



INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

HUMBERTO QUAGLIATA

CITTÀ DI SAN GIOVANNI VALDARNO

COMPETITION RULES

5TH EDITION · YOUNG PIANISTS

Pieve di San Giovanni Battista, Piazza Cavour · San Giovanni Valdarno (AR), Italy · **26 – 29 November 2026**

The Accademia Musicale Valdarnese Aps, in collaboration with the Municipality of San Giovanni Valdarno, organises the 5th International Piano Competition “Humberto Quagliata – Città di San Giovanni Valdarno”, open to pianists of Italian and foreign citizenship. The Competition will take place in San Giovanni Valdarno (AR), Italy, from 26 to 29 November 2026 at the Pieve di San Giovanni Battista, Piazza Cavour.

The Competition dedicated to M° Humberto Quagliata will keep alive the memory of this extraordinary artist, gifted with a unique sensitivity, who performed in the most important theatres and concert halls of the five continents, both in recital and as a soloist with orchestra.

The Accademia Musicale Valdarnese is honoured to have had him as a great friend.

Sections and prizes

Open to pianists aged 6 to 30 (born between 1.1.1996 and 31.12.2020). Categories A/B/C/D: single round · Category E: two rounds.

Cat.	Age (year of birth)	Programme
A	6 – 9 years (01/01/2017 – 31/12/2020)	free programme, max 8 minutes
B	10 – 13 years (01/01/2013 – 31/12/2016)	free choice programme, max 12 minutes
C	14 – 17 years (01/01/2009 – 31/12/2012)	free choice programme, max 18 minutes
D	18 – 22 years (01/01/2004 – 31/12/2008)	free choice programme, max 25 minutes
E	23 – 30 years (01/01/1996 – 31/12/2003)	two rounds: 1st round max 20 minutes · 2nd round max 30 minutes

Soloist Prizes

1st Absolute Prize	Award	Scholarship
Category A	Diploma	€ 100.00
Category B	Diploma	€ 150.00
Category C	Diploma	€ 250.00
Category D	Diploma	€ 500.00
Category E	Diploma and 2 concerts	€ 2,000.00

All prize-winners receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize diplomas.

Registration and rounds

Applications must be sent by email to acmuval@gmail.com by **15 November 2026**, attaching the completed application form, a copy of a valid identity document (identity card or passport) and the receipt of the bank transfer for the registration fee, stating the candidate's name and category. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Candidates wishing to compete in a higher category than their own age group may do so by paying the corresponding registration fee.

Category	Registration fee
Cat. A · 6 – 9 years	€ 45.00
Cat. B · 10 – 13 years	€ 55.00
Cat. C · 14 – 17 years	€ 60.00
Cat. D · 18 – 22 years	€ 70.00
Cat. E · 23 – 30 years	€ 80.00

Registration fee · bank transfer

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Payment reference: *Humberto Quagliata Competition – Città di San Giovanni Valdarno – Category (please state the category the candidate is entering)*

Jury and artistic direction

Alvaro Teixeira Lopes President · Portugal

Francesca Vidal Italy

Sanna Vaarni Finland

Emil Ribasky North Macedonia

Giovanni Vitaletti Italy

Andrea Turini **Artistic Director**

The Artistic Direction of the Competition reserves the right to make substitutions or additions to individual jury members in cases of force majeure. Should a candidate be related by family or affinity to a member of the Jury, or have had teaching relations with a Jury member in the two years preceding the start of the competition, that member will abstain from the relevant discussion and evaluation. Such abstention will be recorded in the minutes.

General information

The schedule of auditions and roll calls will be available from **18 November 2026** on accademiamusicalevaldarnese.it. Competitors must present a valid identity document and 2 copies of the pieces in their programme. Attendance at the roll call is mandatory. Latecomers, for justified reasons only, will be heard after the other entrants provided the round is still in progress.

The Jury's decision is final and is expressed in hundredths: First prize from 95 to 100, Second prize from 90 to 94, Third prize from 85 to 89. The First Absolute Prize is awarded to the winner of the 1st Prize with the highest score. The Jury reserves the right not to award prizes where an adequate performance level is not reached. All auditions are open to the public. Performance from memory is required for category E only.

The Absolute Prize winners' concert will take place on **Sunday 29 November at 5.30 pm**; participation is mandatory for the prize to be awarded. Failure to take part in the concert entails forfeiture of the title.

The Artistic Direction of the Competition assumes no responsibility for risks or damage of any kind incurred by competitors during the event. Competitors shall have no financial claim for performances given during the competition and the final concert, nor for their possible radio or television broadcast. Participation in the Competition implies full and unconditional acceptance of these rules. In the event of a dispute, the only legally valid text is the original Italian version, and the Court of Arezzo shall have jurisdiction.

Useful information

San Giovanni Valdarno is a town in Tuscany, in the province of Arezzo, Italy. Its history dates back to 1296, the year of its foundation as a Florentine military outpost under the name of Castel San Giovanni. Birthplace of Masaccio, it boasts an exceptional artistic heritage housed in museums within the town's most important monuments: Palazzo d'Arnolfo, Casa Masaccio, the Basilica of S. Maria delle Grazie and the Church of San Lorenzo.

How to reach us

By train San Giovanni Valdarno station is on the Florence – Rome regional line

By car VALDARNO exit of the A1 Milan – Naples motorway

By plane Florence Peretola and Pisa Leonardo da Vinci airports

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