



The “Stefano Guerresi ODV” Association, in collaboration with the “Lucio Campiani” Conservatory of Music in Mantua, with the contribution and patronage of the Municipality of Mantua and the support of the Banca Agricola Mantovana Foundation,

ANNOUNCES

that on 7 and 8 November 2025, at the “Lucio Campiani” Conservatory of Music, Mantua, the second edition of the “Stefano Guerresi Prize” will be held, dedicated to the best interpreters of the Mantuan composer’s music.

The competition is open to piano soloists.

Applications are open until 31 August 2025.

Participation in the “Stefano Guerresi Prize” is governed by the following

REGULATIONS

Art. 1 - Application and Eligibility

Participation is free of charge. Applications must be submitted by 31 August 2025.

The competition is open to pianists who have not reached their 30th birthday by the application deadline.

To apply, each contestant must email segreteria@stefanogueresi.com with the subject line: “Application for the Stefano Guerresi Prize 2025”, attaching the following documents:

- a) The application form (available at www.stefanogueresi.com), including the programme to be presented (in accordance with Art. 2 below), fully completed, signed, scanned, and sent in PDF format;
- b) A scanned copy of the applicant’s valid ID (PDF);
- c) The applicant’s curriculum vitae (PDF);
- d) For applicants under 18, a signed parental consent form (available at www.stefanogueresi.com), completed by a parent or legal guardian, together with a copy of the parent’s ID, all scanned and sent in PDF format.

Submitted materials will not be returned.

All further communications will be sent to the contact details provided with the application or published on the www.stefanogueresi.com website in the Prize section. Applicants are responsible for consulting the site for information and updates.

Art. 2 - Competition Details and Programme

The competition consists of three rounds: a pre-selection by video; a live performance before the Jury; a live public performance.

Required programme:



-First round: the mandatory piece by Stefano Guerresi indicated on the Prize page of www.stefanogueresi.com, performed and recorded in video as specified below (point 1 of this article).

-Second round: one or more pieces from the Romantic and/or 20th-century piano repertoire, with a total duration not exceeding 15 minutes, freely chosen by the contestant (point 2 of this article)

-Final round: three pieces by Stefano Guerresi, chosen by the contestant as specified below.

All musical scores for Stefano Guerresi's pieces required for the competition can be downloaded from the Prize page at www.stefanogueresi.com.

1) First round

Contestants must submit a video recording of their performance of the designated mandatory piece by Stefano Guerresi.

The video must be recorded in one continuous, unedited take with a single fixed camera, clearly showing the performer's face and hands. Contestants must upload the video to YouTube as an "unlisted" video and include the link in the appropriate section of the application form. The video title must be formatted as follows:

[Contestant's Name and Surname] - First Round - Stefano Guerresi Prize 2025

The Jury will review all videos in a closed session and select the contestants who will advance to the live second round. The list of those admitted will be published on the Prize page of www.stefanogueresi.com by midnight on 15 September 2025.

2) Second round

The second round will be held on 7 November 2025 at the "Lucio Campiani" Conservatory of Music, Via della Conciliazione 33, Mantua.

Admitted contestants must show up at the time specified when the list of accepted candidates is published on the Prize page.

Late arrivals with valid and justified reasons may be heard if the auditions are still in progress.

This round consists of performing one or more freely chosen pieces from the Romantic and/or 20th-century piano repertoire, with a maximum total duration of 15 minutes. The programme for the second round must be indicated on the application form and cannot be changed afterward.

The Jury reserves the right to interrupt or ask for a repeat of any performance at any time, to request a re-performance of the mandatory piece submitted by video, or to hear part of the programme planned for the final round.

After evaluating all performances, the Jury will decide which contestants advance to the final. The list of finalists will be published on www.stefanogueresi.com.



3) Final round

The final round, open to the public, will take place on the afternoon of 8 November 2025 at the “Claudio Monteverdi” Auditorium of the Conservatory in Mantua.

Each finalist will perform three pieces by Stefano Guerese, chosen from three separate groups (A, B, and C) listed on the Prize page of www.stefanogueresi.com, where the musical scores are also available for download. Contestants must choose one piece from each group and indicate their choices on the application form. These choices cannot be changed later.

Art. 3 - Prizes

At the end of the final round, the Jury may award the following prizes:

- €1,500 to the first prize winner;
- €1,000 to the second prize winner;
- €500 to the third prize winner.

All amounts are net of applicable taxes.

Prizes will be awarded by the organizers and supporters of the competition.

The list of prize-winners will be published on the “Lucio Campiani” Conservatory website (www.conservatoriomantova.com) and on the Stefano Guerese ODV Association website (www.stefanogueresi.com).

Prize-winners and finalists may be invited to perform at concerts and events organized by the Stefano Guerese ODV Association, and may be recommended to the artistic directors of music institutions in Italy and abroad.

All participants in the live rounds in Mantua who request it at segreteria@stefanogueresi.com will receive a certificate of participation by email.

Art. 4 -Jury

The Jury will consist of the Director of the “Lucio Campiani” Conservatory of Music, Mantua, or a delegate, who will serve as Chair, and four musicians appointed by the Board of Directors of the Stefano Guerese ODV Association. The Jury’s composition will be published on the Prize page at www.stefanogueresi.com.

The Jury will select candidates for the live rounds, determine the finalists, and announce the prize-winners.

Any Jury member who has a direct teaching relationship with a contestant or is related to a contestant up to the fourth degree must abstain from voting for that contestant, with the abstention recorded in the official minutes.

If unanimity cannot be reached, decisions will be made by majority vote. The Jury reserves the right not to award any prize if the level of performance is deemed insufficient. The Jury’s decisions are final and not subject to appeal.



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Art. 5 - Final Provisions

By submitting an application, participants release the organizers from any liability towards third parties in connection with the competition.

All travel and accommodation expenses are the responsibility of the participants.

The organizers accept no liability for any accidents or damage to persons or property during participants' stay in Mantua or during travel to and from the event.

The organizers may promote the competition through the media, the web, and social networks, possibly in partnership with supporters. By submitting an application, participants authorize the organizers to use images and audio/video recordings without restrictions of time or place and without compensation.

Any contractual obligations with publishers, music agencies, or media that participants may have, either at the time of application or afterward, will not affect their participation in the Prize or related activities, nor payment of any royalties.

In accordance with EU Regulation No. 2016/679 (GDPR), data provided at the time of application will be stored by the Prize Secretariat ("Stefano Guerresi ODV" Association) and used exclusively for communications regarding this call for applications. Applicants have the right to request the deletion or correction of their data or to object to its use.

Submission of an application implies full and unconditional acceptance of these regulations. Violation of any article of these regulations will result in automatic disqualification.

Any issues not covered by these regulations will be decided by the Board of Directors of the "Stefano Guerresi ODV" Association.

The organizers reserve the right to cancel the competition if an insufficient number of applications is received; in this case, applicants will be promptly notified at the email address provided in their application.

Any disputes relating to the Prize shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Mantua.