



# Press Release

## 48 flautists and 42 pianists from 17 countries to compete in the first round of the Prague Spring International Music Competition 2026

[Prague, 26 January 2026](#) | The Prague Spring International Music Competition 2026 has published the list of competitors advancing to the first round. From a record 470 applications, 48 flautists and 42 pianists from 17 countries will compete in Prague in early May. The Czech Republic will be represented by five young artists: 4 in the flute category and 1 in the piano category. The competitors range in age from 14 to 29.

Advancement was decided on the basis of submitted audio-visual recordings by the juries composed of **Philippe Bernold** (FR), **Jana Semerádová**, **Václav Kunt** and **Jan Ostrý** in the flute category, and **Daniel Browell** (UK), **Katarzyna Popowa-Zydroń** (PL), **Ivo Kahánek** and **Martin Kasík** in the piano category. Commenting on the piano preliminary round, jury member **Martin Kasík** said: “Selecting forty-two pianists for the first round was an exceptionally demanding task, as the Prague Spring Competition attracted the highest number of young pianists in its history – something that naturally gives us great pleasure! The results clearly point to a current trend: musicians from Asia, thanks to their drive and diligence, are ‘steamrolling’ their competition, presenting a major challenge for the rest of the world.”

In the **flute** category, 48 competitors from 14 countries have advanced to the first round. The Czech competitors are **Michaela Blažková**, **Eliška Michálková**, **Alexandra Piskořová** and **Tereza Vodáková**. In the **piano** category, 42 competitors from 6 countries have advanced; the Czech representative will be **Eliška Tkadlčíková**.

The **flute** first round will take place on **7–8 May** at **Vzlet** in Vršovice, while the **piano** first round will be held on **8–9 May** in the Bohuslav Martinů Hall at Academy of Performing Arts in Prague. The second rounds will follow on **11–12 May**, also in the Bohuslav Martinů Hall at the Academy. The final rounds, featuring the three best competitors in each category, will be held on **13–14 May** in Dvořák Hall at the Rudolfinum. The second and final rounds will once again be **streamed live** on the [Prague Spring Festival’s YouTube channel](#).



The Prague Spring International Music Competition 2026 is held with the financial support of the **ČEZ Foundation**, the **Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic**, and the **City of Prague**. Further information is available at [festival.cz/en/competition](https://festival.cz/en/competition).

**Illustrative photos for download:** <https://www.flickr.com/gp/prague-spring/7mUz53qhne>

**Illustrative video (Prague Spring IMC 2025):** <https://youtu.be/YavYDRv9aJc>

**Visual identity (Prague Spring IMC 2026):** <https://bit.ly/4pLIPkT>

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