

Congratulations on advancing to the Finals of the 2025 Music International Grand Prix!

Please read the following information carefully. If you email asking a question which is answered here, we will simply refer you back to this document. The exact schedule for the Finals on Friday April 25 is currently being worked on and **we will post the schedule as soon as it is ready.**

In this document we cover:

- How to Confirm Participation in the Finals
- Finals Location and General Schedule
- Winners Concert Location and General Schedule
- How to purchase tickets
- Accompanist information
- Hotel information

TO CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE FINALS:

- EMAIL US AT INFO@MUSICINTERNATIONALGRANDPRIX.COM WITH THE SUBJECT: **FINALS CONFIRMATION**, AND TELL US WHICH REPERTOIRE YOU PLAN TO PERFORM, AND THE LENGTH OF YOUR REPERTOIRE (HOW MANY MINUTES).
- **YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE FINALS AND WINNERS CONCERT. There is no Finals participation on Zoom, nor Winners Concert participation on Zoom.** If you cannot appear at the Winners Concert, the 2nd place person will become 1st place and they will perform at the Winners Concert to compete for the \$5000 Grand Prix award.
- **NOTE:** Repertoire must be **DIFFERENT** than your Quarterfinal/Semifinal repertoire.
- **VOICE:** Must be 5 minutes or under .
- **EVERYONE ELSE:** Please try to stay within 5-7 minutes. 10 minutes is the absolute maximum. Keep in mind that if you win, you will perform your piece at the Winners Concert and we have a limited amount of time, with many categories. You may choose a piece which is longer WITH CUTS so that it fits into the time frame.
- **ONLY ONE PIECE IS ALLOWED.** You may not choose 2 or 3 short pieces for your Finals Repertoire. Only one piece. Length of piece will have no influence on your chance of winning 1st place, rather the quality of the piece and how well you perform it.
- **If you cannot participate, please email us saying that you must withdraw.**
- For Composers: Please let us know if your piece will be performed live, or if you will just be playing from a recording. A recording is allowed if you have a piece for a large ensemble and it's logistically impossible to bring them to the Finals. If you win 1st place with a recording of your work, you will appear at the Winners Concert to introduce your piece, and we will play the recording. Every category, including Composition, has a chance of winning the \$5000 Grand Prix Award.

FINALS LOCATION ON FRIDAY APRIL 25:

Piano Piano Studios <https://www.pianopianostudios.com/rehearsal-studios/>

The **GENERAL SCHEDULE** (subject to change) for Friday, April 25:

Room 1

Voice 10 am – 1 pm
Winds/Brass 1 pm – 2 pm

Room 2

Strings 10 – 11:30 am
Piano 11:30 am – 2 pm

Room 3

World Music 10 am – 12 pm
Ensemble 12 – 12:40 pm
Composition 12:40 pm – 2:30 pm

Warm-up/Rehearsal: Everyone can warm up and/or rehearse with an accompanist, immediately before their Final audition. The rehearsal room will be right next to the audition room. Once the schedule is finalized, we will provide a map of PianoPiano Studios so you can see the layout. If you need extra warmup time, you can pay to reserve a room at Piano Piano Studios or at Kaufman Music center.

Auditions are closed. There is no space in the rooms for family members to enter.

WINNERS CONCERT LOCATION ON SATURDAY APRIL 26:

Merkin Hall at Kaufman Music Center <https://www.kaufmanmusiccenter.org/mch/>

The **GENERAL SCHEDULE** for Saturday, April 26:

Arrive at 10:00 am

10:00am – 11:00 am sound checks on stage

12:00 – 3:00 pm Concert and Awards Ceremony

The **EXACT SCHEDULE** for the Winners Concert cannot be made until the Finals are complete on Friday afternoon.

1st place winners will be announced, and 1st place winners will compete at the Winners Concert for the \$5000 Grand Prix.

All contestants should attend the Winners Concert as we will be announcing 2nd and 3rd place, handing out medals, and announcing scholarships and other prizes (Scholarships to Berlin Opera Academy, AIMS, Interlochen, performances with orchestra and with the Chinese American Music Association, and a potential commission for a Composer.)

Finalists who are not winners can get comp tickets, parents must purchase tickets. Purchase tickets here: <https://www.kaufmanmusiccenter.org/mch/event/music-international-grand-prix-winners-concert-2025/>

ACCOMPANISTS

If you plan to use an accompanist for your audition, you may either bring your own accompanist (recommended, as you will be comfortable with that person), or you may reserve a staff accompanist through MIGP.

If you would like to reserve a staff accompanist, you must email us at info@musicinternationalgrandprix.com saying that you want to reserve a staff accompanist and attach your sheet music PDF to the email. We will then post the fee of \$85 into your Portal. The accompanist fee must be paid immediately otherwise we will not hold a spot for you with the accompanist and will not forward your sheet music to them.

Keep in mind that if you use the staff accompanist, they will do their best to learn your music from the sheet music you provide, however you will only get a 5 or 10 minute rehearsal time with the accompanist immediately before your audition.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The following hotels are near the Lincoln Center area, where the Finals and Winners Concert take place. You can also simply GOOGLE Hotels near Lincoln Center. We recommend making reservations ASAP to get lower rates and to be sure you have a room reserved.

The Empire Hotel <https://www.empirehotelnyc.com/>

La Quinta Inn & Suites Central Park <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/new-york-city-new-york/la-quinta-new-york-city-central-park/overview>

6 Columbus <https://www.6columbushotel.com/>

Fairfield Inn & Suites Central Park <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/nycft-fairfield-inn-and-suites-new-york-manhattan-central-park/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Park Central Hotel NY <https://www.parkcentralny.com/>

Hilton Garden Inn Midtown - west <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nycwfgi-hilton-garden-inn-new-york-central-park-south-midtown-west/>

Courtyard by Marriott NY Central Park <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/nycpk-courtyard-new-york-manhattan-central-park/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Contestants are responsible for their own travel and hotel expenses.