

THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL
OBOE COMPETITION
OF KARUIZAWA, JAPAN 2009

OCTOBER 10 (SATURDAY) THROUGH OCTOBER 18 (SUNDAY), 2009
THE KARUIZAWA OHGA HALL (Karuizawa-machi, Nagano)

Presented by: Sony Music Foundation

Supported by: Agency for Cultural Affairs/ International Double Reed Society/ Japan Oboe Association/ Town of Karuizawa/ Karuizawa Town Board of Education/ The Shinano Mainichi Shimbun

With the cooperation of Sony Corporation

In collaboration with: The Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra/ Japan Double-Reed Inc./ Karuizawa Ohga Hall/ FM Karuizawa

1. DATES

Preliminary Screening (recorded audition/closed) May 2009
First Stage (open to the public) October 10 (Sat.) and 11 (Sun.), 2009
Second Stage (open to the public) October 13(Tue.), 14(Wed.) and 15 (Thurs.), 2009
Final Stage (open to the public) October 18 (Sun.), 2009
Award Presentation Ceremony October 18 (Sun.), 2009

2. VENUE

Karuizawa Ohga Hall (altitude : 1000m)
Address: 28-4 Karuizawa Higashi, Karuizawa-machi, Kitasaku-gun, Nagano 389-0104
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3. ELIGIBILITY

Anyone born between 1979 and 1991 is eligible, except the previous first prize winners of the Competition.

4. APPLICATION

(A) Application

1. Application form is available on the Web site: <http://www.oboeck.jp>
- 2.-After submitting an application form via e-mail, an applicant must submit all the following items (a) to (c) by the designated date.

(a) Photographs

- If an applicant would like to submit a photograph as an attached data file, it should be sent via e-mail along with the application form.
- A data file containing a photograph should carry the name of the applicant.
- Front face / from the waist up
- Taken within the last 6 months of application
- Either black and white or color
- A clipping from a flyer, magazine, etc., is not acceptable.
- When submitting by post, there should be three 4.0 x 5.5 cm photographs.

(b) Official documentation to prove age

passport, driver license, family register, birth certificate or the like (photocopy is acceptable.)

(c) Recording of the required pieces for the preliminary screening in MD, CD or DAT format

- neither cassette tape nor video tape is acceptable
- may not be submitted as a data file
- should be labeled with applicant's name, date(s) and place(s) of recording
- should be recorded no earlier than October 2008 and should not be edited

(B) Address for Application

Secretariat of the 9th International Oboe Competition of Karuizawa, Japan
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(C) Period for Application

April 1 (Wed.) through April 24 (Fri.), 2009 (must arrive by this date)

5. EXEMPTION FROM THE PRELIMINARY SCREENING
Those who have passed the first stage in any of the past competitions are exempt from submitting the recording of the required pieces.
6. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY SCREENING
Each applicant will be notified of the recorded audition result by the end of June 2009.
7. FOR THOSE WHO PASSED THE RECORDED AUDITION
 - (A) Participation Fee: 20,000 yen
 - No fee is required for the preliminary screening.
 - The fee, once paid, is not refundable under any circumstances.
 - The bank transfer charge should be born by an entrant.
 - (B) Transportation Expenses
 - The entrant is responsible his/her own transportation. However, those who reside outside Japan will receive the stipend as stated below upon entering the First Stage.
 - ◇ 40,000 yen for an entrant from America, Europe, Oceania and Africa
 - ◇ 20,000 yen for an entrant from Asia
 - (C) Accommodation Expenses
 - The entrant is responsible for his/her own accommodation expenses. However, for those who reside outside Japan, the Committee will arrange and pay for accommodations for the period stated below if it is deemed necessary by the Committee.
 - (a) Participants in the First Stage: from October 7 until the following morning of the First Stage (the morning of October 12)
 - (b) Participants in the Second Stage: from October 7 until the following morning of the Second Stage (the morning of October 16)
 - (c) Participants in the Final Stage: from October 7 until the following morning of the Final Stage (the morning of October 19)
8. ACCOMPANIMENT
 - For the First and Second Stages, the performance will be accompanied by a piano and a cembalo. The Final Stage will be performed with the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra.
 - In principle, the entrant is required to bring his/her own piano and cembalo accompanist(s) at his/her own expense.
 - If the entrant is not able to bring his/her own accompanist(s), the Committee will provide one of the official accompanists.
 - The rehearsal schedule will be determined by the Committee for those who perform with an official accompanist provided by the Committee.
 - For those who perform with an official accompanist, it is not guaranteed that the same accompanist will be assigned for both the First and Second Stages.
9. DISCLOSURE OF EVENTS
 - All Competition performances will be open to the public, except for the recorded auditions.
 - Performances, including the first, second and final stages, as well as the award presentation ceremony, may be broadcast live or recorded for television and radio broadcast or webcast.
10. VISA AND INSURANCE
 - The entrant is responsible for obtaining a visa to enter Japan, if required. The Committee will provide any necessary documents as needed.

- The entrant is responsible for his/her own insurance against illness, accident and/or other possible liabilities for the duration of the Competition, including travel to and from the Competition.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

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| First Stage | October 11 (Sun.) |
| Second Stage | October 15 (Thurs.) |
| Final Stage | October 18 (Sun.) |

The announcement of the result will be made upon the conclusion of each stage.

12. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- First Prize.....Certificate and cash prize of 1,300,000 yen
- Second Prize.....Certificate and cash prize of 700,000 yen
- Third Prize.....Certificate and cash prize of 300,000 yen
If there are more than two winners for the same prize, the Committee will revise the amount of cash prize at its own discretion.
If no one is deemed qualified, the relevant place will be left vacant.
- Honorable Mention (Special Scholarship) - 100,000 yen
This will be given to all the finalists other than the winners of the top three prizes.
- SONY Award
A memento will be given by Sony Corporation to all the finalists.
- Encouragement Award
One of the entrants with Japanese citizenship will be chosen by the Committee and given this award. If no one is deemed qualified, this award will not be applicable.
- Other prizes and awards may be offered by organization(s) and/or individual(s) who support the purpose of the Competition.

The cash prizes and stipends mentioned above are inclusive of taxes according to the tax laws of Japan.

13. RIGHTS

Any rights relating to photographing, recording, filming and broadcasting the performances during the Competition shall belong to the Committee.

14. OTHERS

- The Committee will disclose the entrant's profile based on the information provided on the application form submitted, except for the entrant's contact information.
- This document is originally in the language of Japanese, and the original text shall supersede the English and French translations, which are provided for convenience. Any dispute arising out of, or in connection with the Competition shall be settled in accordance with Japanese law.