

VIENNA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXCHANGE & COMPETITION 2027

Organized by CFOS and currently being developed in cooperation with the Johann Sebastian Bach Musikschule Wien.

Experience an unforgettable journey of artistic growth, international collaboration, and performance in Vienna, one of the world's most celebrated musical capitals.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the Musikverein Wien (subject to final confirmation, after confirmed participation from attending schools and institutions), receive professional feedback from distinguished faculty, participate in international competition and exchange activities, and connect with students and institutions from around the world.

Official certificates will be issued by the organizers and participating partner institutions.

REGISTRATION FEE (ALL PARTICIPANTS)

€90 per participant

The registration fee is mandatory for all participants and is non-refundable.

PACKAGE A

International Masterclass and Competition (2-Weeks Total Duration)

€750 per participant, Early Bird (before December 1st, 2026) €650 per participant

Included

- Participation in the International Competition
- One Solo Masterclass Session (see below for details) and Final Masterclass Concert Participation
- Eligibility for Competition Prizes and Awards
- Eligibility for Selection to the Prizewinner Concert at the Musikverein Wien (venue to be confirmed)
- Professional Photography and Video of the Prizewinner Concert
- Competition Participation Certificate
- Prize Certificate (where applicable)
- Opportunity to Win a Masterclass Prize (Additional Masterclass Session free of cost with Faculty)

Competition Format

Competition categories are separated into Junior and Senior.

Junior participants are those that have studied their respective instruments for under 10 years; Senior participants are those who have studied their respective instruments for over 10 years, or whose teacher's acknowledge advanced ability.

If your child is under the age of 15, and would like to participate in the Senior group, we will need a recommendation letter from your child's current teacher, to be submitted with the application email.

Selected prizewinners may be invited to perform during the Prizewinner Concert and Award Ceremony at the Musikverein Wien (to be confirmed).

Solo Masterclass Details

Dates

The week preceding the main event (c. July 26-31, 2027); detailed schedule for each lesson after participation confirmation. Faculty will include both invited artists from Vienna and teachers from participating institutions, will be announced latest in February 2027.

Includes

- One individual 60-minute lesson with a participating faculty member
- Repertoire coaching
- Interpretation guidance
- Performance preparation strategies
- Masterclass Participation Certificate
- Participation in Final Masterclass Concert

Required Application Materials to classicsfromtheotherside@gmail.com

- Student Name
- Instrument and Name of Current Teacher
- Chosen Repertoire and total duration (not exceeding 5 minutes for Junior, and under 10 minutes for Senior.)
- Would you like to participate in Masterclass and Final Masterclass Concert: Yes/No
- If under 15 years of age and would like to participate in Senior category - letter of recommendation by current teacher.

Application Subject Line

Package A Application – [Student Name]

Successful applicants will be contacted within two weeks of their application email.

PACKAGE B

International String Orchestra Exchange

Group Participation Only

€6500 per orchestra group

Maximum Group Size: 15 Students (if your orchestra is above 15 students, please contact us for individual plan.)

The group fee is divided equally amongst all participating students.

Individual Costs According to No. of Students in Group

Number of Students	Cost Per Student
10	650.00 €
11	590.91 €
12	541.67 €
13	500.00 €
14	464.29 €
15	433.33 €

Included

- Participation in the International String Orchestra Exchange
- Repertoire of Individual Piece or Selections of Maximum 10 Minutes per Orchestral Group

- Final Performance at the Musikverein Wien (venue to be confirmed)
- Professional Photography and Video of the Orchestra Performance
- Orchestra Exchange Participation Certificate
- School / Institution Exchange Certificate

ORCHESTRA COACHING FEE

€150 per student

Dates

The week preceding the main event (c. July 26-31, 2027); detailed schedule for each lesson after participation confirmation

Includes

- Three Orchestra Coaching Sessions
- Approximately 60 Minutes Per Session
- Ensemble Coaching
- Performance Preparation For Concert
- Orchestra Coaching Participation Certificate

Required Application Materials to classicsfromtheotherside@gmail.com

- Student Name
- Instrument and Teacher of Orchestral Group
- Name of Orchestral Group and the Pieces Played by Your Group (maximum 10 minutes duration)

- Will you require shared accommodation for the whole 14-day period at a promotional rate?

Subject Line: Package B Application [Student Name, Name of Orchestral Group/School]

Applications will be reviewed in coordination with the participating schools and institutions. You will receive a confirmation email once all members of your orchestral group have submitted their applications, and these applications are confirmed with your school/institution - therefore, confirmation dates may vary and we encourage timely group applications.

PACKAGE C

Competition + Orchestra Exchange

For Students Already Participating In Package B

Students registered through an orchestra participating in Package B may also participate in the competition at a special reduced fee.

Fees:

1. Package B Participation, which is divided equally amongst orchestra members

2. Package A Add-On:
€400 per person

3. Registration Fee (only need to pay once per student for both packages)
€90

Included

Everything included in Package A and Package B.

This package is intended to encourage orchestra participants to gain both ensemble and individual performance experience during the program.

**Required Application Materials to
classicsfromtheotherside@gmail.com**

- Student Name
- Instrument and Teacher of Orchestral Group
- Name of Orchestral Group
- Will you require shared accommodation for the whole 14-day period at a promotional rate?
- Chosen Repertoire for Competition and Solo Masterclass, and total duration (not exceeding 5 minutes for Junior, and under 10 minutes for Senior.)
- Would you like to participate in Masterclass and Final Masterclass Concert: Yes/No
- If under 15 years of age and would like to participate in Senior category - letter of recommendation by current teacher.

Subject Line: Package C Application [Student Name, Name of Orchestral Group/School]

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will the detailed schedule be released?

The dates for the 2027 event are currently July 26 -August 7, with arrival planned for July 25.

A provisional schedule will be sent by mid-2027, subject to change. The final schedules for teachers and students, including all personal individual masterclass and competition slots, orchestra coaching sessions, and concerts, will be sent by email latest one week before the event start.

Is accommodation for students included?

No: Upon early bird application and request from Package B and C students (15 students per group), we can offer a shared accommodation package (3 students per room) for the whole 14-day period (13 nights) at around 450€, exact costs to be confirmed.

Parents and accompanying adults are encouraged to find their own accommodation: We can also help coordinate discounted options upon request.

Will accompaniment be provided?

Accompaniment will be provided for competition performances and pre-competition solo masterclasses in Packages A and C.

One rehearsal with the accompanist is planned for each participant performing repertoire with piano.

Are flights included?

No: Travel agency assistance may be available upon request for organized groups of over 15 people.

Are meals included?

No. Meals and personal expenses, such as local transportation, are not included.

Can parents attend concerts?

Yes, all parents are welcome to attend.

Can parents observe masterclasses?

Yes, any attending parents are encouraged to attend their child's masterclasses, as well as other students' classes, subject to venue capacity and organizational requirements.

Is travel insurance required?

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all international participants.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- International Exchange and Competition Experience
- Compete For Awards And Special Prizes
- Represent Your School And Institution On An International Stage
- Build International Friendships And Professional Connections
- Develop Artistic, Leadership, And Ensemble Skills

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration Fees

The registration fee (€90 per participant) is payable upon registration and is non-refundable.

When and How to Pay

After your applications have been reviewed, we will contact you per your application email address with a confirmation email, with the exact amount to be paid according to your package, and account information for the transfer.

Please note that we will provide the amount to be paid in Euros, as well as the suggested currency conversion rate. Please ensure that the transferred amount from your chosen currency corresponds the amount to be paid in Euros for a successful application.

Upon successful transfer of fees, we would need an email with the subject line: Proof of Payment [Student Name, Package ()]

This email should include your transfer receipt for the applicable amount. Upon receipt of your payment, we will send you the applicable details (e.g. personal schedule and if applicable, accommodation address).

Important Notice on Group Fees

If you are a Package B or Package C student, the **applicable group fee (your Package B or Package C fee, and the orchestra coaching fee) remains non-refundable and unchangeable** regardless of whether individual students subsequently withdraw, become ill, are unable to travel, or otherwise choose not to participate.

No partial refunds or fee reductions will be granted for individual participant cancellations within an already registered group.

Group Cancellation

Should an entire registered group withdraw **more than six months** prior (before January 15, 2027) to the event start date, the group program fee will be refunded in full.

Should an entire registered group withdraw within six months of the event (after January 15, 2027), only **40%** of the group program fee will be refunded.

The remaining **60%** will be retained to cover the various venue commitments, administration and booking expenses, faculty and institution commitments, and if applicable, accommodation commitments already made.

Individual Cancellation

Registration fees will not be refunded in principle.

Cancellations in cases of the standard definition of force majeure will be acknowledged and refunded, provided there is an apostilled medical certificate. Cases of refund in situations of illness without an apostilled medical certificate will not be considered valid.

Important note for all packages: Last-minute illnesses in cases where the student/participant is already in Vienna will not be refunded.

Replacement Institutions

Participation slots vacated by a withdrawing group may be reassigned to institutions following approval.

The organizers reserve the sole right to determine whether a replacement institution satisfies the program's artistic and educational requirements.