



**Press release—for immediate release
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The following competitors are through to the 2nd Round of the Kodály Competition

A total of 110 entries from 26 countries on three continents were received for the third edition of the Zoltán Kodály International Music Competition, which runs from 5-13 July.

Applicants, including musicians from the US, Colombia, Germany, Israel, Japan, China, Poland and Azerbaijan, took part in a video pre-selection before the three-round competition.

The jury of the 2025 Kodály International Music Competition – chaired by **Marie-Luise Neunecker** and composed of **Gábor Boldoczki, Abbie Conant, Frits Damrow, Gusztáv Hőna, Wim Van Hasselt** and **Szabolcs Zempléni** – has decided to select the following candidates for the 2nd Round:

- Brendan Connellan, Dobi János Mátyás, Jasmin Iris Gheram, Lukas Hellman, Lénard Heugen, Sandro Hirsch, Raphaël Horrach, Mustafa Khalilov, Jun-Young Kim, Hayato Kodama, Tobias Krieger, Yi-An Liao, Eryk Mencner, Orbán Tibor, Sytske Pas, Noah Plum, Oded Saig, Bastian Spier, Turai Gergő, Vanyó Karsa

The rounds of the competition are free to attend: the 2nd Round will be held in the Music School of Debrecen between 9-10 July, while the orchestral final will take place on 12 July at the Kölcsey Centre.

The Gala Concert of the competition will take place on 13 July also at the Kölcsey Centre. (*[Tickets for the Gala Concert can be purchased here.](#)*) The final and the gala will be performed by the Kodály Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Imre Kollár.

The rounds of the €40 000 international competition will be available to watch on [Papageno.hu's YouTube channel](#). The final of the competition and the gala concert with the Kodály Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Imre Kollár **will be broadcast live.**

More information about the competition schedule [can be found here](#).

Special prizes for the competition have been offered by the Budapest Music Center, Editio Musica Budapest Zeneműkiadó Kft, Editions Bim, Hungaroton, the House of Music, Hungary, the Hungarian Academy of Arts, Kodály Philharmonia Debrecen, the Miskolc Symphony Orchestra, the Banatul Philharmonic Orchestra of Timisoara and the Liszt Academy.

The professional partner of the competition series organised by the Kodály Philharmonia Debrecen is Jeunesses Musicales Hungary, the Hungarian representative of the world's largest youth music organisation.