

## AWARDS

### GRAND PRIZE – MUSICFORGE NEW ARTIST

The winner of the Grand Prize – MusicForge New Artist, selected during the Final Round, will be awarded a recording and artist management contract

The contract includes:

- Artistic direction
- Contract and **payment of €3000,00**
- Professional recording sessions
- Audio editing, mixing, and mastering
- Graphic design and artwork production
- International physical and digital distribution
- Promotion through MusicForgeStudio channels
- Inclusion in the MusicForgeStudio catalogue

### Other awards

- **Young Talent Award;**  
€500 scholarship
- **Chamber Music Award**  
€800 scholarship
- **A Cappella Award**  
Professional promo video
- **Orchestra Award**  
Video promo professionale

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# MUSIC FORGE NEW ARTIST

— 2026

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC  
PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

*Second Edition*

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026**

## **International Music Performance Competition – MusicForge New Artist**

2nd Edition – 2026

Organized by MusicForgeStudio (record label, production studio, and artist management company). An international talent scouting competition created to discover outstanding emerging artists and award selected participants with recording and artist management contracts.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to musicians of all nationalities and all ages, with no age restrictions.

### **COMPETITION TIMELINE**

#### **Phase 1 – Online Selection**

Application deadline: September 10, 2026

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

- A performance video (maximum 12 minutes)
- Their artistic and recording project

Results and certificates of participation will be sent by email on September 20, 2026.

#### **Phase 2 – Live Final**

October 17, 2026 – Lucera (FG), Italy

Ten finalists will be invited to perform live before the jury.

Live performance: maximum 30 minutes.

### **ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES**

- Soloists
- Chamber Ensembles
- Choirs
- Orchestras and Large Ensembles

## **COMPETITION SECTIONS**

- **Solo Performers** - Categories A, B, C, D  
-Entry fee: €25–€75
- **Chamber Music Ensembles** - Categories E, F  
-Entry fee: €95–€155
- **Choirs** - Categories G, H  
-Entry fee: €125–€250
- **Orchestras** - Categories I, L  
-Entry fee: €290–€390

## **THE JURY**

The jury consists of internationally recognized musicians and distinguished professors with extensive international experience and a substantial record of publications released by leading Italian and international publishers.

## **EVALUATION**

#### **Phase 1 – Online Selection**

Final scores are expressed on a 100-point scale, with an additional MusicForgeStudio Bonus.

- Below 84 points – Certificate of Participation
- 85–89 points – Third Prize
- 90–94 points – Second Prize
- 95–97 points – First Prize
- 98–100 points – Absolute First Prize and qualification for the Live Final

#### **Phase 2 – Live Final**

Finalists will be evaluated on their live performance, with an additional bonus awarded by the MusicForgeStudio/NaucratesMusic artistic representatives.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications must be submitted exclusively online via the official website:

**[www.musicforgestudio.site/MFNewartist](http://www.musicforgestudio.site/MFNewartist)**

Applicants are required to upload the following materials:

- A YouTube performance video (maximum 12 minutes, unedited, with faithful and accurate audio)
- A project description in PDF format (maximum 500 words) outlining the proposed recording project

The video must clearly show all performers involved and must not include any form of editing, cuts, or post-production manipulation.

“The video should be as faithful as possible to a live performance.”



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and start your  
career

