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歌德国际钢琴比赛 x 日本滨松PIARA钢琴比赛



**Live Competition**  
26 - 28 June 2026  
SMU Li Ka Shing Library Building, Singapore

**Awards Ceremony & Winners Concert**  
11 & 12 July 2026  
Bechstein Hall, Singapore

**30th PIARA International Piano Competition**  
27 - 31 July 2026  
Hamamatsu Japan

**\*Win Over \$20,000 in Total Prizes!**

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 **REGISTER NOW**

**Registration Deadline: 30 May 2026**

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#### COMPETITION CATEGORY & REGISTRATION FEES

| Category                                 | Age                  | Date of Birth             | Registration Fees   |                   |  |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|--|
|  |                      |                           | Cristofori International Piano Competition (Standard fee) | With Jury Comment | Piara International Piano Competition, Hamamatsu Japan |
| <b>*Exam Category Grade 1 to Grade 8</b> | No Age Limit         |                           | \$80  | \$150             |  |
| <b>Junior</b>                            | 13 years old & below | Born after 2nd April 2013 | \$100   | \$180             | \$400  |
| <b>Senior A</b>                          | 19 years old & below | Born after 2nd April 2007 | \$120   | \$200             | \$400  |
| <b>Senior B</b>                          | No Age limit         |                           | \$150   | \$250             | \$400  |
| <b>Duo</b>                               | No Age Limit         |                           | \$150   | \$250             | \$400  |

#### Note:

1. Participants in the Exam Category will not participate in the International in Hamamatsu, Japan.
2. Participants may choose to take part in either the Cristofori International Piano Competition **Or** the PIARA International Piano Competition 2026 in Hamamatsu, Japan.
3. Participants who register for the Japan Piara Piano Competition 2026 will automatically be eligible to compete in the Cristofori International Piano Competition (26–28 June 2026) on a complimentary basis.
4. Participants who register for the PIARA International Piano Competition in Hamamatsu, Japan and wish to receive a Jury Comment Sheet from the Cristofori International Piano Competition are required to pay an additional fee of **\$60**.
5. The registration fee for the Japan Piara Piano Competition does not include airfare and accommodation expenses for travel to Japan.

#### REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENT

| Category                                | Repertoire Requirement  | Duration   |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Exam Category Grade 1 to Grade 8</b> | Any RSL Awards, ABRSM Exam Pieces (syllabus year from 2019 - 2026)  | Grade 1 - 3: 2 exam pieces<br>Grade 4 - 8 1 exam piece   |
| <b>Junior A</b>                         | <b>Any Free-Choice Piece</b><br><i>The following rules must be observed for the PIARA International Piano Competition, Hamamatsu, Japan:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The piece performed must be a published work.</li> <li>• Repeats should be omitted. In cases with first and second endings, the first ending should be omitted.</li> <li>• Da capo (D.C.) and dal segno (D.S.) indications must be observed.</li> </ul> | Within 3 minutes   |
| <b>Senior A</b>                         |   | Within 7 minutes   |
| <b>Senior B</b>                         |   | 10 minutes or less   |
| <b>**Duo</b>                            |   | 3 minutes or less (10 years old & below)<br>4 minutes or less (for participants age 11- 13 years old)<br>5 minutes or less (for participants age 16 years old or below)<br>Within 6 minutes (no age limit) |

\*\* Sight playing is allowed



## JUDGING CRITERIA (Cristofori International Piano Competition)

### Total 100 Marks

1. Technical Control & Accuracy – 25%
2. Tone Production & Musicality – 25%
3. Interpretation & Stylistic Understanding – 25%
4. Artistic Performance & Stage Presentation – 25%

### Important Notes:

1. Playing from memory is highly encouraged.
2. It's compulsory to play from memory at the PIARA International Piano Competition at Hamamatsu Japan (except for Duo Category)
3. Performance duration is counted from the first note of the piece to the last note of the piece. It includes pauses between the pieces.
4. A performance that runs overtime may be penalised or disqualified.

### PRIZES

| Category                                    | Cristofori International Piano Competition - Prizes   | Cristofori International Piano Competition - Score                  | PIARA International Piano Competition Prizes  |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Exam Category<br/>Grade 1 to Grade 8</b> | Gold Award: \$200<br>Trophy & Certificate for<br>Silver Award,<br>Bronze Award,<br>Merit Awards | 90 and above<br><br>80 - 89 marks<br>70 - 79 marks<br>60 - 69 marks |   |
| <b>Junior</b>                               | Gold Award: \$300<br>Trophy & Certificate for<br>Silver Award,<br>Bronze Award,<br>Merit Awards | 90 and above<br><br>80 - 89 marks<br>70 - 79 marks<br>60 - 69 marks | Trophy and Certificate for<br>1st Prize<br>2nd Prize<br>3rd prize<br>Special Awards (multiple) for<br>Outstanding Performances        |
| <b>Senior A</b>                             | Gold Award: \$400<br>Trophy & Certificate for<br>Silver Award,<br>Bronze Award,<br>Merit Awards | 90 and above<br><br>80 - 89 marks<br>70 - 79 marks<br>60 - 69 marks |   |
| <b>Senior B</b>                             | Gold Award: \$400<br>Trophy & Certificate for<br>Silver Award,<br>Bronze Award,<br>Merit Awards | 90 and above<br><br>80 - 89 marks<br>70 - 79 marks<br>60 - 69 marks | Gold Award: \$800<br>Silver Award: \$400<br>Bronze Award: \$250<br>Medal<br>Special Awards (multiple) for<br>Outstanding Performances |
| <b>**Duo</b>                                | Gold Award: \$400<br>Trophy & Certificate for<br>Silver Award,<br>Bronze Award,<br>Merit Awards | 90 and above<br><br>80 - 89 marks<br>70 - 79 marks<br>60 - 69 marks | Trophy and Certificate for 1st Prize<br>2nd Prize<br>3rd prize<br>Special Awards (multiple) for<br>Outstanding Performances           |

1. All winners will receive a trophy and certificate. Gold Winners will receive a cash prize with trophy & certificate.
2. All Participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Those who enter by video submission will receive an e-Certificate.
3. The Apollo Encouragement Award will be awarded to all others outstanding performers at the Piara International Piano Competition, Hamamatsu Japan

### COMPETITION VENUES

**Cristofori International Piano Competition (Live)**  
**Kayserburg Music School**  
70 Stamford Road, SMU Li Ka Shing Library Building  
#B1- 46, Singapore 178901

### Awards Ceremony & Winners Concert

Bechstein Hall  
7 Shenton Way Singapore #02-01 Singapore Conference Hall  
Singapore 068810

### 30th PIARA International Piano Competition

Act City Hamamatsu Medium Hall, Hamamatsu, Japan

### KEY DATES:

- Registration Period : 12 March - 30 May 2026
- Registration Deadline: 30 May 2026
- Live Competition Schedule Announcement: 11 June 2026
- Video Submission Deadline: 23 June 2026
- Live Competition: 26 - 28 June 2026
- Result Announcement: 4 July 2026
- Awards Ceremony & Winner's Concert: 11 & 12 July 2026
- PIARA International Piano Competition: 27 - 31 July 2026

### Video Submission (If Unable to Attend the Live Competition)

Please scan for the video submission guidelines.  
Competition video submissions must be received by 23 June 2026



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