

# 10<sup>th</sup> International Kalamata Music Days

## Terms of participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

### Description:

The *International Kalamata Music Days* are announcing their 2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION, which will be held during the festival's 10<sup>th</sup> edition. The goal of this competition is to give the opportunity to a young musician or a chamber ensemble to be invited for a concert during the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the *International Kalamata Music Days*. The competition winner will also be granted a financial reward of 1.000,00 € plus the possibility of reimbursement of their travel and accommodation expenses resulting from their performance in August/September 2027 in Kalamata (Greece). The competition is open to violin, viola, cello and chamber music entries and will consist of two rounds. The preliminary round will be carried out through the submission of videos (deadline June 15, 2026). After evaluating this material, five candidates will be chosen and invited to perform in front of a jury in the final round, which will be held live in Kalamata on September 3, 2026.

The two rounds of the competition will be as follows:

1. Preliminary Round: participation through the submission of videos.  
*Requirements for the videos: two contrasting pieces or movements not exceeding 20 minutes together. The videos must be recordings in one take and not edited. Please send us watchable links (like unlisted videos on YouTube, Google Drive etc.). Files for downloading (like through WeTransfer etc.) will not be accepted.*  
**Deadline for video submission: June 15, 2026, 23:59 (GMT+2).**
2. Final Round: Live audition in Kalamata on September 3, 2026.  
*Five candidates will be chosen and invited to perform a programme of minimum 15 minutes and not exceeding 20 minutes. Contrasting pieces are desired and playing single movements of larger works is possible. The final round is open to the public. Travel expenses and accommodation in Kalamata resulting from participation in the final round of the competition will not be covered by the festival. The results of the final round will be announced on September 3, 2026.*

### Aim of the competition and prize:

The winner of the competition (a soloist or an ensemble) will be granted:

1. A fee of 1.000,00 € (gross fee). If an ensemble wins the competition, this amount will not be multiplied, but granted as a whole to the ensemble. The fee will be paid after the concert, which is described below, has been accomplished.
2. An invitation to play a concert during the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the *International Kalamata Music Days*, which will be held in August/September 2027 in Kalamata (Greece). This concert's programme as well as the performance's date will be agreed upon after consultation with the festival's organizing team.
3. Reimbursement of the travel and accommodation expenses, which will result from this performance mentioned above, after the presentation of the relevant receipts. Reimbursement of travel expenses is possible up to:
  - 250,00 € per person
  - 400,00 € per person who needs an extra cabin seat when flying (like cellists etc.)

The jury's decisions will be final and cannot be appealed or overturned. Feedback discussions with the jury members will be possible after the final round. Unfortunately, feedback regarding the videos of the first round will not be possible. The festival's organizing team will evaluate the submitted videos and choose the five candidates who will be invited to the final round. The jury members of the final round will not be presented before September 3, 2026.

**Requirements for participation:**

1. The competition is open to the following principles: violin, viola, cello and chamber music (string ensembles with up to 4 members, ensembles consisting of string instruments plus piano with up to 4 members, duos consisting of string players and pianists also will be considered as chamber music ensembles).
2. It is open to all nationalities.
3. The minimum age of the participants must not be less than 18 years on June 15, 2026.
4. The maximum age of the participants must not exceed 35 years on June 15, 2026.

**Participation fee:**

Participation in the competition costs 50 € per application. A receipt of this fee's deposit must be sent together with the filled application form until June 15, 2026, 23:59 (GMT+2). Without the deposit of 50 € your application will not be considered as complete. This application fee should be transferred to the bank account of *TERPSIS – Parents Association of FARIS Schools* (see below). This application fee is non-refundable.

**Deposit information:**

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*Purpose of transfer: IKMD 2026 competition - Applicant's name and surname*

**Piano accompaniment:**

Piano accompanists at the final round will be provided, if needed, by the festival. The chance of a rehearsal on the day of the audition will be possible. Auditioning with your own/private pianists or accompanists is desired, especially, if you intend to play significant chamber music works. Those who wish to play with a piano accompanist are kindly asked to send the sheet music as a PDF file once accepted.

**Photos:**

Participation in the competition shall indicate the participant's acceptance of the festival organizers' right to use any photo that occurred during the time of the festival for purposes of advertisement and promotion of the festival's future events. No personal information will be shared with third parties.