

The 20th Jan Vychytil International CELLO COMPETITION



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THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

- The 20th edition of the Jan Vychytil International Cello Competition will take place from November 13 to 17, 2026
- Venue: Grammar and Music School of the Capital City of Prague (GMHS), Komenského náměstí 400/9, Prague 3, Czech Republic.
- The organizers of the competition are: Violoncellová soutěž Praha, z.s., www.cellocompetition.com and GMHS, Grammar and Music School of the Capital City of Prague, www.gmhs.cz
- The Competition is a single-round event.
- The order of performances in each category will be arranged by date of birth, i.e. from the youngest to the oldest. The organizers reserves the right to change this order for organizational reasons.
- Choice of repertoire and number of pieces are unrestricted within the permitted duration for the given category.
- The given durations are to be strictly adhered to. The Jury reserves the right to halt the performance of any competitor who exceeds his/her time limit.
- Provision of piano (or other) accompaniment is the responsibility of the competitor. Upon request, in exceptional cases the competitor may ask the organizer to arrange piano accompaniment.
- Performance from memory is obligatory.
- All competition performances in all categories are open to the public.
- The Competition organizers reserves the right to reject applications if the competition is oversubscribed.
- The Jury reserves the right not to award certain of the prizes, or else to combine and/or divide prizes as it sees fit.
- All competitors receive a certificate of participation.
- The organizers of the competition do not provide or arrange transportation or accommodation.
- The Prizewinners' Concert of The 20th Jan Vychytil International Cello Competition will take place on Monday, November 17, 2026.
- **The closing date for entries and payment of the competition fee is October 10, 2026.**
- Due to capacity reasons, the number of competitors is limited. The contestant will be informed by a personal email no later than October 20, 2026 whether his application has been accepted or not.
- Competitors of categories 6 & 7 are required to produce a video recording of 10 – 15 minutes, made in 2026. The recording must be placed on www.youtube.com and its link must be part of the entry form. On the required recording, the competitor does not have to play the same program as in the competition.

CATEGORIES BY AGE & PERMITTED PERFORMANCE TIMES

Category I.	younger than 2016, permitted duration 2 – 5 minutes
Category II.	date of birth between July 2015 and December 2016, permitted duration 4 – 8 minutes
Category III.	date of birth between January 2014 and June 2015, permitted duration 6 – 11 minutes
Category IV.	date of birth between July 2012 and December 2013, permitted duration 8 – 14 minutes
Category V.	date of birth between January 2011 and June 2012, permitted duration 10 – 17 minutes
Category VI.	date of birth during 2009 and 2010, permitted duration 12 – 20 minutes
Category VII.	date of birth during 2007 and 2008, permitted duration 14 – 23 minutes

ENTRY FEE

- Category I 500 CZK
- Categories II, III 700 CZK
- Categories IV, V 1,000 CZK
- Categories VI, VII 1,500 CZK

In the event of an applicant's not participating no refund is given.

Entry fee payment for foreign participants should be paid by bank transfer to the bank account of Violoncellová soutěž Praha, z.s. The bank transfer fee for all participants is to be paid by the participants.

Account number: 2903047722 / 2010, Currency: EUR, Name: Violoncellová soutěž Praha, z.s.,

Bank Address: Fio banka, a.s., Na Florenci 2139/2, 11000 Praha, Czech Republic.

IBAN: 91 2010 0000 0029 0304 7722, FIOBCZPPXXX, please indicate in the payment note: name, category and date of birth.

THE COMPETITION JURY

The jury will consist of at least five members composed of experienced pedagogues and concert soloists. The chairman of the jury will be Michal Kaňka, renowned soloist, member of the Wihan Quartet, and professor at the Music Faculty of the AMU in Prague.

The jury will award, among others, the following main prizes:

- Prize for the Overall Winner – a cello bow made by Jana S. Páclová worth 1,500 EUR
- Prize for the best interpretation of a piece by Bohuslav Martinů – awarded by the Bohuslav Martinů Foundation
- Prize for the best Czech cellist of the competition
- Prize of the ŽIVOT UMĚLCE Foundation for the best Czech cellist of the competition
- Prize of the Czech Music Society – Association of Friends of Fine Arts

NOTICE

During public performances, playing from a photocopy of sheet music is in violation of copyright law, and the contestant bears full responsibility for any potential legal consequences.

CONSENT AND AGREEMENT

By submitting the application and participating in the Competition, the applicant – or the applicant's legal guardian – confirms agreement with the Competition Conditions and Rules and consents to the processing of personal data as outlined on page 2/2. The official version of the Competition Conditions and Rules is in Czech.

CONSENT TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

By submitting the application, I give consent to the processing of personal data so that Violoncellová soutěž Praha, z.s., ID: 22252967, based at Novodvorská 678/7, Libuš, 142 00 Prague 4 and the Grammar and Music School of the Capital City of Prague, ZUŠ, ID: 70874204, based at Komenského náměstí 400/9, 130 00 Prague 3 (hereinafter referred to as "the controller"), may process personal data under the following conditions.

Scope of Processing of Your Personal Data

The controllers will process personal data provided in the application and in connection with participation in the competition. This includes in particular: first name, last name, date of birth, e-mail address, phone number, residential address, and potentially other data associated with the music competition.

The personal data will be processed for the purpose of organizing the competition and promoting it – i.e. for the marketing activities of the controller, the publication of results, and informing the public about the competition (including photo, audio, and video recordings).

The competition is titled the 20th Jan Vychytil International Cello Competition and will take place from November 13 to 17, 2026.

Purpose of Processing of Your Personal Data

The controller will process your personal data for the purposes of marketing activities and informing the public about the music competition.

Legal Basis for Processing Personal Data

The legal basis for the processing is this consent you have granted and the fact that your personal data are necessary for the realization of the individual marketing purposes. The data are processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation – Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "GDPR").

Duration of Processing of Your Personal Data

The controller will process your personal data for marketing purposes during the competition and for five years after its conclusion, unless this consent is withdrawn earlier.

Withdrawal of Consent to the Processing of Personal Data

This voluntarily granted consent to the processing of personal data may be withdrawn at any time free of charge by sending an email to: vychytil.cello@gmail.com. Withdrawal of consent shall not affect the legality of processing based on the consent given before its withdrawal. Withdrawal of consent shall also not affect the processing of personal data that the controller processes on a legal basis other than consent.

Persons with Access to Your Personal Data

Your personal data will be accessible to the controller and its employees.

Contact Details of the Controller

You can contact the controller at the email address: vychytil.cello@gmail.com or by mail at the registered office address.

Your Rights Related to the Protection of Your Personal Data

You have the right, without any penalty or disadvantage, to withdraw your consent at any time, to correct or supplement your personal data, to request restriction of processing, to raise an objection or complaint against the processing of your personal data, to request data portability, to access your personal data by sending a notification to the email address: vychytil.cello@gmail.com

You also have the right to be informed about any breach of data security, the erasure of your data, and other rights set out in the GDPR.

Right to Object

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data if the controller processes it contrary to the granted consent. The objection must be submitted to the controller. If you object to the processing, the controller shall no longer process the personal data to that extent, unless it proves compelling legitimate grounds for the processing that override your interests, rights, and freedoms or for the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims. Further information on this right is provided in Article 21 of the GDPR.

Right to File a Complaint with the Supervisory Authority

You may at any time lodge a complaint regarding the processing of your personal data or non-compliance by the controller with the obligations arising from the GDPR with the supervisory authority. The supervisory authority in the Czech Republic is:

The Office for Personal Data Protection: Pplk. Sochora 27, 170 00 Prague 7, www.uoou.cz

Obligation to Provide Personal Data. Consequences of Failure to Provide Personal Data

Providing your personal data is entirely voluntary. You are under no obligation to provide them. In case you choose not to provide your personal data, no sanction applies. However, if you do not provide your personal data, the controller may not be able to offer you full participation in the music competition and to inform the public about its results.