

The 50th IRINO PRIZE for Chamber-Orchestral Work, 2026

SUBMISSION CATEGORY:

Composition should be scored for between 9 and 17 instruments, comprising at most 1 flute (piccolo, alto/bass-fl), 1 oboe (cor anglais), 1 clarinet (Eb/bass/contrabass- cl, bassett horn), 1 bassoon (contra-bassoon), 1 horn, 1 trumpet, 1 trombone, 1 tuba, 2 violins, 1 viola, 1 cello, 1 double bass, 1 saxophone (soprano/alto/tenor/baritone-sax.), 1 piano (celesta), 1 percussion (1 player) and 1 harp.

ELIGIBILITY : Any nationality. Composers must be **40 years old or less** as of June 23, 2026.
The work can be either previously performed or not performed yet.
Submission is limited to one composition per composer.

DURATION : less than 15 minutes

DEADLINE : August 31, 2026, 23:59 (GMT+9) in Japan

ENTRY FEE : None

AWARD : 300,000 Japanese Yen

Notes: The winning composition will be performed by **Tokyo Sinfonietta**
in its subscription concert series in Tokyo.

Only one work will be awarded as a result of the final judges' decision.

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Composers should submit the following materials through **The IRINO PRIZE Online** submission system, which is accessible from <https://www.IrinoPrize.jp>.

- 1) **Application form:** Complete the online application form.
- 2) **Program Notes:** Enter your program notes in the online application form.
- 3) **Score:** Upload your score file via the online submission system.
- 4) **Recording of Composition:** Upload your sound or movie file via the online submission system.
Note: Composers may participate without a recording of their composition.
- 5) **Other Materials (Optional):** Upload any additional materials as a single ZIP file via the online submission system.

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GUEST JURY : Yasuaki ITAKURA (Conductor and Music Director of Tokyo Sinfonietta)

CHAIRPERSON for the 50th : Haruyuki SUZUKI

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