

**Concorso Regina Experia Cernobbio Lake Como
International Music Contest – Edizione 2026
Villa Bernasconi, Cernobbio (Como)**

LIVE EDITION

Villa Bernasconi - Cernobbio - Como - Italy

ON LINE EDITION

soloists and groups, up to 26 years of age

RULES

Application is open to soloists (strings, woodwinds, brass, piano, accordion, guitar, harp) and groups of all nationalities under the age of 26.

ON-LINE COMPETITION	LIVE COMPETITION
Application deadline: May 15, 2026	Application deadline: April 10, 2026
Publication of results: June 15, 2026	Performances: April 24 – 25 – 26, 2026

- SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

SECT. 1 SOLOISTS

Instrument: - keyboard instruments: piano and accordion
- strings
- woodwinds and brass
- string instruments (guitar and harp)

SECT. 2 CHAMBER MUSIC, FROM DUO TO QUINTET

- CATEGORIES, APPLICATION FEES AND DURATION

The program is free for the participants to choose.

Categories – Fees – Duration

Sezione	Cat.	Age	Application fees	Duration
Sez. 1 – Soloists	Junior	6–9 years of age	35	8 minuts
	Young	10–13 years of age	40	10 minuts
	A	14–17 years of age	55	15 minuts
	B	18–21 years of age	60	18 minuts
	C	22–26 years of age	65	20 minuts
Sez. 2 – Chamber music	Junior	6–9 years of age	€25 per partecipant	10 minuts
	Young	10–13 years of age	€25 per partecipant	10 minuts
	A	14–17 years of age	€35 per partecipant	20 minuts
	B	18–21 years of age	€40 per partecipant	22 minuts
	C	22–26 years of age	€45 per partecipant	25 minuts

Age at the time of the registration deadline is considered.

For sections 2, the oldest member is considered.

Those who wish will have the opportunity to enroll in a category higher than their age, but not in a lower one.

- RUNNING OF COMPETITION – Live edition

Candidates must present themselves with an identity document and a copy of the scores proposed at the **Villa Bernasconi, Largo Alfredo Campanini 2, Cernobbio (Como)**, on the day and time indicated. The performances calendar will be promptly published on the website www.lakecomoart.it.

The jury can interrupt the performance if the candidate exceeds the maximum time available.

The soloists, where necessary, will be able to play with piano accompaniment.

The organization provides candidates with the piano and a music stand.

It is possible to request an accompanist pianist provided by the organization for an additional fee to be paid at the time of registration:

Junior and Young Categories: €40

Categories A-B-C: €50

The pianist **Marco Cadario** will be the accompanist.

The results will be announced after the auditions.

The winners of the special prizes will be announced during the award ceremony concert which will be held on April 26th at 9.00 pm.

- RUNNING OF COMPETITION – On line edition

Candidates will have to video-record the chosen repertoire.

The shot must be fixed and include the performer and his hands on the instrument.

Soloists, if necessary, can play with the accompaniment of an instrument or a backing track.

The video must then be uploaded to a YOUTUBE channel, making it visible only to those in possession of the link (use the "not listed" setting).

The video will be nominated with: Concorso Regina Experia Cernobbio, name (of the soloist or group), section, instrument (in the case of soloists) and category.

The scores and resulting rankings will be published on June 15, 2026 on the website www.lakecomoart.it.

- RANKINGS AND PRIZES

1st absolute prize, 99 and 100 points: diploma and award plaque

1st prize, 95 to 98 points: first prize diploma

2nd prize 90 to 94 points: second prize diploma

3rd prize 85 to 89 points: third prize diploma

Scores lower than 85 points: certificate of attendance

The diplomas relating to the online competition will be sent by email, the plaques for the winners will be sent by ordinary mail.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Categories Junior e Young

- “Villa Bernasconi Prize”for the best soloist: €200
- “Amici del Loggione del Teatro alla Scala Prize”: invitation to perform in the Classical Kids and Teens season in Milan

Categorie A – B – C

- “Città di Cernobbio Prize”for the best soloist: €800 + one prize concert
- “Città di Cernobbio Prize”for the best chamber music group: €1.200 + one prize concert
- Premio “Harmonia in Music Chapel”: Recording session, master, release in Music Chapel a Vamosszabadi – Gyor – Ungheria (<https://musicchapel.com/>). The production of a professional audio file and possible publication on commercial platforms (Itunes, Spotify, Shazam...) is envisaged.

For prize concerts there is no fee for the musicians.

For the recording session and the concert relating to the “Harmonia prize in Music Chapel” transport, food and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the candidates.

Special prizes will not be awarded in case of absence from the award ceremony concert.

The jury reserves the right not to award prizes if it deems no candidate worthy.

- PAYMENT METHODS

Application fees must be paid by bank transfer with comments “Concorso Regina Experia – Como International Music Contest, surname, section, category and participant's instrument ”, on the following bank account of holder Momom Società Cooperativa Sociale,

Iban: IT93A0832910900000000302027

Swift (BIC): ICRAITRR950

The organizers, based on the number of participants, reserve the right to modify or cancel some

sections or to limit the acceptance of applications.

Any waiver of the participants does not imply the return of the application fee.

- SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Fill in the GOOGLE FORM on the “CONCORSI” section of the www.lakecomoart.it website and send it within the registration deadline.

The following attachments must be uploaded:

- bank receipt of payment

- id card.

Candidates whose application forms are incomplete will not be admitted.

- JURY

The Jury is composed of well-known musicians who perform in great concert halls but also have time to share with young musicians.

The votes of the jury are unquestionable, unappealable and definitive.

Judges who have didactic relations with any of the participants will abstain from voting.

By registering for the Regina Experia Cernobbio Lake Como, in accordance with current legislation, each participant, parent or legal guardian (if the participant is a minor) authorizes the organization to publish the results of the candidates' performances on the website www.lakecomoart.it and to publish the audiovisual material collected during the days of the event on the institutional channels of the event for educational, informative and cultural dissemination purposes.

By registering for the competition, you also agree to be included in the competition's mailing list and to receive information relating to the organization of the event.

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