



Dear Music Teachers,

In 2026 the Ljubljana Festival, under General and Artistic Director **Darko Brlek**, is holding the **Ljubljana Festival International Competition - Piano 2026**, which will take place in Ljubljana from **21 February to 1 March 2026**. The Artistic Director of the competition is the renowned pianist **Epifanio Comis**, and the international jury will be chaired by **Professor Emeritus Dubravka Tomšič Srebotnjak**. Professional pianists of all nationalities, born between 1995 and 2009, are invited to demonstrate their artistic creativity and technical excellence. The aim of the competition is to discover and support exceptional young pianists and to bring world-class classical music closer to a broader audience.

Six monetary prizes will be awarded to the finalists:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: **€50,000**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: **€30,000**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: **€15,000**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: **€8,000**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: **€5,000**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize: **€3,000**

**The application deadline is 10 May 2025.**

More information about the competition is available on the official website:  
**<https://ljubljanafestival.si/klavirsko-tekmovanje-festivala-ljubljana/>**

Please find attached a promotional poster. We kindly ask you to display it in a visible place within your institution.

We would be delighted to welcome applications from your students or young pianists associated with your organization.

Best wishes,

Darko Brlek

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Honorary member of the European Festivals Association*

Epifanio Comis

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