

# International Improvisation Contest René Arons



Royal Conservatoire  
Antwerp

February  
1st and 2nd  
2019.

**On November 10th 2011 René Arons passed away at the age of 61. He was not only a gifted pianist, but also an excellent improviser and a beloved teacher.**

**In tribute to his memory a contest was organised in 2015. Now, four years later, the second edition of the contest will be held on February 1st. and 2nd 2019.**

## **Where**

**The contest will take place in the White Hall of the Royal Conservatory Antwerp (AP Hogeschool), Belgium.**

## **When**

**Friday February 1st 2019 (Day 1):**

- **afternoon and evening: first rounds**

**Saturday February 2nd 2019 ( Day 2):**

- **morning and afternoon: next rounds**
- **evening: concert and proclamation**

## **Who**

**The contest is open to all musicians worldwide who have not reached the age of 30 on February 1st 2019 . Candidates may participate as soloists or in any formation.**

# Entry fee

Soloist: 25,00 euro.

Duet: 50,00 euro.

Trio and larger ensembles: 75,00 euro

# Improvisation style

All styles are allowed: strictly tonal, modal, free style, jazz, etc.

The candidate will have to present at least two improvisations, one of which will be an instant improvisation on a given theme.

# Amplification

For practical reasons global amplification is not possible. However, individually amplified acoustic/ electric (bass)guitar in ensemble is allowed. In that case the candidate has to provide his own equipment.

# Jury

The jury will consist of a selection of improvisation teachers of European Conservatories.

Chair: Yves Senden (AP Hogeschool Antwerpen).

# Awards

Prizes (between 300 and 500 euro) are awarded in the following categories:

- award for the best strictly tonal improvisation;
- award for the best free improvisation;
- award for the best improvisation on the imposed theme;
- award for the best solo improvisation;
- audience choice award;
- wildcard award.

Additionally, the 'Aronskelk-prijs' is awarded to the most authentic and creative improvisation.

This symbolic award consists of a small sculpture in the shape of an arum lily.

The jury reserves the right to withhold any award in case the required standard is not met.

## How to apply

Please contact Yves Senden (yves.senden@ap.be) to obtain detailed information about the contest rules and regulations and the entry procedure.  
entry deadline: October 15th 2018.

## Accommodation

Candidates are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

## Address

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