



2023 “Carlos Guastavino” International Composition Competition GUIDELINES

SONUS International Music Festival, Inc. (SONUS-IMF) invites entries to the 2023 “*Carlos Guastavino*” International Composition Competition.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage the creation of musical works inspired by folk or national traditions from around the world, while upholding the high standards of musical composition sustained by Argentine composer Carlos Guastavino (1912-2000).

The finalists’ works will be featured during the SONUS-IMF Season 2023/2024.

Application Deadline: June 25, 2023

Applicants must submit fees and all materials required with the online application form found on the SONUS website (www.SonusInternationalMusicFestival.org).

Application Fee

Non-refundable fee of \$25.00 USD per submission. A limited number of scholarships is available. For information contact the coordinator at (info@sonusinternationalmusicfestival.org)

Entries

- Compositions must be connected to or inspired by folk themes or traditions from any culture.
- Composers may submit only one composition per category. If submitting in two categories, a second application fee will be required.
- Works cannot have been recorded or performed publicly before October 30, 2023.
 - The above rule does not apply to performances in educational settings.
- Only compositions for unaltered/unprepared piano and classical acoustic instruments are accepted.
- Prior first-place winners in any category
 - May not compete again in the same category.
 - May submit entries in a different category.

Categories

Compositions in the following categories will be accepted:

- Piano Solo
- Duo Ensemble with Piano (Chamber Music:)
 3. Compositions for voice and piano. Art Song.
 - a. The voice part may be sung or spoken.
 - b. The work must include the author’s name, the text, and a translation to the English language.
 4. Duo-ensemble compositions for a classical acoustic instrument and piano

Duration of Works

Compositions must have a total duration between 4 and 10 minutes.

Awards

Performance Awards. Award winning works will be performed by SONUS-IMF Festival Guest Artists.

- A minimum of three works by finalists will be featured during the SONUS-IMF 2023/2024 season.

Monetary Awards

- First prize: \$1,000.00 USD
- Second prize: \$500.00
- Third prize: \$300.00

Additional prizes may be awarded at the judges' discretion, upon additional funding.

Timeline

- Submission deadline: June 25, 2023.
- Applications may be submitted starting October 1, 2022.
- The winners will be announced in October 2023 at the SONUS-IMF live event.
- The winners' names will be listed on the SONUS website.
- Only the winners' names will be posted.

Judges

- Submissions will be adjudicated by committees formed by distinguished composers and performers.
- The judges' decisions are final.

Application instructions

Phase 1

To submit your application, please visit www.SonusInternationalMusicFestival.org after 8/30/2022

- Click [Composition Competition](#).
- Fill out the application and submit it with your fee which must be received before phase 2.

Phase 2

- Applicants will be contacted by email and assigned a competition ID.
- Applicants will then submit their work electronically with the Competition ID as instructed, including:
 - A brief statement about their connection with the folk tradition that inspired their composition
 - A declaration of authorship.
 - A brief biography of up to 100 words.
 - A written score (presented anonymously) and a recording of the work submitted.
 - The score must be typeset. Manuscripts are not accepted
 - A recording: live performances are preferred, and favor the candidates, but electronic renditions will be accepted.

Copyrights and Recordings

Finalists must give permission for their works to be performed and/or recorded as part of the SONUS 2023/2024 festival season. SONUS-IMF retains the rights to use such recordings for promotional purposes in future programs.

Composers retain copyright and all subsequent performance and publication rights to their works.

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