

“Music is governed by Arithmetic, and when one is cognisant of some fundamental experiments with harmonies and dissonances one finds that all her other principles, too, are governed by numbers. Music is the veiled arithmetical practice of the spirit (who knows not, that it is counting). [...] In music we only count up to five [...] but if we were gifted with rather more subtlety we could also include that of the prime number seven. And I do maintain, that this actually exists. But there would be hardly anyone who could utilise the intervals from the next prime numbers, viz., eleven and thirteen.”

Letter to Christian Goldbach of 17 April 1712,  
Opera omnia Volume III, Dutens, Geneva  
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# LEIBNIZ'S HARMONIES



2016

International  
composition competition  
in honour of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz  
1646–1716

# LEIBNIZ'S HARMONIES 2016



Competition for composers of any age  
in the following categories:

**1. Orchestra** (2222 – 2221 – timp, 2 percussion, harp, strings), duration 10-15 minutes.

**2. Ensemble** of traditional Chinese and Western instruments (pipa, zheng, sheng, erhu, fl, cl, pi, perc\*, acc, vl, vcl, db): trio to tutti, at least one Chinese instrument, maximum duration 12 minutes.

**3. Solo instrument** zheng, pipa, clarinet, cello or accordion, maximum duration 12 minutes.

#### 4. Radiophonic Composition/soundart

stereophonic and possibly 5.1, for broadcast on hr2-kultur (Hessischer Rundfunk – Radio Frankfurt, public service radio) and at public performances, duration 20-40 minutes.

All submitted pieces should be based on Leibniz's writings on the relationship between harmony and dissonance, arithmetic and music (vide the letter to Christian Goldbach of 17 April 1712, Opera omnia Volume III, Dutens, Geneva, 1768)\*.

First and subsequent performances will be given during 2016 at coordinated events in Hannover and Beijing by the musicians of:

NDR Radiophilharmonie, Hannover and  
Con Tempo Ensemble, Beijing and  
Das Neue Ensemble, Hannover.

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Prize money will be awarded as follows:

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize orchestra | 5.000 Euro |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize orchestra | 4.000 Euro |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize orchestra | 3.000 Euro |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize ensemble  | 5.000 Euro |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize ensemble  | 3.000 Euro |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize ensemble  | 1.500 Euro |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize solo      | 3.000 Euro |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize solo      | 2.000 Euro |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize solo      | 1.000 Euro |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize soundart  | 1.500 Euro |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize soundart  | 1.000 Euro |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize soundart  | 500 Euro   |

The jury may at their discretion distribute the prize money differently depending on the distribution of submissions; their decision is binding and not subject to legal recourse.

Prizewinners must be present at the first performance of their works, and are obliged to supply all necessary material for the performance in the event of their work being selected no more than ten days after being notified of selection. By accepting the prize money the artist consents to his/her radiophonic soundart piece being broadcast by hr2-kultur (Hessischer Rundfunk – Radio Frankfurt) in any area and for an unlimited period; the association also retains the right to play the work during its public events without being liable to pay a composer's fee (performances will be, of course, registered at the respective right societies, e.g. GEMA).

Works must be submitted anonymously (identified only by a number corresponding to that on an envelope containing the name, address, telephone number and email address, along with a cv and photograph of the composer) and in eight copies, by the deadlines set down in the schedule below:

Schedule:

1 March 2016

Submission deadline for categories II (ensemble); III (solo) and IV (soundart)

21 June 2016

Submission deadline for category I (orchestra)

30 June and 1 July 2016

Ensemble prizewinners concerts, Hannover  
Announcement of the prizewinners;  
celebratory event to mark the 370th anniversary  
of Leibniz's birth

1 July – 6 November 2016

Solo prizewinners concerts at the Leibniz memorial  
in Georgengarten, Hannover

5 – 15 July 2016

Ensemble concerts in Beijing

9 December 2016

Orchestra prizewinners concert with the  
NDR–Radiophilharmonie Hannover



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