

## **Gateway to an International Career: The Franz Liszt International Piano Competition in Budapest!**

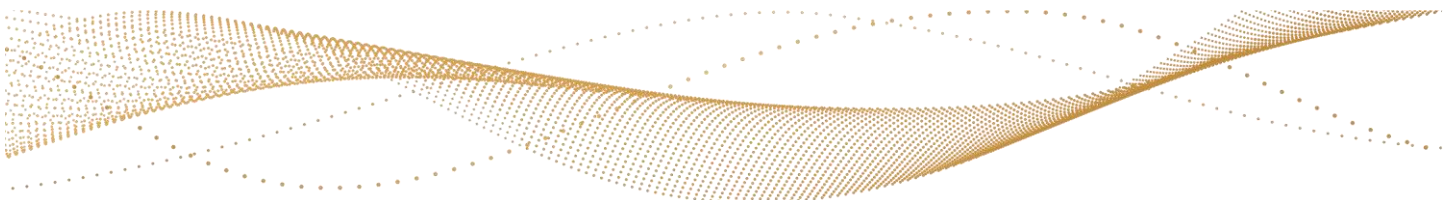
**Between September, 12-19 2021, Filharmonia Hungary will be holding the prestigious Franz Liszt International Piano Competition at the Academy of Music, Budapest. As in other years, the competitors will be demonstrating their prowess in front of a distinguished international panel, among them the chair, Olli Mustonen (Finland), the pianist Olga Kern (Russia) and the pianist and conductor Tamás Vásáry (Hungary). Young pianists below the age of 32 can apply to pit their musical wits by April 15, 2021. The stakes are high! The first prize is 30,000 Euros and international career-launching concert appearances.**

The competition is organized as a Budapest International Music Competitions event by Hungary's most important organizer of serious music competitions, Filharmonia Hungary, one of the founding members of the World Federation of International Music Festivals. The Franz Liszt International Piano Competition is a member of the Alink-Argerich Foundation and is among the most prestigious competitions in the Hungarian and international music world, with a tradition stretching back to 1933.

The first ever winner of the Franz Liszt International Piano Competition, held every 5 years and now approaching the fifteenth occasion, was Annie Fischer. Young musicians can submit their application material to the preselection panel by April 15 to [filharmonia.hu](http://filharmonia.hu).

The competition will be given a home by the Academy of Music. Established in 1875, the Academy of Music is the only institute bearing Franz Liszt's name in the founding of which the composer himself played an active part. It is here, in one of Hungary's most significant music venues, that the competitors will be able to display their talents before a distinguished international panel of judges. They include the international stars Olga Kern (Russia), Wu Ying (China), Boaz Sharon (USA), Olli Mustonen (Finland), Cyprien Katsaris (France), János Balázs (Hungary), Gábor Farkas (Hungary) and Tamás Vásáry (Hungary).

Prize-winners will receive concert opportunities and cash prizes: the first prize is 30,000 Euros!



The 2021 competition will comprise compulsory and chosen pieces, providing competitors to demonstrate their own musical worlds. The backbone of the competition material is made up from the iconic works of Franz Liszt, but arrangements have also received a place in the programme.

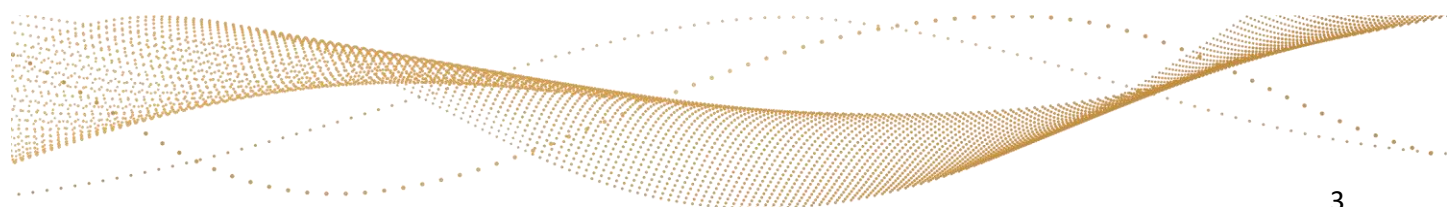
2021 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the world-famous Hungarian pianist György Cziffra, and we pay homage to him in the competition material through Cziffra arrangements of Liszt's works; it being the centenary of the death of the composer Saint-Saens, there will also be a Liszt arrangement of a work by the French composer. One new element is the inclusion in the preselection material of works by Bach and Haydn, essential to an understanding European music culture.

The Filharmonia encourages talented young pianists to apply and demonstrate their talent at this prestigious international competition!

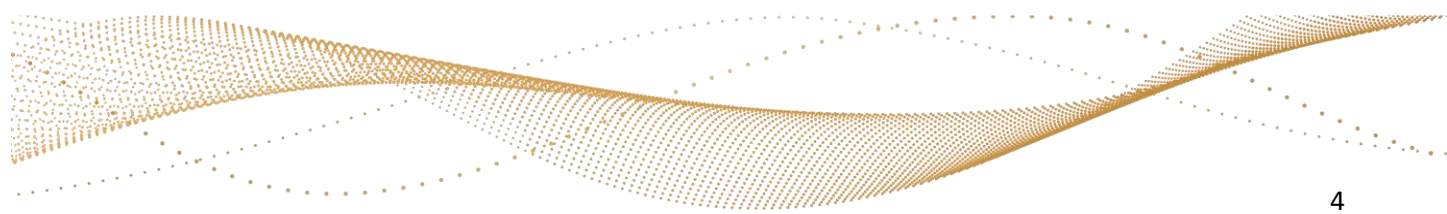
#### Previous winners

1933. I.	Annie FISCHER	Hungary
II.	Mykisha TARAS	Soviet Union
III.	Lajos KENTNER	Hungary
1948. I.	Peter WALLFISCH	Israel
II.	Paul BADURA-SKODA	Austria
1956. I.	Lev VLASENKO	Soviet Union
II.	Mihály BÄCHER	Hungary
III.	Lazar BERMAN	Soviet Union
	Liu SI-KUN	China
1961. I.	Gábor GABOS	Hungary
	David WILDE	Great Britain
II.	Dino CIANI	Italy

	III.	Thérèse CASTAING	France
1966.	I.	-	
	II.	Imre ANTAL	Hungary
	III.	Gabriella TORMA	Hungary
	IV.	Gyula KISS	Hungary
		Erika LUX	Hungary
1971.	I.	Reiko MATSUZAKI	Japan
		Nikolai SUK	Soviet Union
	II.	Elena SKURATOVSKAJA	Soviet Union
	III.	László BARANYAY	Hungary
		Etsuko TAZAKI	Japan
1976.	I.	Robert BENZ	Italy
	II.	Gary STEIGERWALT	USA
		Frédéric AGUESSY	France
	III.	Imre ROHMANN	Hungary
		Vladim MONARTIRSKY	Soviet Union
1981.	I.	-	
	II.	Műza RUBACKYTÉ	Soviet Union
	III.	Hortense CARTIER-BRESSON	France
1986.	I.	-	
	II.	Károly MOCSÁRI	Hungary
	III.	Dmitri RACER	Soviet Union



1991.	I.	Alexander STRUKOV	Soviet Union
	II.	Leonid KUZMIN	USA
		Midori NOHARA	France
	III.	Ethella CHUPRYK	Soviet Union
		Valerie SHKAROUPA	Soviet Union
1996.	I.	Gergely BOGÁNYI	Hungary
	II.	Igor KAMENZ	Germany
	III.	Nadejda VLAEVA	Bulgaria
2001.	I.	-	
	II.	Péter TÓTH	Hungary
	III.	Gábor FARKAS	Hungary
		Vadym KHOLODENKO	Ukraine
		Massimiliano MOTTERLE	Italy
2006.	I.	Elmar GASANOV	Russia
	II.	Olivier BESNARD	France
		László BORBÉLY	Hungary
	III.	István LAJKÓ	Hungary
2011.	I.	Alexander ULLMAN	Great Britain
	II.	Ilya KONDRATIEV	Russia
	III.	János BALÁZS	Hungary
2016.	I.	Sakata TOMOKI	Japan
	II.	Sergey BELYAVSKIY	Russia
	III.	Leon BERNSDORF	Germany



Further Information: [www.lisztcompetition.hu/en/](http://www.lisztcompetition.hu/en/)

Pianist Olga Kern's invitational video: <https://youtu.be/VkL2vmIANwc>

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