

Terms and Conditions

1. General Background. This competition is organized by Ricardo Matosinhos, teacher and author of all the pieces mandatory to competition, and Nuno Fernandes, publisher at *Ava Musical Editions*, along with the partnership of *EarMaster*, *Play Music From Within* and *Stickey Notes*. The goal of this competition is to incentivize pianists to perform new music, show their talent and see their effort rewarded.

2. Eligibility. This competition is open to pianists of all nationalities, ages, no educational background is required.

3. Application. To apply, competitors only have to access the website <http://www.ricardomatosinhos.com> and fill in the application form as well as submit to youtube a video performance of one of the required pieces until May 1st, 2026 11:59 p.m. (GMT Time). Although the application form requires the candidate's name, nationality and email address, the last will not be released to the public, but only used to notify the competitors about the final results of the competition.

4. Procedure. All competitors are required to record 2 etudes selected from *35 Etudes for piano, op.100* by Ricardo Matosinhos and published by *Ava Musical Editions*, at least one of the etudes in the 1st round must include improvisation.

The video recording should be uploaded to youtube and for an easier identification it must contain a description as follows: name of the piece played, the candidates name and Nationality and a reference to the competition. For example: *R. Matosinhos – 35 Etudes for piano, op.100, participation video of [Name of the Candidate], [Nationality], to "Matosinhos' International Competition 2026"*. The video's URL must also be included in the online application form to be found at www.ricardomatosinhos.com.

5. Multiple Applications. Only two URL should be submitted by Application (one for each etude).

6. Video Requirements. All submitted videos must show an original copy of the publication. The recordings must be unedited, played from start to finish in one go. Participants are of course free to record pieces many times as they like before submitting the recording. The sound quality of the submitted video must be sufficient that a clear judgement of the quality of the playing is possible. Entries not meeting all of these requirements will be eliminated from the competition and are not eligible for prizes. Judgement of these requirements will be made by the organizers and is not subject to appeal.

7. Video Copyright. During the competition all the videos uploaded to *youtube* are subject to free copyright license. Once the competition is over, these can be kept freely online. Any video uploaded to youtube before, during or after the competition should respect the copyright laws as well as all other laws. Any infringement of the copyright laws in the videos submitted is solely the responsibility of the person submitting the video. The organization takes no responsibility for infringements or violations of any laws occurring in submitted videos.

8. Finalists – The finalists are required to record more 2 etudes selected, from *35 Etudes for piano, op.100* by Ricardo Matosinhos and published by *Ava Musical Editions*, at least one of the etudes in the final round must include improvisation. The etudes presented in the final must be different from the etudes presented in the 1st round. The recording should follow the same requirements described on the number 4, 6 and 7 of the present Terms and Conditions.

9. Juri – The jury of this competition will be consisted by Ricardo Matosinhos (horn player/teacher and composer), Nuno Fernandes (tuba player/teacher, publisher at *AvA Musical Editions*, and representants from the sponsors of the competition: Laura Gabrielson Piano Teacher and Software Developer at <https://games.stickeynotes.co>; Michael Klein, PhD, Music Teacher and Developer, Director of *Play Music From Within* (<http://playmusicfromwithin.com>) and Søren Lahn Sloth (Educational Sales Manager at EarMaster.com, Trombone player, and Music Educator)

10. Announcing the winners. Winners will be contacted via personal emails from the organization as well as announced via postings on Facebook and the internet sites www.ricardomatosinhos.com and www.editions-ava.com.

By submitting entries, competitors grant the organization the right to publish competitors names in connection with won prizes.

11. Ties. If two contestants get the same number of votes, the organization will decide which candidate receives the prize. This decision is final and cannot be appealed.

12. Further Rules. Any situation that arises that is not covered by these rules will be judged and ruled upon by the Organization. Decisions of the Organization are final and binding and cannot be appealed.

13. Binding. By entering the competition, the participant or candidate agrees to and is bound by the rules of this competition, as well as any decisions the Organization makes in regard to the interpretation of these rules.

14. Announcements. Announcements of developments or changes in the competition will be made via the internet sites www.ricardomatosinhos.com and www.editions-ava.com. The organization is not required to contact individual participants should any announcements be necessary.

15. Deadlines

- Sending the application for the 1st round: May 1st, 2026 11:59 p.m. (GMT Time).
- Finalists will be announced no later than May 11th, 2026
- The Finalist videos should be sent until May 24th, 2026 11:59 p.m. (GMT Time).
- Winners will be announced on May 31st, 2026

16. Prizes

All competitors, winners or not, will get a written feedback from Ricardo Matosinhos. This feedback will be written in English or Portuguese according to the choice of the competitor as given on the application form. They will receive also a 6 months full access code for the ear training and music reading app EarMaster (value = 36€), that can be used on a mobile phone, tablet or computer.

1st Prize

- A piece composed by Ricardo Matosinhos, dedicated to the 1st prize winner
- A **Sheet music voucher** worth 100€ from AvA Musical Editions <http://www.editions-ava.com>
- 6 months full access code for Melody Bricks app by Play Music From Within
- An **Online session** with Ricardo Matosinhos
- A **certificate** stating the prize achieved.

2nd Prize

- A **Sheet music voucher** worth 75€ from AvA Musical Editions <http://www.editions-ava.com>
- 6 months full access code for Melody Bricks app by Play Music From Within
- An **Online session** with Ricardo Matosinhos
- A **certificate** stating the prize achieved.

3rd Prize

- A **Sheet music voucher** worth 50€ from AvA Musical Editions <http://www.editions-ava.com>
- 6 months full access code for Melody Bricks app by Play Music From Within
- An **Online session** with Ricardo Matosinhos
- A **certificate** stating the prize achieved.

Special prize for the best participant up to 10 years old: (the participants should be 10 years old or younger by May 1st, 2026)

- A voucher for Apps by StickeyNotes
- An **Online session** with Ricardo Matosinhos
- A **certificate** stating the prize achieved.

