

Call for composers

V Edition composition competition

"Francesco Mario Pagano"

Artistic director: Francesco D'Arcangelo

Executive director: Francesco Parente



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The Municipality of Brienza (PZ) with the Francesco Mario Pagano Literary Park in collaboration with the "Gestione Musica" association, the "Francesco Mario Pagano" study center, the "Et cetera-musica" publishing house and "Officina Musicale 52" convenes the fifth "Francesco Mario Pagano" Music Composition Competition.

Aimed at the enhancement of the figure of Francesco Mario Pagano (1748 - 1799), jurist and man of letters among the greatest exponents of the Italian "Illuminismo", as well as father and martyr of the Neapolitan Republic of 1799, the V 2025 edition of the competition is dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the first publication of A. Vivaldi's "Il cimento dell'armonia e dell'invenzione" (Amsterdam, editions Michel-Charles Le Cène 1725) and to the figure of Brienza native violinist "Giuseppe Antonio Rossi" by proposing the composition of a concerto for violin and string orchestra inspired by one of the seasons of the year

Art. 1 - GENERAL RULES.

The competition, which is open to composers of any nationality and citizenship and no age limit and is aimed at composing an unpublished work for solo violin and string orchestra that is inspired by one of the seasons of the year (spring, summer, autumn, winter) into which the year is divided in relation to the passages of the Sun at the equinoxes and solstices.

Art. 2 - CHARACTERISTICS OF COMPOSITIONS.

The works in the competition, without preclusion of styles, aesthetics and compositional languages, must be conceived as a free composition inspired by one of the 4 seasons of the year (spring, summer, autumn, winter) into which the year is divided in relation to the passages of the Sun at the equinoxes and solstices, possibly but not necessarily taking inspiration from the forms and themes of Vivaldi's work or with one's own compositional initiative conceived in any case for solo violin and string orchestra

with the following ensemble: 4 first violins-4 second violins -3 violas-2 cellos-1 double bass with optional addition of 1 harp and/or 1 harpsichord.

- The composition may be structured in one or more movements, with a maximum duration of 10 minutes and no electronic or other instruments outside those listed are allowed.

- Competition works should take into account the parameter of executability for an instrumental ensemble of medium difficulty.

Art. 3 - METHOD OF PARTICIPATION.

The compositions, strictly anonymous under penalty of exclusion from the competition, will bear on the title page an identifying motto (or alphanumeric code) and the length of the composition.

Together with the composition, participants will attach in a separate file the entry form **(Annex B)** signed and including the following information:

- generalities of the candidate (first name, last name, date of birth, e-mail, telephone number), motto of recognition, duration of the composition, declaration of acceptance of the rules of the competition and attestation that the submitted composition is unpublished, never performed or awarded in other competitions.
- Receipt of the payment of Euro 40.00 (forty euros)
- Declaration of consent and free of charge to the public performance, any audio and video recording of the composition, and its transmission, without compensation other than that provided in connection with copyright.
- Declaration of consent to the processing of personal data of the participant in the competition (Legislative Decree 196/03 - Privacy Code)
- Concise *curriculum vitae* and copy of identity document
- Composers should attach an audio file, related to the paper submitted to the Competition (midi/mp3 file).

Art. 4 - SUBMISSION OF WORK.

- The complete score and related detached parts along with the audio file should be attached in PDF format and sent to: elaboraticoncorsopagano@gmail.com
- The submission of scores and participation in the Competition entails the participation fee of Euro 40.00 (Forty euros) to be paid by bank transfer made out to ass. Gestione Musica, reason "Registration to the IV edition of the competition F. Mario Pagano 2024" IBAN: IT77J0326815202052859075770
- Each composer may participate with a maximum of one work per category.
- Works and related documentation must be received no later than 24 midnight GMT on **14/07/2025**
- Submitted scores will remain in the archives of the Music Management Association, the City of Brienza and the Mario Pagano Study Center in Brienza for documentation purposes.

Art. 5 - JURY AND AWARDS.

The scores submitted will be judged by a Jury composed as follows:

JURY

Non-voting chairman: Francesco D'Arcangelo, artistic director of the competition

-Patrizio Marrone, composer and professor of composition at the S.P. a Majella Conservatory in Naples

-Valter Sivilotti, composer, arranger, conductor and professor at the Jacopo Tomadini Conservatory of Music, Udine

-Giuseppe Carotenuto, composer, violinist, concertmaster of the first violins at the San Carlo Theater in Naples

***Additional jury members may be added and will be promptly announced**

The Jury will award:

"Francesco Mario Pagano 2025" Prize of € 800 (eight hundred euros), printed edition by Editions "et cetera musica" and performance in public concert for the first classified

"Giuseppe Antonio Rossi" Prize for the best composition by a contestant under 40 (for those born after 01/01/1985), printed edition by Editions "et cetera musica" and performance in public concert

N.B. The evaluation method for awarding prizes, will follow a criterion of mathematical average between the judgments expressed in hundredths of all members of the jury.

The winning compositions will find performance space in the 2025 music programming of Associazione Gestione Musica promoter Salerno Classica and other music festivals.

The jury reserves the right to point out additional deserving works with aspects of special interest and artistic relevance.

The winning work will be performed in a public concert on **09/08/2025**, at the awards evening that will take place in Brianza (Potenza-Italy).

Jury's decisions will be made public by **31/07/2025**

The outcome of the selection will be published on the www.francescomariopagano-competition.com, Will also be notified by e.mail to the winners.

- The Jury has the right not to award prizes.
- The judgment of the Jury is final.
- **Collection and awarding of the prize is tied to the winners' attendance at the award night. Non-attendance not substantiated by appropriate certification is equivalent to forfeiture of the prize.**
- In case of disputes, the competent court is that of Potenza

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