

# COMPETITIONS 2020

## Guide to Organ and Choral Competitions

Competitions are listed by date.

### ORGAN

#### 22nd International Organ Competition for the Wiesbaden Bach-Prize

**Dates** 9-11 January, 2020  
**Location** Lutherkirche, Wiesbaden, Germany. Klais organ (1978); Walcker Organ (1911; restored by Klais 1987). In association with the 23rd Wiesbaden Bach Festival (Wiesbadener Bachwochen).

**Eligibility** Organists born after 1 January 1990. Organists who study with any of the jurors are excluded from the organ competition.

**Prizes** 1st prize (Bach-Prize) €5,000 plus a contract to play an organ concert in the 24th Wiesbaden Bach Festival 2021; 2nd prize €4,000; 3rd prize €2,500.

**Jury** Guy Bovet, Bine Katrine Bryndorf, Wolfgang Capek, Stefan Viegelahn

**Closing date** 1 November 2019.  
[bach-wiesbaden.de/organ\\_competition.htm](http://bach-wiesbaden.de/organ_competition.htm)

#### Cambridge Academy of Organ Studies Competition for Student Organists

**Dates** 21 February 2020  
**Location** Cambridge, Jesus College, UK. 2-manual and pedal organ by Kuhn (2007); 2-manual organ in historic English style designed by Sir John Sutton (1849) and restored by William Drake.

**Prizes** The winner will receive a prize of £500 and a lunchtime recital at St John's Smith Square.

**Jury** (chair) Paul Binski; Hans Davidsson, Martin Ennis.

**Closing date** Friday 24 January 2020.

**Queries to** Andrew Johnson, 01223 240026, [andrew@cambridgeorganacademy.org](mailto:andrew@cambridgeorganacademy.org)  
[cambridgeorganacademy.org](http://cambridgeorganacademy.org)

#### Internationaler Bach Wettbewerb 2020

**Dates** 13-25 July 2020  
**Location** Leipzig, Germany. Organs: Collon organ, University of Music and Theatre Leipzig; Silbermann organ, St Mary's Church, Rõtha; 'Bach' organ, St Thomas's Church Leipzig.

**Eligibility** Organists who are at least 16 years old, born after 25 July 1987.

**Prizes** 1st prize €10,000; 2nd prize €7,500; 3rd prize €5,000.

**Jury** Bine Bryndorf, Arvid Gast (chair), Lorenzo Ghielmi, David Higgs, Rudolf Lutz, Daniel Roth, Martin Schmeding

**Applications to** [wettbewerb@bach-leipzig.de](mailto:wettbewerb@bach-leipzig.de)

**Closing date** 25 February 2020 (date of postmark on the letter and date of e-mail).  
[bachwettbewerb-leipzig.de](http://bachwettbewerb-leipzig.de)

#### International Organ Improvisation Competition, Haarlem

**Dates** 18 July – 1 August 2020  
**Location** Haarlem, Netherlands. Organs by Christian Müller (1736, Grote of St-Bavokerk), Cavaillé-Coll (1871, Grote Zaal Philharmonie Haarlem), Adema (1907, Kathedrale Basiliek St-Bavo Haarlem)  
[organfestival.nl](http://organfestival.nl)

#### IAO/RCO Organ Playing Competition 2020

**Dates** 25-26 July 2020  
**Location** Edinburgh, St Cuthbert's Church: 4-manual organ (Hope-Jones, 1899 / Hill, Norman & Beard, 1928 / J.W. Walker, 1957/1998/2002).  
**Eligibility** Open to organists aged from 18 to 26 years on 1 July 2020.  
**Jury** Gerard Brooks, John Kitchen, Naji Hakim.

**Prizes** 1st prize £1,000; 2nd prize £500; 3rd £200; plus recital opportunities at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, the University of Edinburgh, St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, and at a future RCO event.

**Closing date** 1pm, Saturday 29 February 2020. **Details and application form** [rco.org.uk/events/organ-competition-2020](http://rco.org.uk/events/organ-competition-2020)

#### Northern Ireland International Organ Competition 2020

**Dates** August 2020  
**Location** Armagh, Northern Ireland. Organs by J.W. Walker & Sons (1840 onwards; latest 1954)/ Evans & Barr Ltd (1928)/Telford & Telford (1941)/Wells-Kennedy



▲ The 1736 Christian Müller organ takes centre-stage in the International Organ Improvisation Competition, Haarlem

Partnership Ltd (1996); and Wells-Kennedy (1986).  
**Eligibility** Organists of any country aged 21 or under on the competition dates.

**Categories** Senior (post-grade 8),

Intermediate (grades 6-8), Junior (grades 4-5)  
**Pre-selection** Senior category only, by recording (CD, mp3 or mobile recording).

**Entry** Send form and fee to

◁ Northern Ireland International Organ, Competition c/o Armagh Visitor Information Centre, 40 English Street, Armagh, Co. Armagh BT61 7BA, UK  
**Queries to** [info@nioc.com](mailto:info@nioc.com)  
[nioc.com](http://nioc.com)

**Grand Prix de Chartres**

**Dates** August – September 2020

**Location** Chartres Cathedral, France

**Eligibility** Organists born after 1 January 1988.

**Pre-selection** by recording

**Terms & conditions** see website [orgue-chartres.org](http://orgue-chartres.org)

**8. Internationaler Franz-Schmidt-Orgelwettbewerb**

**Dates** 11-19 September 2020

**Location** Vienna, Austria

**Eligibility** Organists of all nationalities born after 31 December 1984

**Prizes** 1st Prize €5,000; 2nd Prize €3,500; 3rd Prize €2,000.

**Jury** Helmut Binder, Bernhard Haas, Robert Kovács, Peter Planyavsky, Liubov Shishkhanova, (chair) Karl-Gerhard Straßl

**Closing date** 31 May 2020  
[orgelwettbewerb.at](http://orgelwettbewerb.at)

**Canadian International Organ Competition 2020**

**Dates** 16-18 October 2020

**Location** Montreal, Canada  
 Organs by Beckerath (1961), Casavant (1915/1996), Casavant (1891/1924/1991).

**Eligibility** Organists born after 17 October 1985.

**Prizes** 1st Prize CA\$25,000 plus solo album recording and three-year career management and professional development by Karen McFarlane Artists and the CIOC; 2nd Prize CA\$15,000; 3rd Prize CA\$10,000. Additional Prizes: Gérard-Coulombe Bach Prize CA\$5,000, Louis-Vierne Prize CA\$5,000, Louis-Roubillard Prize CA\$5,000, RCCO Prize CA\$5,000, Charles-Tournemire Prize CA\$5,000, Richard Bradshaw Audience Prize CA\$5,000, Spinelli Prize CA\$5,000.

**Jury** Jean-Willy Kunz (president, CA), Martin Baker (UK), Bernard Focroulle (BE), Michael Kapsner (DE), Rachel Laurin (CA), William

Porter (US), Louis Robilliard (FR), Dong-Il Shin (SK), Patricia Wright (CA)

**Terms & conditions** see website

**Deadline** Preliminary round applications and recordings must be submitted by 31 January 2020 (date of postmark).  
[ciocm.org](http://ciocm.org)

**Concours André Marchal – 'L'Orgue des Jeunes'**

**Dates** 19-21 October 2020

**Location** Paris, France

**Terms & conditions** TBC

**Queries to** Isabelle Sebah, secretary, Académie André Marchal, [coordination.musique@laposte.net](mailto:coordination.musique@laposte.net)  
[academieandremarchal.org](http://academieandremarchal.org)

**Petr Eben International Organ Competition**

**Dates** October 2020

**Location** Opava, Czech Republic

**Queries to** Church Conservatoire of the Teutonic Order, Beethovenova 1, CZ-746 01 Opava, Czech Republic, +420 595 173 028, [organ@konzervator.cz](mailto:organ@konzervator.cz)  
[konzervator.cz/organ](http://konzervator.cz/organ)

**ORGAN - FUTURE COMPETITIONS**

**2021**

**12th Mikael Tariverdiev International Organ Competition**

**Dates** April – September 2021

**Location** Lawrence (Kansas, USA), Hamburg (Germany), Moscow and Kaliningrad (Russia).

**Entry** By application form sent to The Organising Committee of the 11th M. Tariverdiev International Organ Competition, Usiyevicha Street 9/60, Moscow, 125319 Russia; or by e-mail to [tariverdi@mail.ru](mailto:tariverdi@mail.ru); or via the website [organcompetition.ru](http://organcompetition.ru).

**International Schnitger Organ Competition**

**Dates** June 2021

**Location** Alkmaar, the Netherlands. Part of Orgelfestival Holland.

Organs by Van Hagerbeer/Schnitger (1646/1725), Van Covelens (1511), Müller (Kapelkerk, 1762).

**Prizes** 1st prize €5,000 (Schnitger prize); 2nd prize €2,500 (Flentrop prize); 3rd prize €1,000 (Johan Knibbe prize); Izaak Kingma prize awarded by the audience

**Eligibility** Organists of any country born after 30 June 1985.  
[orgelfestivalholland.nl](http://orgelfestivalholland.nl)

**St Albans International Organ Competitions 2021 (Interpretation and Improvisation)**

**Dates** 5-17 July 2021

**Location** St Albans and London, UK. Part of St Albans International Organ Festival.

Organs by Harrison & Harrison (1962/2008-9), Peter Collins (1989), Mander (2006), Richard Bridge (1735, rest. 2014), Klais (1993).

**Pre-selection** By recording (see website for details).

**Queries to** Competitions Secretary, +44 7860 362173, [competitions@organfestival.com](mailto:competitions@organfestival.com)  
[organfestival.com](http://organfestival.com)

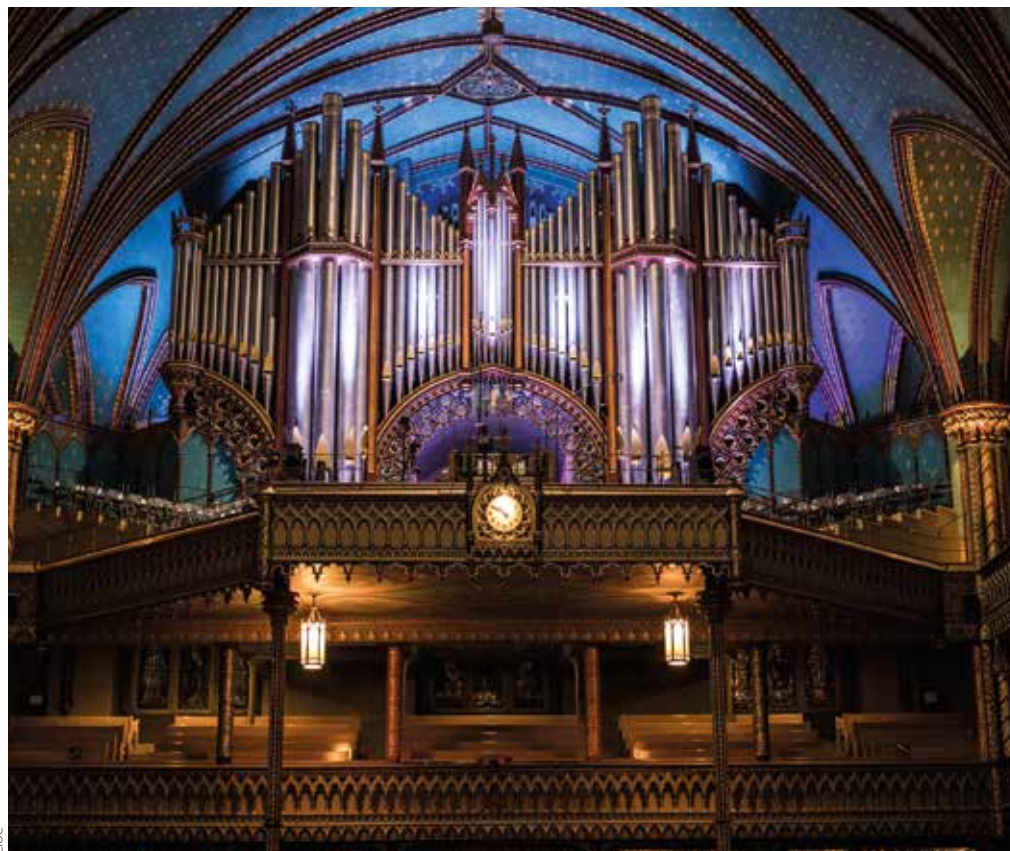
**XIVth International Gottfried Silbermann Competition Freiberg 2021**

**Dates** September 2021

**Location** Freiberg, Germany. Organs by Silbermann (1718, Jakobikirche; 1714 and 1719, Freiberg Dom), Hildebrandt (1721, Langhennersdorf Church).

**Prizes** 1st prize € 7,000, 2nd prize €4,000, 3rd prize €3,000, plus concert engagements.

**Eligibility** Organists of any country born after 31 December 1989.





**Pre-selection** by unedited recordings of specified works (see website for details).  
silbermann.org

**5th International Buxtehude Organ Competition**

**Dates** September 2021  
**Location** Lübeck, Germany  
**Queries to** Buxtehude-Organwettbewerb, Große Petersgrube 21, 23552 Lübeck, +49 451 1505 100 mh-luebeck.de

**2022**

**International César Franck Competition**

**Dates** May 2022  
**Location** St Bavo, Haarlem, Netherlands.  
**Eligibility** Organists of any nationality who have completed professional training and have recital capabilities.  
**Pre-selection** by recording  
**Terms & conditions** TBA.  
**Queries to** info@cesarfranckconcours.nl  
cesarfranckconcours.nl

**Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition**

**Dates** June 2022  
**Location** Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, USA. Aeolian organ (1930; rebuilt 2004-11)  
**Prizes** Pierre S. du Pont 1st prize US\$40,000, contract with Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, performance at Longwood Gardens in the year following the competition. Firmin Swinnen 2nd prize US\$15,000; Clarence Snyder 3rd prize US\$5,000; Audience Choice prize US\$1,000; AGO Philadelphia Chapter prize US\$1,000 (recognising outstanding performance of the judges' choice piece)  
**Eligibility** Open to competitors aged 18-30.  
longwoodgardens.org

**International Organ Competition 'Paul-Hofhaimer-Prize'**

**Dates** September 2022  
**Location** Innsbruck, Austria  
**Prizes** 1st prize €5,000; 2nd prize €3,500; 3rd prize €2,000.  
**Eligibility** Organists of any country born in or after 1987.  
**Queries to** Musikschule der Stadt Innsbruck, ref. Paul-Hofhaimer-Wettbewerb, Innrain 5, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria; +43 512 585425, hofhaimer-wettbewerb@innsbruck.gv.at  
bit.ly/2y1V04O

**CHORAL**

**9th Roma Music Festival 2020**

**Dates** 11-15 March 2020  
**Location** Rome, Italy  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** post@mrf-musicfestivals.com  
mrf.musicfestivals.com

**'Golden Voices of Montserrat' 2020 - International Choir Festival & Competition**

**Dates** 23-26 March 2020  
**Location** Costa Brava, Spain  
**Queries to** +49 228 289860-11, info@musicultur.com  
musicultur.com

**International Youth Choir & Music Festival - Young2020Bohemia Prague**

**Dates** 26-29 March 2020  
**Location** Prague, Czech Republic  
**Eligibility** Children's and youth choirs of any nationality.  
**Contact** +49 228 289860-11, info@musicultur.com  
musicultur.com

**XXIII 'Rainbow' International Festival & Choir Competition**

**Dates** 29-31 March 2020  
**Location** St Petersburg, Russia  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Contact** +7 9214004524  
nw.choir.association@gmail.com  
choirlab.ru/rainbow

**International Choir Festival and Competition Verona 2020**

**Dates** 1-5 April 2020  
**Location** Verona, Italy  
**Contact** +49 228 289860-11, info@musicultur.com  
musicultur.com

**Vox Lucensis**

**Dates** 4-8 April 2020  
**Location** Lucca, Italy  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +49 6404 69749-25, mail@interkultur.com  
interkultur.com

**16th International Choir Festival & Competition**

**Dates** 5-9 April 2020  
**Location** Riva Del Garda, Italy  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** info@meeting-music.com  
meeting-music.com



▲ The Belgian cities of Antwerp and Ghent host the 2020 World Choir Games

**International Leevi Madetoja Male Voice Choir Competition 2020**

**Dates** 17-19 April 2020  
**Location** Tampere, Finland  
**Eligibility** Male voice choirs of any nationality.  
**Queries to** Finnish Male Choir Association (Suomen Mieskuoroliitto), Klaneettitie 6-8, 00420 Helsinki, Finland, +358 1 0820 0236, toiminnanjohtaja@mieskuoro.fi  
mieskuoro.fi/madetoja2020

**Slovakia Cantat**

**Dates** 23-26 April 2020  
**Location** Bratislava, Slovakia  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** Bratislava Music Agency, Slovakia, info@choral-music.sk  
choral-music.sk

**15th International Choir Competition & Festival Bad Ischl**

**Dates** 23 April-3 May 2020  
**Location** Bad Ischl, Austria  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +49 6404 69749-25  
mail@interkultur.com  
interkultur.com

**66th Cork International Choral Festival**

**Dates** 29 April-3 May 2020  
**Location** Cork, Ireland  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality; Fleischmann International Trophy: choirs of international standing of 20-60 voices.  
**Prizes** Fleischmann International Trophy for competing choirs; event also open to non-competing choirs  
**Closing date** 31 October 2019  
**Queries to** +353 21 4215125, info@corkchoral.ie  
corkchoral.ie

◁ **Venezia in Musica - International Choir Festival & Competition**

**Dates** 1-5 May 2020  
**Location** Venice, Italy  
**Queries to** +49 6403 9784225, info@meeting-music.com meeting-music.com

**22nd International Šimkus Choir Competition**

**Dates** 14-17 May 2020  
**Location** Klaipėda, Lithuania  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +39 061269021 simkus.competition.lt@gmail.com aukuras.org/simkus

**Cracovia Cantans 2020**

**Dates** 4-8 June 2020  
**Location** Krakow, Poland  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +49 228 289860-11 info@musicultur.com musicultur.com

**Per Musicam ad Astra - 8th International Copernicus Choir Festival & Competition**

**Dates** 10-14 June 2020  
**Location** Torun, Poland  
**Queries to** meeting music, Konrad Adenauerstr. 36, 35415 Pohlheim, Germany, +49 6403 9784225, info@meeting-music.com meeting-music.com

**Bratislava Choir Festival 2020**

**Dates** 11-14 June 2020  
**Location** Bratislava, Slovakia  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all ages of any nationality.  
**Queries to** Bratislava Music Agency, Slovakia, info@choral-music.sk choral-music.sk

**Sing Berlin! International Choir Festival & Competition 2020**

**Dates** 24-28 June 2020  
**Location** Berlin, Germany  
**Queries to** meeting music, Konrad Adenauerstr. 36, 35415 Pohlheim, Germany, +49 6403 9784225, info@meeting-music.com meeting-music.com

**Llangollen 2020**

**Dates** 7-12 July 2020  
**Location** Llangollen, Wales  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all ages of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +44 1978 862003, music@llangollen.net eisteddfodcompetitions.co.uk

**11th World Choir Games**

**Dates** 5-15 July 2020  
**Location** Antwerp/Ghent, Belgium  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +49 6404 69749-25 mail@interkultur.com interkultur.com

**11th Musica Eterna a Roma - International Choir Festival & Competition**

**Dates** 11-15 July 2020  
**Location** Rome, Italy  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** meeting music, Konrad Adenauerstr. 36, 35415 Pohlheim, Germany, +49 6403 9784225, info@meeting-music.com meeting-music.com

**Grand Prix Thailand 2020**

**Dates** 15-22 July 2020  
**Location** Pattaya, Thailand  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +420 606 082 266 info@festamusicale.com festamusicale.com

**Bratislava Cantat I. 2020**

**Dates** 27-30 July 2020  
**Location** Bratislava, Slovakia  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** Bratislava Music Agency, Slovakia, info@choral-music.sk choral-music.sk

**Bratislava Cantat II. 2020**

**Dates** 8-11 October 2020  
**Location** Bratislava, Slovakia  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Deadline** 1 August 2020  
**Queries to** Bratislava Music Agency, Slovakia, info@choral-music.sk choral-music.sk

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**Budapest International Choir Festival & Competition**

**Dates** 28 March - 1 April 2021  
**Location** Budapest, Hungary  
**Queries to** meeting music, Konrad Adenauerstr. 36, 35415 Pohlheim, Germany, +49 6403 9784225, info@meeting-music.com meeting-music.com

**7th Vietnam International Choir Competition**

**Dates** 8-12 April 2021  
**Location** Hoi An, Vietnam  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** +49 6404 69749-25, mail@interkultur.com interkultur.com

**Cornwall International Male Choral Festival**

**Dates** 29 April - 3 May 2021  
**Location** Cornwall, UK  
**Eligibility** Adult choirs/ensembles 40 voices and under; adult choirs 41 voices and over; boys and youth male choirs. Minimum of 12 singers. Queries to Gareth Churcher, artistic director, Cornwall Music Service Trust, Truro School, Trennick Lane, Cornwall TR1 1TH, +44 1872 246043, director@cimcf.uk cimcf.uk

**CantaRode**

**Dates** 13-16 May 2021  
**Location** Kerkrade, Netherlands  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** info@cantarode.nl cantarode.nl

**Salzburg International Choral Celebration & Competition**

**Dates** 17-21 June 2021  
**Location** Salzburg, Austria  
**Eligibility** Choirs of all kinds of any nationality.  
**Queries to** meeting music, Konrad Adenauerstr. 36, 35415 Pohlheim, Germany, +49 6403 9784225, info@meeting-music.com meeting-music.com

**15th Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival Vienna**

**Dates** 2-7 July 2021  
**Location** Vienna, Austria  
**Eligibility** Children's and youth choirs of any nationality.  
**Queries to** Columbus Ihr Reisebüro GmbH & CoKG, Universitätsring 8, 1010 Vienna, office@sclfestival.org sclfestival.org

↑ Young singers from around the world take to the stage at the Summa Cum Laude festival



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