

Rules of the 2^{ème} International Piano Competition " Samson François " - 2023

Article 1 - Organizer and purpose of the competition

The organizer of the competition entitled "Samson François International Piano Competition" (hereinafter referred to as "the Competition") is the Association "Le piano en Liberté" (hereinafter referred to as "the Association"), an association governed by the law of July 1, 1901, registered under the number RNA: W062017668 / SIREN: 910066117, whose head office is located at 55 boulevard Victor Hugo, 06000 Nice, France, and is represented by its president, Mrs Christine Gastaud.

The purpose of the competition is to perpetuate the musical legacy of Samson François and to identify the future stars of tomorrow.

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these rules (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules").

The financial terms of participation in the competition are described in article 2.3 Registration fees.

Article 2 - Conditions of participation

The competition will take place at the Hippodrome de la Côte d'Azur in Cagnes-sur-Mer from Wednesday, July 5 to Sunday, July 9, 2023 under the conditions provided for in these rules.

The competition schedule is listed in section 3.2 of the rules.

The present rules and the information concerning the competition are available at the following address: [Samson François International Piano Competition](#).

Any questions regarding the competition can be directed to the following email address: samsonfrancois_competition@lesnocturnesdupiano.com.

2.1 Terms of participation

The competition is open to candidates born after July 5, 1993 and before July 5, 2007.

Any candidate who is a student of one of the members of the jury will not be able to take part in the competition.

2.2 Program Requirements

The program for the candidate is as follows:

- **Quarter Final:**
 - 13 to 15 minutes maximum.
 - Free program with a Chopin etude
- **Semi-final:**
 - 20 to 25 minutes maximum.
 - Free program with a minimum of 10 minutes of French music to be chosen from the works of Debussy, Ravel or Fauré.
- **Final:**
 - 45 to 50 minutes maximum.
 - Free program, including one or more works by Chopin (minimum seven minutes)

No work from the previous rounds may be repeated in the finals.

Requests for program changes should be sent to samsonfrancois_competition@lesnocturnesdupiano.com. No program changes will be accepted after June 30, 2023.

2.3 Registration fee

The registration fee must be paid via the procedure described on the competition page: [Samson François International Piano Competition](#).

The registration fee is 90€.

No claim will be accepted and the registration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances, except for medical reasons and with proof or under the conditions of Article 11 - Force majeure.

2.4 Validity of the application

Registration will close on June 11, 2023 or as soon as the total number of registrants reaches 80. Applications received after June 11, 2023 will not be considered.

Applicants must register online, submitting the following supporting documents:

- A copy of the identity card or passport;
- A curriculum vitae in French or English;
- A recent artistic photo in high definition;
- This signed regulation, if it has not itself been signed electronically elsewhere ;

and to have paid the registration fee beforehand.

In order for the application to be valid, the application file, including all of the elements below, must be received before the closing date for registration for the competition. Any incomplete application will be refused.

Article 3 - Conduct of the competition

3.1 Announcement of the competition

The competition is announced on :

- The Association's website at <https://www.lesnocturnesdupiano.com> and sites such as: www.alink-argerich.org ;
- Social networks used by the Association and its partners;
- Paper communication tools produced by the Association.

3.2 Competition Schedule

The competition consists of 1 round open to the public, according to the schedule below:

- **Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Friday 7 July 2023: 1/4 final**
 - from 10am - Competition
- **Saturday, July 8, 2023: 1/2 final**
 - from 10am - Competition
- **Sunday, July 9, 2023:**
 - from 10am - Competition - Final
 - 6pm: **Awards ceremony**
 - 9pm: Concert of the winners

This schedule may be adjusted by the Association.

Working pianos will be made available to candidates at the Hippodrome de la Côte d'Azur. The schedule will be communicated by email at the end of June 2023.

3.3 Selection of winners

The jury is responsible for selecting the winners.

The jury is composed of international personalities of the musical world. The composition of the jury is available on the competition website: [Samson François International Piano Competition](#).

The President of the Jury has a casting vote in case of a tie. The decisions of the jury are final and binding.

The jury may interrupt the performance of a work if it considers the competitor's playing insufficient or if the maximum duration imposed for the round is exceeded.

Article 4 - Prizes awarded

The jury is not obliged to award all the prizes, but reserves the right to award special prizes or to share the prizes.

The list of prizes awarded to the winners is as follows:

- **First Grand Prize "Samson François" : 3.000€.**
- **Second prize: 2.000€.**
- **Third prize: 1.000€.**

All candidates will be able to request a certificate of participation in the competition.

Article 5 - Awarding of prizes

The winners of the competition, accompanied by a parent or guardian, will be invited to collect their prize at the prize-giving ceremony on Sunday, July 9, 2022, starting at 6:00 pm. The presence of all candidates is mandatory.

The winners will be invited to participate in the "Concert of the Winners" that will follow the distribution of the prizes.

Article 6 - Travel and Accommodation Expenses

Travel and accommodation expenses are the responsibility of the candidates.

Article 7 - Image rights

Candidates are required to agree to any interviews, videos or promotional meetings related to the competition.

The Association reserves the right to make or authorize any audio or video recording as well as any photograph during the entire competition and during the closing ceremony. It also reserves the right to ensure the conservation and communication of these documents for the benefit of the Association, as well as to retain ownership of them.

By participating in the competition, candidates authorize the Association to use their surname, first name(s), image and, if applicable, any other attributes of their personality, free of charge, exclusively for the purposes of communication relating to the competition, by all digital and/or analog processes, on all media, for the entire world and for a period of fifty (50) years from the start of the competition.

Article 8 - Official version of the rules

These rules are written in French and English. Only the French version is binding.

Article 9 - Protection of personal data

In the context of the organization of the competition, the Association is required to collect and process the personal data of candidates and, where applicable, their parents and/or legal guardians.

the Association undertakes to ensure that the processing of personal data thus carried out complies with the regulations in force on the protection of personal data, in particular the General Data Protection Regulation (RGPD) 2016/679 of April 27, 2016, and the French Data Protection Act No. 78-17 of January 6, 1978, as amended.

What are the purposes of these collections?

The collection of this data is necessary to:

- Consideration or rejection of candidates' participation in the competition;
- Where applicable, to inform the winning candidates individually and on the Association's website;
- Collecting the necessary authorizations from the person(s) exercising parental authority for the candidates;
- Processing requests and questions sent by e-mail to the Association;
- To the awarding of prizes to the winners.

What data is involved?

- For applicants:

Candidates are informed that the following data concerning them are collected by the Association in the context of the competition: surname, first name, if applicable pseudonym, if applicable title, if applicable for candidates aged 15 and over, e-mail address, date of birth, category in which the candidate is participating. This data is collected when the form is sent as part of the candidate's authorization to participate in the competition, filled out by the person or persons exercising parental authority over the minor. The Association also collects the postal address of the minor candidate as part of the authorization provided by the person or persons exercising parental authority.

- For persons exercising parental authority:

The person(s) exercising parental authority are hereby informed that the following data concerning them is collected by the Association: their surname, first name, if applicable, civil status, date of birth, e-mail address, cell phone number, postal address and parental link with the minor candidate (for the exercise of parental authority). This data is collected in the context of the authorization to participate in the competition of the minor candidate filled out by the person or persons exercising parental authority.

What are the legal bases for these treatments?

The legal basis for the processing of personal data carried out by the Association is the consent of the person or persons exercising parental authority for the applicants.

Who are the recipients of this data?

All personal data collected by the Association is intended for its services.

What are the retention periods for this data?

These data are deleted at the end of the competition except for prolonged conservation made necessary for the management of a litigation if necessary, with the exception of the identity and if necessary the pseudonym of the candidates in the respect of the right to paternity, and with the exception of the data of the minor candidate and of the person(s) exercising the parental authority informed within the framework of the authorization delivered by the latter which are preserved for the legal duration of the statute of limitations and then archived

Other information brought to your attention about these treatments:

The Association undertakes to implement and enforce the security measures it deems necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the data collected for the time necessary for their processing, in accordance with the aforementioned "Data Protection" law. The processing does not involve automated decision-making. No data is transferred outside the European Union.

What are your rights?

In accordance with the modified law n° 78-18 of January 6, 1978 relating to data processing, files and freedoms, the person or persons exercising parental authority for the minor candidates, have the possibility of accessing the data concerning them, of rectifying them, of asking for their deletion or of opposing the treatment according to the case. Some data are however essential for the taking into account of the participation to the present competition and for the awarding of prizes to the winners.

To exercise these rights or for any questions about the processing of their data in the context of the competition, applicants should contact the Association's data protection officer at the following address: dpd@lesnocturnesdupiano.com, specifying the purpose of the request and providing proof of their identity by any means. Consult the cnil.fr website for more information on your rights.

The person or persons exercising parental authority in the case of underage candidates are informed of their right to lodge a complaint with the CNIL if, after contacting the Association, they consider that their rights with regard to their data have not been respected.

Article 10 - Insurance and Civil Liability

The Association has a Civil Liability insurance policy.

Article 11 - Force majeure

The Association shall not be held liable in any way if, in the event of force majeure as defined in article 1218 of the French Civil Code and in case of jurisprudence, it is forced to cancel the 2023 edition of the competition due to health conditions or governmental instructions, or in the event of an insufficient number of entries.

Article 12 - Applicable law and competent court

The regulations are subject to French law.

Any dispute will be brought before the competent court of Nice, after having exhausted all means of conciliation.

For the major candidate :

I undersigned:

Sir Madam

First name :

Name :

Born on:

Residing at

Address :

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Postal Code: City:

Country:

Mobile: Email:

Certify that I have read the rules and regulations of the "Samson François International Piano Competition" organized by the Association "Le piano en liberté" and accept them in all their provisions, and in particular:

1. Consent to the collection and processing by the Association "Le piano en liberté" of personal data within the framework and for the purposes of the competition, in accordance with Article 9 of the rules.
2. Graciously transfers the image rights under the conditions of article 7 of the regulations.

Done at :

Date:

Signature of candidate :

For the minor candidate :

**APPENDIX TO THE REGULATION
AUTHORIZATION OF PERSONS
EXERCISING PARENTAL AUTHORITY**

AUTHORIZATION

To be completed by the parent(s) (or person(s) in charge of parental authority).

I / We the undersigned

Sir Madam

First name :

Name :

Born on:

Residing at

Address :

Postal Code: City:

Country:

Mobile: Email:

And

Sir Madam

First name :

Name :

Born on:

Residing at

Address :

Postal Code: City:

Country:

Mobile: Email:

parent(s) / guardian(s) of :

Sir Madam

First name :

Name :

Born on:

Residing at

Address :

Postal Code: City:

Country:

(hereinafter referred to as "the minor"):

1. Certify that I/we have parental authority over the minor
2. Certify that I have read the rules of the "Samson François International Piano Competition" organized by the Association "Le piano en liberté" and accept them in all their provisions and in particular :
 3. Consent, when the minor is under fifteen years of age, to the collection and processing by the Association "Le piano en liberté" of the personal data of the minor within the framework and for the purposes of the competition, in accordance with Article 9 of the rules.
 4. Transfer / give up free of charge the image rights under the conditions of article 7 of the rules.
3. Certifies that he/she has read the competition rules with the minor, and that he/she has understood them.
4. Authorize / allow the minor to participate in the competition.

Done at :

Date:

Signature:

Signature:

Signature of minor over 13 years of age:

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