

PIANO PLUS

The Richard Goula International Chamber Music Competition

Applicant Guidelines

Dates: February 27–28, 2027

Location: Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, Louisiana, USA

Application Timeline

Date	Milestone
May 1, 2026	Applications open
October 31, 2026	Applications and video submissions due
December 1, 2026	Notifications of acceptance sent
February 27, 2027	Semifinal round (in-person)
February 28, 2027	Final round (in-person, public performance)

Note: 8–10 ensembles will be invited to the Semifinal Round; 3 finalists will perform in the Final Round.

Eligibility

- Instrumental duets, trios, quartets, and quintets including piano
- All ensemble members must be 27 or younger as of February 28, 2027

Application & Fees

- Pre-screening video recordings uploaded to YouTube, maximum 30 minutes
- Fees:
 - \$150 for 2–3 member ensembles
 - \$250 for 4–5 member ensembles

Jury

Semifinal and Final Rounds judged by a **five-member international jury** of recognized musicians.



Repertoire Requirements

1. **Pre-Screening Video:** Minimum of **two contrasting works**; total ≤ 30 minutes
2. **Semifinal Round:** Program **25–30 minutes**, minimum two contrasting works
3. **Final Round:** Program **35–40 minutes**, public performance. Works may, but do not have to, repeat repertoire from earlier rounds

Notes:

- Repertoire intentionally broad; ensembles encouraged to **showcase diverse styles**
- Single movements from multi-movement works are allowed

Prizes

Prize	Amount
1st Place	\$7,500 + featured performance in AcA's 2028 season and other regional performance opportunities
2nd Place	\$5,000
3rd Place	\$2,500

Travel & Accommodation

- Travel stipends and lodging not provided
- Assistance offered for discounted hotel reservations

Application

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Visit:

<https://acadianacenterforthearts.org/opportunities-for-artists/piano-plus-richard-goula-chamber-music-competition/>

Questions

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