

1st International Junior Clarinet Competition 'SiNota' 2026 REGULATION

1. SiNota Cultura e Musica - Associazione Scuola di Musica Città di Pordenone APS promotes and organizes the 1st International Junior Clarinet Competition

2. Date:

Sunday June 7th.

3. The Competition is open to young players,

Il concorso è aperto ai giovani clarinettisti, divided into the following categories based on the age of the participants:

CAT A under 14 (born from 2013 onwards). Maximum duration of performance: 7 minutes.

CAT B age 14 to 17 (born between 2009 and 2012). Maximum performance length: 10 minutes.

Contestants must perform pieces with a level of difficulty appropriate to their category or one higher. The program for the audition is freely chosen. Competitors must **submit copies of the sheet music for the pieces** (including piano accompaniment where necessary). **Competitors must come with their own pianist for pieces with accompaniment.** The organization does not provide an accompanist. **By heart performance is not compulsory.**

Contestants must comply with the maximum time limits set for each category; those who fail to do so will be penalized by 5/100 for each minute over the limit. Candidates may register for a category higher than that corresponding to their age if they believe their preparation allows them to do so.

4. **Enrollment must be submitted by e-mail to festival@sinota.art no later than May 10th, 2026** (application form and rules available at www.sinota.art)

Documents to be enclosed to the application form:

- copy of the contestant's identity card and parent or legal guardian;
- receipt of payment of the participation fee.

5. **Entrance fee is € 30.00** (thirty), to be paid into the following Bank account IT58Y0835612500000000048856 BIC ICRAITRR9W0, in the name of Scuola di Musica Città di Pordenone Aps- SiNota Cultura e Musica. The payment must specify as follows: 'Name and surname of the contestant- Enrollment fee for the Junior Clarinet Competition 2026'. All expenses and commissions for payments must be paid by the contestant. The enrollment fee is non-refundable, except in the event of the competition not taking place.

6. Date and time of the official auditions will be notified to each contestant by e-mail and posted on the website. The order of performances will be determined by drawing a letter of the alphabet before the start of the competition. The auditions will be open to the public. The organizers will provide competitors with a room for warm-up. The official rehearsal room is located in an historical building and it is equipped with a digital piano for accompanist. It will not be possible to rehearse on stage before the performance.

7. Signing the application form, the contestant accepts personal data processing according to the European law (Dlgs 190/2013, art. 13 of European Regulation 679/2016 – GDPR and Dlgs 101/2018). Personal data will be used only for the Competition purposes. The contestant authorizes Associazione Scuola di Musica Città di Pordenone APS to record and use photo, audio and video without any financial claim on it for the Competition information and cultural purposes and diffusion via social media according to the Italian law (artt. 10 and 320 c.c. and artt. 96 and 97 L. n. 633/1941).

8. Winners will be nominated on the Competition's date, Sunday June 7th 2026.

9. Prizes

First prize: € 250,00

Second and third prize: Certificate of achievement

Prizes are to be considered before taxes.

10. The Jury is composed of musicians and music teachers of international renown. The Jury reserves the right not to award prizes in case that necessary requirements are not met, and the right to indicate any ex aequo. Members of the Jury must not have any family or active professional relationship with the contestants. The Jury's judgement is unquestionable, final and unappealable.

11. Any travel and/or accommodation expenses incurred by participants will not be reimbursed.

12. The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the Competition program if necessary. Contestants will be notified immediately by text message or e-mail and changes will be indicated on the Competition website.

13. Enrollment in the competition implies full acceptance of these Regulations. Any disputes will be resolved in accordance with Italian law and the original Italian text of the Regulation will be considered legally binding.