

16 June 2026

**International Masterclass & Competition for Opera Singers
with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra
in collaboration with the Music Academy ARTE**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cyprus Symphony Orchestra announces the organisation of an International Masterclass and Competition for opera singers, offering an exceptional opportunity for artistic development and professional exposure.

Participants will have the opportunity to deepen their interpretation of operatic repertoire and gain valuable experience working in collaboration with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra. The Masterclass will take place under the guidance of the Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra, Myron Michailidis, and the internationally renowned Cypriot baritone Kyros Patsalides.

Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible participants are all individuals born between 1 January 1990 and 25 September 2008.
- Candidates must hold a diploma or degree from a recognised educational institution or school in Cyprus or abroad, or be currently enrolled in a recognised institution or school in Cyprus or abroad.

Application Fee

€50 for all applicants (active and passive participants). Note: The application fee must be deposited into the Foundation's account together with the submission of the application.

Participation Fees

Active Participants: €800

Active participants will receive instruction from Mr. Michailidis and Mr. Patsalides during the Masterclass and will participate in the Competition process. In addition, they will receive two complimentary tickets for the final concert of the Competition.

Passive Participants: €200

Passive participants will be entitled to attend the Masterclass, rehearsals, and the concert. They will also receive one complimentary ticket for the final concert of the Competition.

Note: The participation fee must be paid to the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation account by 31 August 2026. Successful active participants will be notified by 25 July 2026. Failure to pay on time will result in cancellation of the application.

Dates of Masterclass & Competition

20 September 2026

Masterclass with piano

Venue: Music Academy ARTE

21 September 2026

1st Round with piano

Venue: Music Academy ARTE, Nicosia

22–23 September 2026

2nd Round with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra

Venue: Pallas Theater, Nicosia

24 September 2026

Final with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra – selection of finalists

Venue: Pallas Theater, Nicosia

25 September 2026

Competition Concert with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra

Venue: Pallas Theater, Nicosia

Prizes

- **1st Prize: €8,000**
- **2nd Prize: €3,000**
- **Cypriot Artist Award**

The 1st and 2nd Prizes may be awarded either to graduates or to students (scholarship).

Additionally, the prizes include engagements within the three subsequent artistic seasons with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra, the Thessaloniki State Symphony Orchestra, the Culture Centre of the Region of Central Macedonia and the Cultural and Conference Centre of Heraklion.

Repertoire

Arias of the applicants' choice by Mozart, Beethoven, Donizetti, Rossini, Bellini, Verdi, Gounod, Massenet, Bizet, and Puccini.

Jury

The jury will consist of five members: the Artistic Director, Kyros Patsalides, the Conductor of the concert, the Leader of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra, and a principal musician of the Orchestra.

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted electronically and include:

- Completed and signed Application Form
- Completed and signed Regulations Form (for both active and passive participants)
- Curriculum Vitae (for active participants)
- Copies of degrees / diplomas / proof of enrolment (for active participants)
- Two YouTube links with audiovisual material representative of the applicant's voice (arias by Mozart, Beethoven, Donizetti, Rossini, Bellini, Verdi, Gounod, Massenet, Bizet, Puccini)
Note: No other form of audiovisual submission will be accepted.
- Proof of payment of the registration fee (€50)

Application forms and regulations are available on the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra website: www.cyso.org.cy.

Applications must be sent electronically to a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy, with the subject:
International Masterclass & Competition for Opera Singers 2026,
no later than 22 July 2026 at 14:00 (Cyprus time). Late applications will not be accepted.

For further information please contact a.antoniou@cyso.org.cy or call
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