

# Watford International Piano Competition Application Form

This competition is in memory of Christopher Duke, who lived in Watford and died in December 1996, aged 26. It is open to performers of 16 to 25 years. The final will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at St Mary's Church, Watford. A maximum of six competitors will be selected to take part.

## Application Process:

- ❖ Please return the completed Entry Form (below) via email, along with a video file of the entrant playing a free choice of repertoire for approximately 15 minutes in length. Please note that this does not have to be a single take and can be several different videos. Links to performances are also acceptable.
- ❖ To complete the application, the non-refundable entry fee of £65 must be paid. Bank details will be provided after submission of entry.
- ❖ Entries must be received by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and sent to: [lara@watfordfestival.co.uk](mailto:lara@watfordfestival.co.uk)
- ❖ Emails will be sent to all entrants informing them whether they have been chosen to compete in the final.

## Finalists:

- ❖ For the final, performers must play from memory. There is a free choice of repertoire, except that it must include one Waltz by Chopin (the choice of Waltz is also up to the finalist).
- ❖ An original copy of each work to be performed by the finalist must be provided for the Adjudicators.
- ❖ Please email full programme information (composers, titles, movements and timings of each piece - maximum 30 minutes in total), enclose your biography and a headshot for the programme.

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Name:

Age on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026:

Full Address:

Telephone:

Email:

I give permission for my name and photograph to be used in future Watford International Piano Competition publications, advertising material and social media.

Please return to Lara Melda as indicated.

## Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> place: £500

2<sup>nd</sup> place: £250

3<sup>rd</sup> place: £150

For further information and additional Entry Forms, please see our website:  
<http://www.watfordfestival.co.uk/cduke/>