 3) Category C time-limite 8 minutes
- 4) Category D time-limite 10 minutes

MEMORANDUM Dates and deadlines

Friday 1 June

Accreditation starts

Saturday 13 October

Application deadline

Sunday 27 October

Notification of acceptance and of Competition stages schedule

Monday 30 October

Last day to communicate programme changes

From Wednesday 14 to Saturday 17 November

Competition stages of the 4 categories

Sunday 18 November

Final round of the 4 categories and declaration of the winners