

HK International Concerto & Ensemble Festival (HKICEF)  
Presented by Hong Kong Metropolitan Pop Orchestra

General Application Guideline for Competition

The 2018 HKICEF will be held in Hong Kong from August 20 to 26, 2018. The competition is open to musicians of all nationalities in the following categories:

Details in Category, Age & Application fee\*\*

Piano Concerto

- Artist: under age of 35 (HKD 1200/ USD 150)
- Young Artist: under age of 18 (HKD 1000/ USD 130)
- Junior Artist: under age of 13 (HKD 1000/ USD 130)

Violin Concerto

- Artist: under age of 35 (HKD 1200/ USD 150)
- Young Artist: under age of 18 (HKD 1000/ USD 130)

Ensemble

- Open Class: No Age Limit (HKD 2000/ USD 255)
- Young Artist: under age of 18 (HKD 1500/ USD 195)

Eligibility and division is determined by age as of June 30, 2018. Each contestant may only enter one category and one Open Class in Ensemble. A valid identification document with photograph will be requested for age verification at the competition.

Application deadline: 30th May, 2018 noon Hong Kong time; late submission will not be considered

The names of contestants and their order of appearance will be determined by a drawing conducted by competition organizer that will be posted online by June 30, 2018

Payment method: PayPal or direct deposit to our bank account

Other Charges

1. All contestants must play with piano accompaniment. Contestants may provide their own pianist or use the pianists provided by HKICEF, with a flat rate of 1200HKD for 2 rehearsal sessions of 1 hour each and the competition.
2. All contestants will have to be responsible for their own accommodation. We can provide a list of hotels affiliated accommodation choices at a special rate.

\*\*application fee will also include a admission to enjoy the concert by all our faculty members

Competition Schedule

The competition will consist of 2 rounds.

1st round for Ensemble, Piano and Violin Concerto Competition will take place between August 20 and August 23, 2018 at the Youth Square Hong Kong and/or other assigned venues.

5 finalists will be selected from each category to contest in the final round on August 24/25, 2018 at the Y Theatre at the Youth Square Hong Kong.

The list of finalists will be posted online by end of August 23, 2018 and will be contacted by the organizer individually.

The competition for all categories will be opened to public audience.

The winner of each category will be invited to perform with the Hong Kong Metropolitan Pop Orchestra in the Gala Concert on August 26, 2018 at the Y Theatre at the Youth Square Hong Kong

Contestants must agree, as a prerequisite to enter, to participate in the Gala Concert should they win the competition

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Repertoire for Violin Concerto Competition & Piano Concert Competition

First Movement Only

Piano concerto

Artist Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No 2

Young Artist Beethoven Piano Concerto No 1 in C Major

Junior Artist Haydn Piano Concerto in D Major

Violin concerto

Artist Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor

Young Artist Mozart Violin Concerto No 3 in G major

All works are to be performed from memory by the contestant.

Contestants have a choice of working with their own accompanist or with the accompanist provided by the organizer at a separate cost

Ensemble Competition

1. The Ensemble may include three to twelve performers in any combination of instruments
2. Contestants may choose one piece by one composer with a master score and send to the organization by email, for approval before allowing entering this competition group.
3. Memorization is not required.
4. Time allowed: minimum 7 minutes and maximum 10 minutes
5. Contestants must upload all the parts score (for each instrument) and master score of the competition piece together with the application.
6. The jury may not hear the pieces in their entirety. This does not reflect negatively on the contestants.
7. Please Note: It is the contestants' responsibility to show up at the competition site on time.
8. Contestants must bring a copy of their music (no illegal photocopies) for the judges during the competition. Without proper music, the contestants will be disqualified.

Prize

All winners will receive a trophy.

ALL CASH PRIZE IN HONG KONG DOLLARS

Piano 1st 2nd 3rd

artist 7000 5000 3000

young artist 5000 3000 2000

junior 3000 2000 1000

Violin 1st 2nd 3rd

artist 7000 5000 3000

young artist 5000 3000 2000

Ensemble 1st 2nd 3rd

artist 7000 5000 3000

young artist 5000 3000 2000

In addition to the cash prize, the first prize winner will also be invited to perform with the Hong Kong Metropolitan Pop Orchestra at the Gala Concert on August 26, 2018, at the Y Theatre, Y Square, Hong Kong.

Jury panel (please check for updates)

Lyda Chen-Argerich  
Marie Pallot, France  
Dr Sak Gilbert, Hong Kong  
Dr Yan Shen, USA

Two jury members will be at each 1st round competition. The full jury panel will be at the final competition. Mark sheets will not be given out but each contestant will receive a competition certificate and the comments.

The decision of the jury is final and not subject to questions, revisions or appeal.

Other rules and regulations

The organizer reserves the rights to disqualify contestants. The decision of the jury is final and not subject to questions, revisions or appeal.

In the 1st round competition, the jury has the right to terminate the performance when they feel appropriate and need not to provide any reason.

Entry fees are non-refundable

All contestants are responsible for transportation arrangement to and from the competition venue.

All contestants should dress appropriately for the competition.

Organizer has the right not to decline audience to the competition should the venue is too small, or any inappropriate behavior displayed by the audience

No person or party, without authorization from the organizer, may take photos, videos or make any kind of recordings at the competition. All the audio and visual recordings of the competition are properties of the organizer

Rules, regulations, awards and judging panel are subject to change without prior notice.

The names of contestants and order of appearance of artists will be determined by a drawing conducted by competition organizer that will be posted online by June 30, 2018

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Method of Application:

1. Online entry
2. By post with copy of payment receipt

In case of discrepancy between the Chinese translation and the original English text, the English version prevails.

\*\*For all details for the above, please refer to the rules and regulations of HKICEF