

THE "C.A. SEGHIZZI" CHORAL ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES
**THE 23rd "SEGHIZZI" INTERNATIONAL VOCAL CHAMBER MUSIC
COMPETITION FOR SOLO VOICE AND PIANO**

GORIZIA (Italy), July, 3 – 4 – 5, 2026

The event is sponsored by the following institutions: Italian Ministry of Culture, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Municipality of Gorizia, Ca.Ri.Go Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGULATIONS OF THE 23rd SEGHIZZI INTERNATIONAL VOCAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION FOR SOLO VOICE AND PIANO 2026

Art. 1

Only singers born after July 1, 1991 can participate in the competition.

Should the singer register with his/her own pianist, born after July 1, 1991, they will automatically enter the competition as a voice-piano duo.

Art. 2

The repertoire shall consist of music originally composed for solo voice and piano and performed in its original musical version and language with particular reference to the Lieder repertoire.

Art. 3

Upon request by an applicant singer, the Organizing Committee may provide a pianist, and an adequate rehearsal time will be allocated.

Art. 4

Closing date for submission of completed **applications** is at 12PM, **June 22, 2026**.

Art. 5

The Artistic Board reserves the right to ask for the replacement of musical pieces which do not comply with these Regulations.

Art. 6

First prize winners of the previous two editions of the Competition cannot register for the current year's Competition.

Art. 7

The performances of the competition will take place in Gorizia. All performances are open to the public.

Preliminary round on Friday July 3, 2026 at 2 p.m.

Semi-final round on Saturday July 4, 2026 at 2 p.m.

Final round on Sunday July 5, 2026 at 2 p.m.

Award ceremony and award winners' concert: on Sunday July 5, 2026 at 9 p.m.

Art. 8

Contestants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs and for those of their accompanist.

Art. 9

The International Jury consists of five members chosen among musicians and personalities of distinguished reputation; The Artistic Director of the Competition will chair the Jury.

Art. 10

Contestants should perform the following programme (the singer should preferably perform by memory, even though it's not compulsory):

PRELIMINARY

- a) one composition written in the 18th century (1701-1800) for solo voice and piano;
- b) one composition written in the 19th century (1801-1900) for solo voice and piano;

SEMI-FINAL

- a) composition written in the 18th century (1701-1800) for solo voice and piano
- b) one or more compositions written in the 19th century (1801-1900) for solo voice and piano;

Contestants should perform compositions in at least 2 different languages.

The TOTAL duration of the performance shall not exceed about 10- 15 minutes.

FINAL

- a) one or more compositions written in the 19th century (1801-1900) for solo voice and piano;
- b) one or more compositions written in the 20th and 21st century (from 1901 to the present day) for solo voice and piano.

The Artistic Direction encourages applicants to include in their programme:

- "THE LOVE A LIFE CAN SHOW BELOW" by Roberto Brisotto, winner of the 23rd Seghizzi International Composition Contest;
 - "BESUCH" by Eduard Kiprski, composition selected by the 23rd Seghizzi International Composition Contest jury;
 - Three Stevenson's Songs by Antonio Giacometti, winner of the 22nd Seghizzi International Composition Contest;
 - One composition by Cesare Augusto Seghizzi
- The Organising Committee will make the above-mentioned scores available upon request.

Contestants should perform pieces in at least **2 different languages**.

The OVERALL duration of the final round must be kept within **15- 20 minutes of performance**.

No composition in the programme can be repeated in the various stages of the competition.

Art. 11

Contestants should submit **their application via email** addressed to Segreteria del Concorso di Canto Cameristico Seghizzi at info@seghizzi.it **by midnight of June 22, 2026**.

Applications should include the following (see application form):

- a) complete personal information and contact details (name, surname, place and date of birth, permanent address, phone and/or mobile phone number, email address) along with a copy of the ID card or passport;
- b) a list of the scores submitted with complete information about the Authors, the date of composition and duration of the pieces;
- c) a readable copy in PDF format of each score submitted;
- d) personal information of the instrumentalist accompanying the singer (name, surname, place and date of birth, permanent address);
- e) a detailed curriculum vitae including also any artistic experiences (a CV of the instrumentalist is also needed if the applicant enters the competition as a voice-piano duo);
- f) a passport-size photo in jpg format possibly.

All required information and materials have to be emailed at info@seghizzi.it;

No single score pages will be accepted: each composition has to be sent in a single PDF document complete of all its pages.

Art. 12

The application fee is Euro 40,00 / forty (no extra fee is needed for the duo). The payment has to be made in advance using the following IBAN number IT59N0306912499100000002714 at Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. Corso Verdi 104, 34170 Gorizia – bank account holder's name: Associazione Corale Goriziana "C.A. Seghizzi". For payments from abroad the BIC/SWIFT code is BCITITMM. Please write the following in the payment details: name and surname of the contestant as well as "Tassa di iscrizione al 23° Concorso internazionale di Canto Cameristico Seghizzi". If contestants require a pianist, they have to pay an **entry fee of Euro 60,00 (sixty) in total**. Please note that any bank charge related to the payment of the entry fee must be paid by the applicants.

Art. 13

The performance order will be publicly decided by lot in the presence of the representatives of the Organizing Committee and the Artistic Director at noon (12.00 p.m.) on July 3, 2026 in Gorizia. Contestants have to be present at the draw and ready to be called for their turn once the performance order has been established. If a contestant is not present at that moment, the next one will take his/her place. The contestant that cannot be present for justified reasons will perform after all the other contestants.

Art. 14

The jury will determine the ranking list resulting from the arithmetic average scores at the end of the elimination stage.

A minimum of 10 contestants will be admitted to the semi-final round following the ranking list but without disclosing the score assigned by the jury. The semi-final round ranking list will be determined following the same criteria listed above.

The first 6 (six) semi-finalists will be eligible to enter the Final round (the ranking list shall not be disclosed at this point). The Jury will proceed in the same way for the ranking list of the final.

The scores obtained in the final will be made known to the finalist only upon requests.

Art. 15

Ex-aequo results are not allowed.

Art. 16

The judgement of the Jury is unquestionable. The members of the Jury will abstain from voting when their role turns out to be incompatible with respect to one or more contestants.

Art. 17

PRIZES to be awarded to a solo singer or a voice-piano duo

1st Prize Euro 3,000,00 Certificate and plate

If the 1st prize is awarded to a voice-piano duo (see art. 1 of the Regulations), the amount of the award will be increased up to Euro 1,000,00;

- one concert promoted by the C. A. Seghizzi Association within the contest of "Quinta Giusta" (network of the five most important international competitions organized in Friuli Venezia Giulia);
- one concert promoted by Storica Società Operaia from Pordenone within the cultural events 2026/27 as well as a study award of 1,000,00 euros;
- one concert promoted by Associazione Piccolo Opera Festival del FVG within the cultural events 2027 as well as a study award of 1,000,00 euros.

2nd Prize Euro 2,000,00 Certificate and plate, a concert promoted within the contest "Quinta Giusta".

3rd Prize Euro 1.000,00 Certificate and plate, a concert promoted within the contest "Quinta Giusta".

4th Prize Certificate and plate

5th Prize Certificate and plate

6th Prize Certificate and plate

If a contestant is not present at the prize-giving ceremony, he/she will lose the right to receive the prize. For the first three classified the Organizing Committee will promote as much as possible their results among musical and cultural institutions both in Italy and abroad as well as with press and mass media, so as to favor future concert engagements.

Art. 18

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make audio and video recordings of the music performed during the competition and the Gala Concert for radiophonic, discographic and television purposes and for subsequent broadcast in Italy and abroad without any payment to the performers.

Art. 19

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify these regulations for technical, artistic or organizational reasons. If this happens all the Contestants will be promptly informed.

Art. 20

Participation in the competition implies full knowledge and complete acceptance of these regulations.

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