



**INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL RICHARD GOULA  
CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION  
“PIANO PLUS”**

**Dates:**

- **February 27 – 28, 2027, Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, Louisiana, USA**
- **May 1, 2026 – opening of the application process**
- **October 31, 2026 – deadline for applications and video submissions**
- **December 1, 2026 – notifications of acceptance sent**

Following review of the applications and video submissions, between 8 and 10 ensembles will be invited to the semifinal round on February 27, 2027, and 3 finalists will appear in the final round on February 28, 2027.

**Regulations:**

- **Competition opened to instrumental duets, trio, quartets and quintets that include piano.**
- **Ensemble members' ages must not exceed 27 as of February 28, 2027**
- **Pre-screening video recordings with excellent audio quality, uploaded to YouTube, totaling no more than 30 minutes must be submitted along the application form.**
- **Application fees: \$150 for 2-3 members, \$250 for 4-5 members ensembles.**
- **Semifinal and final round to be judged by 5 members jury consisting of internationally recognized musicians.**

**Repertoire:**

- **Pre-screening video to include minimum of two contrasting works totaling no more than 30 minutes.**
- **Semifinal round: each ensemble to perform 25-30 minutes program consisting of minimum two contrasting works.**
- **Final round: each ensemble to perform 35-40 minutes program in public performance.**
- **The repertoire in semifinal and final may, but does not have to, include works presented in the previous rounds of the competition.**

All repertoire requirements (including pre-screening) are intentionally broad. The competition organizers encourage ensembles to demonstrate a wide range of styles. Single movements from multi-movement works are allowed.

**Prizes:**

- **First place: \$7,500**
- **Second place: \$5,000**
- **Third place: \$2,500**

Winners will be invited to perform recitals the following season at the Acadiana Center of the Arts in Louisiana, New Orleans' Musical Arts Society and other locations in the region. Additional cash and in-kind prizes may be awarded.

No travel stipends and lodging to be provided, but the competition will assist in discounted hotel reservations.