



## CALL FOR “PIERO FARULLI” FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR YOUTH STRING QUARTETS

The National Committee for celebration of centenary of Piero Farulli’s birth is announcing the First International Piero Farulli Competition for Youth String Quartets (two violins, viola, cello). The competition will take place in conjunction with the events during the year 2020 to celebrate the centenary of Piero Farulli’s birth. Piero Farulli was the violist of Quartetto Italiano and founder of the Fiesole School of Music.

A String Quartet wishing to participate **must submit** a video recording of approximately 15 minutes in length that includes at least one Allegro movement from a string quartet of choice and one Adagio movement from a string quartet of choice by a different composer, as well as a letter of presentation from the teacher who has been preparing the ensemble. **The video material must be in mp4 format, maximum resolution 1920x1080, in a file no larger than 2Gb, to be sent by wetransfer to [concorso@farulli100.com](mailto:concorso@farulli100.com) together with the application form duly filled out for each String Quartet and signed by parent or guardian for each member under the age of 18. Submissions must reach us by and no later than September 29, 2020.**

The application form is available for download on the websites: [www.associazionepierofarulli.com](http://www.associazionepierofarulli.com) and [www.farulli100.com](http://www.farulli100.com) in the Competition section. The commission will select up to no more than **six** ensembles for admission to the competition based on an evaluation of the audio material submitted. All decisions are final.

**Those String Quartets who have been admitted to the Competition will be announced by October 6 , 2020 via email to the address on the application form. An email confirming participation is kindly requested.**

The Competition itself will take place in Fiesole (near Florence) at the Fiesole School of Music (via delle Fontanelle 24 - San Domenico di Fiesole) on **October 23rd and 24th, 2020**. There will be two phases: semifinals and finals. On **October 25th**, the winning String Quartets will be guest performers with the *Associazione Amici della Musica di Firenze* (Florence Friends of Music Association) for a concert.

The Competition sessions will be open to the public. The members of Quartets eliminated in the semi-finals will be allowed to cast their votes for the assignment of the special Piero Farulli Award for the best performance of a contemporary work.

String Quartets participating in the **semi-finals** are required to perform an entire work with a duration of at least 20 minutes, and an adagio by another composer.

A maximum of **three** ensembles will be admitted to the final round. Each ensemble will be required to perform one complete quartet of choice from those already performed, and one new performance of a quartet of choice. It is highly recommended, though not mandatory, for the Quartets participating in the **finals** to perform a composition that won the 2019 or earlier edition of the Piero Farulli International Composition Competition for Youth String Quartet.

*Bruno Giuranna will be presiding over the jury. Decisions made by the jury are final and irrevocable.*



For this competition, first, second and third prizes will be awarded. First prize is €3,200.00, second prize is €2,000.00, and third prize is €1,000.00. There will also be a special award for the best performance of a contemporary work (€800,00), and an “encouragement” award of €400.00 for the youngest quartet to participate in the competition. On the morning of the last day, participating ensembles not admitted to the finals will have the opportunity to meet with the jury, who will be available to illustrate their criteria for evaluating the performances, and offer musical and technical insights.

On the evening of **October 25th, 2020**, those Quartets having been awarded first, second, and third prize will perform in concert as guests of the Florence Friends of Music (Amici della Musica di Firenze). All winning ensembles are required to perform in this concert. Failure to do so will mean forfeiting the prizes awarded. The Piero Farulli Association reserves the right to invite the winning quartet for a concert in the 2020/2021 concert season.

The Competition will take place only if there are a total of at least 6 participating Quartets.

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**Acceptance Clause:** Registering for the competition entails the unconditional acceptance of the present announcement, which the organization reserves the right to modify in the event of extenuating circumstances beyond its control.

For any controversies, the Court of Florence will be the authority of reference.

Florence, October 26, 2019