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They are the finalists of the 3rd Kodály Competition

On 12 July, the Kölcsey Centre in Debrecen will host the final round of the 3rd Zoltán Kodály International Music Competition, which can be followed live on Papageno's YouTube channel.

A total of 110 entries from 26 countries on three continents were received for the 3rd Zoltán Kodály International Music Competition, which took place from 5-13 July and was open to young horn, trumpet and trombone players.

After the first live round, 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** - decided that twenty competitors would go through to the second round.

The second round was held at the Simonffy Hall of the Music School of Debrecen on 9-10 July. Based on the performances of the contestants, the following youngsters will take part in the third and decisive round:

- Connellan, Brendan (Great Britain) – horn
- Hirsch, Sandro (Germany) – trumpet
- Khalilov, Mustafa (Azerbaijan) – trombone
- Kodama, Hayato (Japan) – trumpet
- Krieger, Tobias (Germany) – trumpet
- Oded, Saig (Portugal, Israel) – horn
- Vanyó Karsa (Hungary) – trumpet

The final of the competition on 12 July (7 p.m.) is free to attend. The following day, 13 July, at 7 p.m., the Award Ceremony and Gala Concert will take place, also in the Kölcsey Centre.

The 3rd Round and the Gala Concert will be performed by the Kodály Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Imre Kollár. Both events will be [broadcast live](#).

The rounds of the €40 000 international competition will be available to watch on [Papageno.hu's YouTube channel](#).

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.