Dear Friends!

Mária Hemerková Elementary School of the Arts, seated at 68 Hlavná st, in Košice, continues in its tradition of organizing

**Peter Toperczer International Piano Competition**

for children and youth under 17 years of age in solo piano playing

during **15 – 18 April 2021**

The competition is held in biennial cycles.

**Competition announcer:**
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

**Competition organizer:**
Mária Hemerková Elementary School of the Arts, 68 Hlavná street, 040 11 Košice, Slovak Republic

**Main medial partner and co-organizer:**
Radio and Television of Slovakia

**Competition dates:**
- **15 April 2021 (Thursday)**- arrival, presentation, accommodation, opening ceremony, draw and order of play
- **16 April 2021 (Friday)** - 1st round of the competition
- **17 April 2021 (Saturday)** - 2nd round of the competition, Concert of Laureate of PTIPC Košice 2013, announcement of participants in the Sunday’s Concert of Winners
- **18 April 2021 (Sunday)** - results announcement, award winning ceremony, Concert of Winners of XVII. edition of PTIPC

**Competition venues:**
Mária Hemerková Elementary School of the Arts, 68 Hlavná street, RTVS – Slovak Radio - Radio Regina

**Competition terms and conditions:**
The competition can be attended by anyone who meets the age criterion and submits their application within the given deadline.
Competition categories:

I. category – contestants born in 2010, 2011 or younger
II. category – contestants born in 2008, 2009
IV. category – contestants born in 2004, 2005

Competition repertoire

1st round – selection
composition from the barocco period
composition from the romantic period

2nd round – final
composition from the classical period
composition from the 20th or 21st century

Playing by heart is a requirement.

The repertoire changes can be notified before 28 February 2021 on the following e-mail address of the international piano competition: kosicepianocompetition@gmail.com or kosicepianocompetition@outlook.com

Time limits in each round:

I. category: 1st round 5 – 8 min. 2nd round 5 – 8 min.
II. category: 1st round 7 – 12 min. 2nd round 7 – 12 min.
III. category: 1st round 10 – 15 min. 2nd round 10 – 15 min.
IV. category: 1st round 13 – 20 min. 2nd round 13 – 20 min.

Time limits must be strictly observed! The jury may disqualify the contestant for not complying with the time limit; each contestant will be stopped upon exceeding the time limit. Decisions taken by the judges panel are definite and irrevocable.

Direction for classification of composers by style periods:
Composers living and composing at the turn of the 19th and 20th century (S. Rachmaninoff, A. Scriabin, C. Debussy, M. Ravel, etc.), along with their entire work, should be added to compositions of the 20th and 21st century for the 2nd round.

Prizes for contestants
- financial prize for 1st – 3rd place in each category
- other special awards and giveaway prizes

Organizational instructions
Competition application forms, along with the repertoire, accommodation order for a contestant and an accompanying adult person (pedagogue or parent), copy of a birth certificate of contestant, digital portrait photograph and an entry fee payments must be registered on: http://www.zuske.sk/obsah/prihlaska

no later than on 31 December 2020

Entry fee:
for a contestant
140,- € (with accommodation and breakfast for 3 nights at Garni Hotel Akadémia
for a pedagogue /or for a parent in case of the pedagogue’s absence/
140,- € (with accommodation and breakfast for 3 nights at Garni Hotel Akadémia)

In case of not being accommodated at Garni Hotel Akadémia, the entry fee is:
for a contestant
80,- €
for a pedagogue (or for a parent in case of the pedagogue’s absence)
80,- €
Lunches and dinners are not provided by the organizer. Observers arrange their own accommodation.

Fee payments must be paid no later than on 31 December 2020.

**Bank details**

Account name: Občianske združenie Medzinárodná klavírna súťaž
Recipient’s bank name and address: Slovenská sporiteľňa, a. s. Košice Hlavná 103, 041 97 Košice, Slovak republic

Account number: IBAN: SK72 0900 0000 0050 5239 1050
BIC (SWIFT): GIBA SK BX

**BANK CHARGES ARE PAID BY CONTESTANTS**

Without paying the fees the competition’s organizational committee will not accept participation in the competition. The entry fees shall not be reimbursed in case of absence of the contestant or an accompanying adult person.

**Notice**

Foreign participants who need an invitation to get their visa for the European Union entry will provide necessary details within a web form.

After registering the application and paying the entry fees, the organizer will confirm the contestant’s admission and enlistment into the competition. The competition organizational details and time schedule will be sent by e-mail at least one month before the competition.

If, by mistake, the competition organizational details have not been sent to you, get informed on the contact e-mail addresses of the international piano competition:

kosicepianocompetition@gmail.com
kosicepianocompetition@outlook.com
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web: [http://www.zuske.sk](http://www.zuske.sk)

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**Travel costs:**

Travel costs are covered by each contestant or by an organization which has sent him/her.

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We look forward to your visit and participation in Peter Toperczer International Piano Competition Kosice and we wish you a lot of success!

Jana Fríčová
School Director
chairperson of the competition expert committee