



VAL TIDONE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITIONS

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Common Regulations

- I - The Val Tidone International Music Competitions are open to musicians from any country.

- II - Travel and accommodation expenses must be covered by the participants. Special rates will be offered to musicians in selected hostels and hotels. In case of recognized need, the organizing body will cover the accommodation cost in hostel or similar structure for participants playing at the winners gala, from the day after the results are announced until the end of the Competitions.

- III - There are seven Val Tidone International Music Competitions:

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE PRIZES

Classical and Contemporary Music Department

1. **"Silvio Bengalli" Piano Prize**
2. **"Contessa Tina Orsi Anguissola Scotti" Chamber Music Prize**

YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION (WITH AGE CATEGORIES)

Classical and Contemporary Music Department

3. **"Val Tidone" Young Talent Competition**
(Sections: Piano, Accordion, Strings, Plucked instruments, Chamber Music)

COMPOSITION COMPETITION

Classical and Contemporary Music Department

4. **"Egidio Carella" Composition Competition**

POP SINGING COMPETITION

Pop, Rock, World and Jazz Music Department

5. **"Germano Varesi" Pop Singing Competition**

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR FOLK MUSIC

Pop, Rock, World and Jazz Music Department

6. **"Tidone Folk" – Special Prize for Folk Music**



- IV - Excluding composers, all competitors must apply online (www.valtidone-competitions.com) by April 30th. Only in special circumstances we can accept applications written out on plain paper and sent to: **Fondazione Val Tidone Musica – Viale Resistenza, 2 – 29010 Sarmato (PC - Italy).**

Composers must send their scores to the aforementioned address by **April 15th** (as postmarked).

The candidates must include the following documentation:

- Photocopy of an ID Card (self-certification in case of online application)
- Curriculum Vitae (optional for participants in “Val Tidone” Young Talent Competition, “Germano Varesi” Pop Singing Competition and “Tidone Folk” Special Prize)
- Receipt of payment of the registration fee stating the competitor’s name (self-certification in case of online application)

Application forms with form defects might be excluded.

The registration fees are not refundable, unless a Competition, Section or Category is cancelled due to force majeure. The fees are (before bank or postal expenses):

"Val Tidone" Young Talent Competition

Soloists: 80 EUR

Groups: 110 EUR for duets; 130 EUR for trios; 160 EUR for the other ensembles

"Silvio Bengalli" Piano Prize

100 EUR

"Contessa Tina Orsi Anguissola Scotti" Chamber Music Prize

120 EUR for duets; 150 EUR for trios; 180 EUR for the other ensembles

"Egidio Carella" Composition Competition

Sections A / B - 40 EUR for each sent

Section C (Call for Scores) - 20 EUR for each composition sent / You can send a score for free for each score sent in Sections A and B

"Germano Varesi" Pop Singing Competition

70 EUR

"Tidone Folk" – Special Prize for Folk Music

Soloists: 30 EUR

Groups: 60 EUR

A penalty of 20 EUR will be added for late payment of the registration fee / for payment on site by cash.

The participants in the “Germano Varesi” Competition and “Tidone Folk” Prize will pay the registration fee on site by cash before the start of the competition, without penalty. All other applicants must pay the fee within their deadlines as mentioned in art. IV via bank transfer.



BANK DETAILS

Current Account no.: 000000420593
Account holder: FONDAZIONE VAL TIDONE MUSICA
Bank: BANCA CENTROPADANA - CREDITO COOPERATIVO SCRL
Branch (address): Via XXV Aprile, 1 - 29015 Castel San Giovanni (PC) - ITALY
IBAN Code: IT35D083246526000000420593
SWIFT/BIC Code: ICRAITRR900

For other payment options, please contact us.

Participants may enrol in more than one Competition, Sections, Categories, or send more scores, paying each registration fee.

- V - Juries will be formed by prominent musicians. The organization is not liable for changes to the jury members due to force majeure.

If a jury member have a kin relationship with a competitor and/or if he/she has been teaching a competitor in the last three years, he/she must refrain from voting for that musician. This abstention will be mentioned on the minutes.

The organization will ask every jury member to declare his personal position towards the participants.

- VI – Each exam, action, judgment and decision of the jury will be recorded in the minutes and will be approved and signed by the President or his/her representative. The minutes are public and can be viewed in the Competition secretarial office.

The decision of the juries is final and irrevocable. It will be expressed in hundredths and adopted by unanimity after discussion in other words according to the arithmetic mean of the single votes, with exclusion of the highest and the lowest if divergent more than 3/100 from the nearest vote.

Unless explicitly granted by the Artistic Director, the minimum score of each jury member for the best rated candidate may not be less than 90/100, and the scoring gap between two candidates may not be such as to determine the non-awarding of prizes.

The Artistic Director can reserve the right to round off the score to the nearest half number.

The juries can reserve the right to award ex-aequo prizes, or not to give any, in case of insufficient merit.

The "First Absolute Classified" is intended as the candidate with the highest score among those who will get at least 95/100.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE "BENGALLI" AND "ANGUISSOLA SCOTTI" PRIZES

Concerning the Professional Prizes divided in two or more Rounds, in the Eliminary Round each jury member will give only a judgement of eligibility for the Final Round. The competitors who obtain at least 2/3 of passes will be admitted to the next Round. The jury will then evaluate the ones that have reached a simple majority and others deserving special consideration.

In the Final Round the vote shall be expressed in hundredths, with exclusion of the highest and the lowest. In the case where the voters were less than seven, the highest and/or lowest will be excluded only if diverging more than 3/100 from the nearest vote, unless this does not entail significant changes in the relative position ranking.



The three competitors with the highest scores, in any case not lower than 95/100, 90/100 and 85/100 respectively, will be considered First, Second and Third Prize.

To be granted the First Prize the competitor must not only have at least a score of 95/100 but also the majority of the jury members must have put the competitor in first place. If only one of the conditions is met (average score of at least 95/100 or the majority vote of the jury members), the First Prize could also be granted by the qualified majority of 2/3 of the jury members.

The First Prize is indivisible. In the case of ex-aequo, the prize will be awarded to the youngest competitor.

In the final ranking, the Prizes which have not been awarded shall also be taken into consideration.

- VII - All prizes are subject to tax withholding and will be paid by bank transfer.

The special prize mentioned in the "Bengalli" and "Anguissola Scotti" Prizes is a single prize, which will be divided in equal parts if more participants obtain a score of at least 99/100.

The special prizes mentioned in the "Val Tidone" Young Talent Competition are three prizes, for a total amount of 1,500 EUR. They will be divided in equal parts if the winners are more than three.

Special scholarships and concerts might be assigned by the Artistic Director.

In the case of engagements for concerts, the fee includes travel expenses and can be integrated by the organizers. The organizers will also cover the accommodation and meals costs.

All the scholarships for specialization courses are referred to annual and multi-year training courses at institutions of higher education identified by the Artistic Direction and will cover part of the course fee.

Concerning the concerts, recordings, commission and performance of pieces offered to the prize winners the organization will provide only a contact with/between the artists and the organizers. For those performances separate contracts will be signed.

Whenever possible, the concerts will be organized on tour

Regarding the concerts, negotiations are underway with the following institutions:

Fondazione Val Tidone Musica / Val Tidone Festival
Fondazione Teatri / Teatro Municipale di Piacenza
Accademia di Belle Arti Tadini – Lovere (BG)
Associazione "Cultura in Musica Limes" (TN)
"Mihail Jora" Philharmonic Orchestra – Bacau (Romania)

- VIII - Each competitor must report to the competition venue, with a document of identification, at a specified time and day, which will be communicated in due course by the organizers. The calendar of the Val Tidone International Music Competitions will be available from May 15th and can be requested directly from the Artistic Director.

- IX - All the auditions are public.

Two copies of the scores of the performed pieces must be given to the jury at the beginning of the audition (optional for participants in the "Germano Varesi" Pop Singing Competition and



"Tidone Folk" Special Prize). Transcriptions are admitted as well as the performance of single movements for time reasons. The jury may interrupt the performance, should the competitor exceed the maximum duration time stated in the regulations, as well as listen to the competitors again in order to express their vote.

For each competition, the organization shall provide one piano. In addition, some rooms will be set up with pianos for rehearsal.

The organization will not provide music stands.

- X - The winners (meaning the highest ranking in the "Silvio Bengalli" and "Contessa Tina Orsi Anguissola Scotti" Prizes) have - under penalty of forfeiting their prize and being disqualified - to play at the evening gala of the Val Tidone International Music Competitions. The winners of "Val Tidone" Young Talent Competition, "Egidio Carella" Composition Competition, "Germano Varesi" Pop Singing Competition and "Tidone Folk" Special Prize will be awarded separately.

The Artistic Director, under special circumstances, may award the non-absolute First Classified, the Second and the Third Classified prizes at the end of the audition.

During the Competitions it is possible to collect the participation Diplomas at any moment.

- XI - Participants accept that the Organization may produce and broadcast videos, audio recordings or take photographs. These rights shall be granted free of charge as part of participation in the Competitions.

Participants authorize the use of their personal data according to the Data Protection Act of the Italian and EU law. See details (Italian Language).

INFORMATIVA PRIVACY (Reg.UE 2016/679 e D.Lgs.196/2003, così come modificato ed integrato dal D.Lgs.101/2018)
Tutti i dati personali sono trattati in conformità alle vigenti informative in materia di privacy, per il perseguimento delle finalità istituzionali e statutarie della Fondazione, per la corretta gestione dei rapporti con l'interessato e connessi obblighi di legge. I dati possono essere trattati da soggetti autorizzati ed istruiti o da soggetti pubblici e privati che per legge o regolamento sono tenuti o possono conoscerli. I dati saranno conservati per tempi compatibili con la finalità della raccolta e connessi obblighi di legge. Gli interessati possono esercitare tutti i diritti di cui agli artt. 15-21 del Reg. UE 2016/679, contattando il Titolare o il DPO. Informativa completa e riferimenti disponibili su www.valtidone-competitions.com.

- XII - Participation in the Val Tidone International Music Competitions implies the complete acceptance of these rules.

All problems regarding the interpretation of the regulations are delegated to the Artistic Director.

In the event of any controversy, only the original Italian text is legally binding.



Rules of the individual Competitions

"Silvio Bengalli" Piano Prize

Art. 1 The "Silvio Bengalli" Piano Prize is open to all pianists born after 01/01/1984.

Art. 2 The "Silvio Bengalli" Prize contemplates three Rounds with the following program:

- *Eliminatory Round* -

Free program with a maximum duration of 15 minutes. *

- *Semi Final Round* -

Free program with a maximum duration of 20 minutes. *

- *Final Round* -

Free program with a duration between 20 and 40 minutes, including at least one piece by a composer born from 1800 onwards. In the Final Round the participants cannot repeat the pieces played in the other Rounds.

* N.B. In the Eliminatory Round or in the Semi Final Round, at the candidate's choice, at least one Etude of the following composers must be performed: Chopin, Rachmaninov, Skriabin, Liszt, Saint-Saëns, Ljapunov, Alkan, Moszkovski, Prokofiev, Bartok, Stravinskij, Debussy, Casella, Messiaen, Ligeti.

Art. 3 The Prizes shall be the following:

1st PRIZE

Diploma and prize of **8,000 EUR**, broken down as follows:

- cash prize of **4,000 EUR**
- **engagement for three concerts (one with orchestra)**, with a comprehensive total fee/reimbursement of expenses of **1,500 EUR**
- a scholarship of **1,500 EUR** for a specialization course
- a special prize of **1,500 EUR** if the score is at least 99/100

2nd PRIZE

Diploma and prize of **2,000 EUR**, broken down as follows:

- cash prize of **1,500 EUR**
- a scholarship of **500 EUR** for a specialization course

3rd PRIZE

Diploma and prize of **1,000 EUR**, broken down as follows:

- cash prize of **500 EUR**
- a scholarship of **500 EUR** for a specialization course



OTHER FINALISTS

Diploma of Merit with ranking

At the end of the "Silvio Bengalli" Piano Prize, a special **prize of public** (Premio "Enrica Prati", worth **1,000 EUR**) might be assigned after a short concert given by the three best classified (the jury will decide the programme, selecting pieces amongst those performed during the competition).

This prize is independent from the "Silvio Bengalli" Piano Prize final ranking.

Art. 4 Recipients awarded the first prize in previous editions may not take part in this competition.



**"Contessa Tina Orsi Anguissola Scotti" Chamber Music Prize
(ensemble from 2 to 8 components)**

Art. 1 The "Contessa Tina Orsi Anguissola Scotti" Prize is open to all groups with an average age not exceeding 35 years.

Art. 2 The "Contessa Tina Orsi Anguissola Scotti" Prize contemplates two Rounds with the following program:

- Eliminary Round -

Free program with a maximum duration of 15 minutes.

- Final Round -

Free program with a duration between 15 and 30 minutes, including at least one important piece by a composer born from 1800 onwards. In the Final Round the participants cannot repeat the pieces played in the Eliminary Round.

Art. 3 The Prizes shall be the following:

1st PRIZE

Diploma and prize of **6,000 EUR**, broken down as follows:

- cash prize of **3,500 EUR**
- **engagement for two concerts**, with a comprehensive total fee/reimbursement of expenses of **1,000 EUR**
- a special prize of **1,500 EUR** if the score is at least 99/100

The first classified could also receive a scholarship to perform a work commissioned for the winner – with honorable mention – of the "Egidio Carella" Composition Competition. This performance will take place in 2019, on occasion of the Val Tidone Competitions winners' tour.

2nd PRIZE

Diploma and cash prize of **1,500 EUR**

3rd PRIZE

Diploma and cash prize of **500 EUR**

OTHER FINALISTS

Diploma of Merit with ranking

Art. 4 Recipients awarded the first prize in previous editions may not take part in this competition.



"Val Tidone" Young Talent Competition

Art. 1 The "Val Tidone" Young Talent Competition includes six Sections: Piano, Strings, Plucked Instruments, Other Solo Instruments and Chamber Music (ensembles from 2 to 8 members).

Participants may enroll in more than one Section and/or in a Category higher than that corresponding to their age.

Art. 2 The prizes of the "Val Tidone" Young Talents Competition are:

1st Classified (95-100 points)	Gold medal, cup and Diploma + cash prize as specified below
2nd Classified (90-94 points)	Silver medal and Diploma
3rd Classified (80-89 points)	Bronze medal and Diploma
4th Classified (70-79 points)	Diploma / Certificate of Merit

All competitors will be awarded a Diploma of participation.

SECTIONS - DETAILS

Piano

Art. 1a The Piano Section consists of the following Categories:

CAT. "FREE" – Musicians born after 01/01/2003 who have recently begun to study music

Free program with a maximum duration of 3 minutes

CAT. A – Musicians born after 01/01/2009

Free program with a maximum duration of 5 minutes

CAT. B – Musicians born after 01/01/2003

Free program with a maximum duration of 8 minutes

CAT. C – Musicians born after 01/01/1999

Free program with a max. duration of 11 minutes

CAT. D – Musicians born after 01/01/1991

Free program with a max. duration of 15 minutes

Art. 2a In addition to the aforementioned prizes, the winners will be awarded the following special cash prize:

- **500 EUR** for the 1° Classified with the higher score in the Categories C and D, however not less than 98/100, if he/she plays "Aposon" by D. Bertoldin (score available from the Artistic Director)



Strings

Art. 1b The String Section consists of the following Categories:

CAT. "FREE" – Musicians born after 01/01/2003 who have recently begun to study music

Free program with a maximum duration of 3 minutes

CAT. A – Musicians born after 01/01/2009

Free program with a maximum duration of 5 minutes

CAT. B – Musicians born after 01/01/2003

Free program with a maximum duration of 8 minutes

CAT. C – Musicians born after 01/01/1999

Free program with a max. duration of 11 minutes

CAT. D – Musicians born after 01/01/1991

Free program with a max. duration of 15 minutes

Participants in the String Section may perform solo pieces or composition for solo and orchestra in piano reduction with their own pianist. If a pianist is needed, please contact us by April, 30th. The cost of the piano accompanist provided by the organization is 30 EUR, to be paid on the spot, before the rehearsals.

Art. 2b In addition to the aforementioned prizes, the winners will be awarded the following special cash prize:

- **500 EUR** for the 1° Classified with the higher score in the Categories C and D, however not less than 98/100, if he/she plays a piece written by a composer born in 1930 or after

Plucked Instruments

Art. 1c The Plucked Instruments Section consists of the following Categories:

CAT. "FREE" – Musicians born after 01/01/2003 who have recently begun to study music

Free program with a maximum duration of 3 minutes

CAT. A – Musicians born after 01/01/2009

Free program with a maximum duration of 5 minutes

CAT. B – Musicians born after 01/01/2003

Free program with a maximum duration of 8 minutes

CAT. C – Musicians born after 01/01/1999

Free program with a max. duration of 11 minutes

CAT. D – Musicians born after 01/01/1991

Free program with a max. duration of 15 minutes



Art. 2c In addition to the aforementioned prizes, the winners will be awarded the following special cash prize:

- **500 EUR** for the 1° Classified with the higher score in the Categories C and D, however not less than 98/100, if he/she plays a piece written by a composer born in 1930 or after

Other Solo Instruments

Art. 1d The Other Solo Instruments Section consists of the following Categories:

CAT. "FREE" – Musicians born after 01/01/2003 who have recently begun to study music

Free program with a maximum duration of 3 minutes

CAT. A – Musicians born after 01/01/2009

Free program with a maximum duration of 5 minutes

CAT. B – Musicians born after 01/01/2003

Free program with a maximum duration of 8 minutes

CAT. C – Musicians born after 01/01/1999

Free program with a max. duration of 11 minutes

CAT. D – Musicians born after 01/01/1991

Free program with a max. duration of 15 minutes

Participants in this Section may perform solo pieces or composition for solo and orchestra in piano reduction with their own pianist.

Art. 2d In addition to the aforementioned prizes, the winners will be awarded the following special cash prize:

- **500 EUR** for the 1° Classified with the higher score in the Categories C and D, however not less than 98/100, if he/she plays a piece written by a composer born in 1930 or after

Chamber Music

Art. 1e The Chamber Music Section consists of the following Categories:

CAT. A – Groups from 2 to 8 musicians with an average age not exceeding 15 years

Free program with a maximum duration of 8 minutes

CAT. B – Groups from 2 to 8 musicians with an average age not exceeding 27 years

Free program with a max. duration of 15 minutes



Art. 2g In addition to the aforementioned prizes, the winners will be awarded the following special cash prize:

- **500 EUR** for the 1° Classified with the higher score in the Category B, however not less than 98/100, if he/she plays a piece written by a composer born in 1930 or after



"Egidio Carella" Composition Competition

Art. 1 The "Egidio Carella" Composition Competition, with no age limit, consists of the following Sections:

- Section A: unpublished compositions for solo instrument, with a maximum duration of 10 minutes
- Section B: unpublished compositions from 2 to 10 instruments and/or voices, with a maximum duration of 15 minutes
- Section C (Call for Scores): unpublished compositions with a maximum duration of 6 minutes, for instrument(s) that will be announced in January, 2019

Art. 2a Participants in the "Egidio Carella" Composition Competition - Sections A/B must send by April, 15th an envelope containing:

- the composition in five copies rigorously anonymous, under penalty of exclusion from the Competition, bearing a motto or a pseudonym;
- a closed envelope containing surname, name, date and place of birth, nationality, address, telephone number and e-mail of the competitor, in addition to other documents requested in art. IV point 2. This envelope must be marked with the same motto or pseudonym written on the score.

In the meantime, for fiscal reasons the composers must fill in the online registration form on www.valtidone-competitions.com.

Art. 2b Participants in the "Egidio Carella" Composition Competition - Section C must send by April, 15th an e-mail to info@valtidone-competitions.com, by enclosing the score in .pdf format. In the meantime, the composers must fill in the online registration form on www.valtidone-competitions.com.

Art. 3 The organizers shall communicate the results by July, 31st. The following prizes will be granted:

SECTIONS A - B

1st PRIZE

1st Prize Diploma, cash prize of **500 EUR** and unpaid **commission** for a short piece for piano. This piece will be published and inserted among the compulsory pieces in the 2019 edition of the "Val Tidone" Young Talent Competition

2nd PRIZE

2nd Prize Diploma and cash prize of **250 EUR**



3rd PRIZE and SPECIAL MENTIONS

Merit Diploma

SECTION C

1st PRIZE

1st Prize Diploma, cash prize of **250 EUR**, public performance and professional recording of the piece on occasion of the competition

2nd PRIZE

2nd Prize Diploma, public performance and professional recording of the piece on occasion of the competition

3rd PRIZE and SPECIAL MENTIONS

Merit Diploma

In addition to these prizes, the jury and the Artistic Director might award an honourable mention to the winner of Section B. He/She will receive an unpaid **commission** for an ensemble piece, to be performed by the winner of the "Contessa Tina Orsi Anguissola Scotti" Chamber Music Prize. This performance will take place on occasion of the Val Tidone Competitions winners' tour.

Art. 4 Recipients awarded the first prize in previous editions may not take part in the same Section of this Competition.



“Germano Varesi” Pop Singing Competition

Art. 1 The “Germano Varesi” Pop Singing Competition is open to musicians from any country, without age limits.

Art. 2 The "Germano Varesi" Competition consists of the following Categories:

CAT. A – Singers born after 01/01/2002

The competitors will have to perform a published or unpublished piece with a maximum duration of 4 minutes.

CAT. B – Singers born after 01/01/1984

The Cat. B has an Eliminary Round and a Final Round. In each of the two Rounds the competitors will have to perform a published or unpublished piece with a maximum duration of 4 minutes. In the Final Round the participants cannot repeat the piece presented in the Eliminary Round.

All the songs might be accompanied either by a pre-recorded accompaniment (on CD, or mp3 format on USB key) or by live piano or guitar.

Art. 3 If the number of enrolled competitors should exceed the limit decided by the management, a pre-selection using pre-recorded material will be implemented. In this eventuality the Artistic Director will contact the competitors and they will be asked to submit a file. The first 50 enrolled candidates will be exempt from such procedure and they will be automatically admitted to the competition.

Art. 4 The prizes of the "Germano Varesi" Pop Singing Competition are:

CAT. A

1st Classified (95-100 points)	Gold medal, cup and 1st Prize diploma
2nd Classified (90-94 points)	Silver medal and 2nd Prize diploma
3rd Classified (80-89 points)	Bronze medal and 3rd Prize diploma
4th Classified (70-79 points)	Certificate of Merit

CAT. B

1° Absolute Classified	Gold medal, cup and 1st Prize diploma + money prize of 500 EUR + recording of an unpublished single which will be distributed by the “Level 49” record label + possible participation in a concert
1st Classified (95-100 points)	Gold medal, cup and 1st Prize diploma
2nd Classified (90-94 points)	Silver medal and 2nd Prize diploma
3rd Classified (80-89 points)	Bronze medal and 3rd Prize diploma
4th Classified (70-79 points)	Certificate of Merit



All competitors will be awarded a Diploma of participation.

Art. 5 Recipients awarded the first prize in previous editions may not take part in this competition.



“Tidone Folk” – Special Prize for Folk Music

Art. 1 The Special Prize "Tidone Folk" is open to musicians (soloists and ensembles) from any country without age limits. This prize is open also to dancers, circus artists, mimes, actors and in general to all showmanships, except for movies and fine arts.

Art. 2 Participants in "Tidone Folk" must represent a show inspired to the popular tradition of specific geographical areas.
The organization reserves the right to accept or refuse any application. The accepted candidates will pay the registration fee on the premises before the start of the Competition.

Art. 3 The "Tidone Folk" Prize consists of the following Categories:

CAT. A – Soloists born after 01/01/2000

Free program with a maximum duration of 5 minutes

CAT. B – Soloists without age limit

Free program with a maximum duration of 10 minutes

CAT. C – Ensembles without age limit

Free program with a maximum duration of 15 minutes

Art. 4 The prizes of the "Tidone Folk" Prize are:

1st Classified (95-100 points)	Gold medal, cup and 1st Prize diploma + possible participation in a concert
2nd Classified (90-94 points)	Silver medal and 2nd Prize diploma
3rd Classified (80-89 points)	Bronze medal and 3rd Prize diploma
4th Classified (70-79 points)	Certificate of Merit

All competitors will be awarded a Diploma of participation.

Art. 5 Recipients awarded the first prize in Categories B and C in previous editions may not take part in this competition.