

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. PARTICIPANTS

The Piano Academy Eppan is open to pianists of all nationalities. The age limit is 30 years. In the tradition of the Academy, also very young pianists with exceptional qualities can be admitted.

The age is calculated on the basis of the starting date of the Piano Academy

2. APPLICATION and FEE

Applications are possible from May 1st. The registration deadline is July 3rd, 2026. The registration fee is set at 100 €, the participation fee is 590 €. Registrations are only confirmed once the required payment of the registration fee has been received. Payments have to be made to the following bank account:

KulturKontaktEppan

IBAN: IT15U0825558160000300211524

SWIFT: RZSBIT21048

All payments must be in Euro and net of bank charges.

3. PRESELECTION

A pre-selection phase is planned. By the deadline of July 3rd, the Academy must receive the application form with all the required information, a video link and the payment confirmation of the registration fee of 100 € (not refundable). The requested video must contain at least 3 different works by 3 different composers. The payment confirmation has to be sent by e-mail to the following address: info@pianoacademy-eppan.com. The Artistic Direction of the Academy will select 24 participants. The selected pianists must sign a regular agreement, countersigned by a parent for underage pianists, and proceed to the bank transfer of the participation fee of € 590. In case of justified cancellation within September 15th, the 590 € will be refunded, minus all transaction costs. Only justifiable exceptional reasons (in particular force majeure) will be taken into consideration. After this date, no refund will be possible.

4. MASTERCLASS and CONCERTS

Participants must arrive in Eppan the day before the beginning of the masterclass and may leave the day after the end of the Academy. Specifically, all participants must be present on the opening day of the Piano Academy at 9 a.m. at the "Leonhard von Call" Music School in Eppan to officially register. Failure to register will result in exclusion from the Academy. Each participant will take one hour lesson (60 minutes) with each of the three teachers. The masterclasses will take place at the "Leonhard von Call" Music School in Eppan. Participants will perform in several public concerts. For these performances, there is no compensation and the rights of any recording, pictures or videos taken during the Academy belong to the Piano Academy Eppan. The participants in the various concerts are selected and nominated by the teachers of the masterclasses.

5. PROGRAMS

For the three lessons with the different teachers, three different works are required, at the free choice of the participant. For the public concerts, two programs of a maximum duration of 10 minutes (Open Concert) and 18 minutes (Michelangelo Concert) are required. In the registration form the participant must indicate the works for the masterclasses and the two programs of 10 and 18 minutes for the concerts, **specifying the durations of each piece and movement**. Applications without exact durations of the single works and movements cannot be taken into consideration.

6. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

- Michelangelo Prize (8.000* euro)
given by the City of Eppan
- KulturKontakt Eppan Prize (4.000* euro)
- Audience Prize (3.000* euro)
sponsored by the Rotary Club Bolzano-Bozen
- Special Prize for a recital in the following KulturKontakt Eppan concert season, sponsored by Volksbank

The prize winners will be chosen as follows:

- The winner of the Michelangelo Prize and the KulturKontakt Eppan Prize will be chosen by a jury consisting of the Masterclass-lecturers and two external jury members
- The Audience Prize will be awarded by the listeners of the final concert (Michelangelo Concert), who will assign to the six participants a score from 1 (minimum) to 5 (maximum). In case of a tie, the final decision will be made by the teachers of the masterclasses.
- The winner of the Special Prize will be chosen by the KulturKontakt Eppan, independently from the main prizes

7. SCHOLARSHIPS

Six scholarships will be assigned: 2 given by the Blumenhotel Angerburg and 4 given by the KulturKontakt Eppan. The two "Angerburg" scholarships provide the participant with free lodging and breakfast at the Hotel Angerburg for the entire duration of the masterclass.

The "KulturKontaktEppan" scholarship includes a contribution up to 400€ for travel and daily expenses (receipts are requested).

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a special application (online), which must be submitted together with the application form.

8. PRIZES AND PARTICIPATION

It is possible to participate several times (maximum 3) in the Piano Academy Eppan, but all prizes can be awarded only once to the same participant.

* Taxed will be deducted from the indicated amount according to Italian law.

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