



6th ISAC International Popular Music Composition Competition List of Winners

Result	Name / SNS	Title of the Work
Grand Prize	Rakovics Benedek 「Yamazaki」 yamazaki.hu · Facebook @yamazakimusic · Instagram @yamazaki.music · X @yamazakimusic · YouTube @yamazakimusic	Hanei (繁栄)
Grand Prize	Romain Schmitt romainschmitt.com · Facebook @romain.schmitt.39 · Instagram @theromainschmitt	Concertino for handpan and symphony orchestra
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Ben Partridge Instagram @benpartridesax · X @BenPartridgeSax · YouTube @benpartridesax	[re]Iterate
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Sheriffs Swanson sheriffsswanson.com · Instagram @sheriffsswanson	Anyone who's lost
Special Prize (Special Mention)	G. Borrero oficialmenteyo.com · Instagram @oficialmente_yo · YouTube @oficialmente_yo	David
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Giulio Piras SoundCloud @giulio-piras-314551353 · Instagram @giulio96_composer	菊の霜 Brina sui crisantemi
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Gregory Golub gregorygolub.com · Facebook @GregoryGolubMusicConcept · Instagram @gregorygolub1 · X @GolubGrego19145 · YouTube @gregorygolub	African Passions
Special Prize (Special Mention)	H. Scott Hartley hscotthartleycomposer.com	Echoes of Primordia
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Harry Perry Westerborn SoundCloud @harryperry	Maia
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Hiroshi Hayakawa	Listen to my song
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Joao Martins jtdmartins.com	Shower Curtain
Special Prize (Special Mention)	MARIKO KUBOTA Instagram @mar_chan_1224 · X @mar_chan_124 · YouTube @mar_chan_1224	知によりて美を成せ
Special Prize (Special Mention)	中西勇貴 tunecore.co.jp · YouTube	LIFE GOES ON
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Nicola Tirelli linktr.ee · Facebook @nicola.tirelli.37 · Instagram @nicola_tirelli · YouTube @nicolatirellimusic	Spring!
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Pongsakorn Lertvanitsutha pongsakorn.com · Facebook @winpongsakornpage · Instagram @win_pongsakorn · YouTube	Pensri
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Rakovics Benedek 「Yamazaki」 yamazaki.hu · Facebook @yamazakimusic · Instagram @yamazaki.music · X @yamazakimusic · YouTube @yamazakimusic	Katsu (喝)
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Shiori Instagram @tldes or YouTube	泡沫夢幻/Ephemeral
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Valentina Ramunno Facebook · Instagram @valentinaramunnomusic · YouTube @valentinaramunno535	Echi di Brughiera (Fernweh)
Special Prize (Special Mention)	William Foster	Zaqatala
Special Prize (Special Mention)	Yuhan LIU	虚仮現実(feat.重音テト)

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Special Prize (Special Mention)	Yukito Tokimura artist link · Instagram @tokimurayukito · X @tokimurayukito · YouTube @tokimura_music6987	broken nostalgia
Special Prize (Special Mention)	赵艺姝 YISHU ZHAO	Iris
Special Prize	Elizabeth Damaris López Mejía Facebook · Instagram @eli.damariss	"Casualties" of War
Special Prize	Giulio Piras SoundCloud @giulio-piras-314551353 · Instagram @giulio96_composer	Ikigai
Special Prize	Gregory Golub gregorygolub.com · Facebook @GregoryGolubMusicConcept · Instagram @gregorygolub4 · X @GolubGrego19145 · YouTube @gregorygolub	Waltz - Rag
Special Prize	伊丹 将剛 (Masataka Itami) YouTube	永遠のワルツ
Special Prize	Harmony Kang harmonykang.com · Instagram @kang_healing_music · YouTube	雲雨祈願
Special Prize	Kaoru X @Lilithabi043	孤独が故に自由、自由が故に孤独
Special Prize	Live House Aquarium X @Live_H_Aquarium · YouTube @LiveHouseAquarium	2:51 feat. 宮舞もか
Special Prize	Martín Osvaldo De Jesús García Instagram @martinod.musica · YouTube @martinod.musica	La intersección
Special Prize	中西勇貴 tunecore.co.jp · YouTube	I wanna fly
Special Prize	nami YouTube @ntemr100	・・・そして、これから
Special Prize	Nanami Yamada YouTube @nanamimi-piano	Fiorire
Special Prize	Yan XU	Aphantasia
Special Prize	Yuta Hayashi YouTube · Instagram @yuta884 · X @yuta884	はじまりの合図
Special Prize	Yuya Matsumoto X @kreuffea	My favorite getaway
Diploma of Merit	Carter Smith	Seven Leagues from Stoneman Cape
Diploma of Merit	Haruma Yoshimura Instagram @HARUMA.PIANO · YouTube @y-piano-h	“Endroll” Concert Encore for Strings
Diploma of Merit	石倉 源弥	宵桜
Diploma of Merit	Kano Kurobe Instagram @nun_itou · X @NunItou1028 · YouTube @Itou_Nun	Last Swan
Diploma of Merit	kota yokogawa	花影
Diploma of Merit	MIRAI MATSUNO YouTube	LOVE story
Diploma of Merit	Yuxuan Song	Reverie of the Embers
Diploma of Merit	ZHANG YIWEI	シルクロードの月明かり



GRAND PRIZE WINNER PROFILE



Yamazaki

Rakovics Benedek

WINNING WORK

Hanei (繁栄)

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BIOGRAPHY

Yamazaki is a Hungarian composer and artist based in Budapest who writes primarily in Japanese.

He began studying Japanese in secondary school and has written music since childhood, drawn early to the work of Yoko Kanno and Kenji Kawai. After fifteen years running an IT company, he returned to composition full-time. His music moves between synth-rock, alternative pop, city pop, and dark R&B, written in Japanese and English.

He performs as a wolf, in costume on stage and as an avatar in virtual reality. The character has been with him since he was fifteen and draws on the Shinto ookami, the wolf as messenger and protector. His first concert took place not in a physical venue but in VR; he has since performed at Furality, the largest furry convention held in virtual reality, and at VKET, the largest event on VRChat.

Hanei (繁栄) was mixed and mastered at Saidera Mastering & Recording in Harajuku, Tokyo, and broadcast on InterFM Tokyo. In December 2025, he also appeared on RTL Hungary's biggest talent show, Csillag Születik, advancing past all four judges. He records under the trademarked name Yamazaki and releases through emuBands.



GRAND PRIZE WINNER PROFILE



Romain Schmitt

WINNING WORK

Concertino for handpan and symphony orchestra

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BIOGRAPHY

Born into a family of artists, Romain discovered music at an early age and studied drums with internationally renowned musicians. Passionate about composition, he began training in orchestral writing, counterpoint, and conducting from a young age, developing a musical language inspired by both the classical tradition and film music.

As a composer, he regularly collaborates with symphony orchestras, including those in Budapest and Moscow. He writes music for films, live performances, and ensembles of all sizes, creating original scores, sound design, and stage music. He has also worked as an orchestrator for Disney. In 2024, he composed the score for the musical Rififi, which enjoyed critical and public success with 30 sold-out performances.

Romain is also the founder, musician, and artistic director of Pepper Club the Band, leading a collective of outstanding jazz and soul musicians performing for major international institutions and companies.