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VERBIER FESTIVAL ACADEMY & ORCHESTRAS 2024

SUMMARY OF APPLICANTS AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

v.2 / 13 March 2024

ALL ACADEMY & ORCHESTRA TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Applicants

Total 2,214
from 80 countries

Students Invited

Total 208
Accepted from Juried Selection 134
of which 8 responses to invitations are pending
Re-invited to an Orchestra programme 74

Gender Identification of Invited Students

Male 111
Female 94
Non-Binary 1
Unknown 2

AGE

Youngest 14
Oldest 33
Average 22

Nationalities of Invited Students

36 Countries Represented

Argentina / Italy	1	Greece / Russian Federation	1	Russian Federation	6
Austria	2	Hong Kong	3	South Korea	15
Belgium	1	Hungary	5	South Korea / United Kingdom	1
Brazil	1	Israel	1	South Korea / United States	3
Bulgaria / Lithuania	1	Italy	9	Spain	14
Canada	5	Japan	3	Sweden	2
Canada / China	1	Japan / United States	2	Switzerland	17
China	8	Kazakhstan	1	Switzerland / Italy	1
Colombia	1	Malaysia	1	Taiwan	3
Egypt / Germany / Hungary	2	Malta	1	Ukraine	1
Finland	1	Mexico	1	United Kingdom	5
France	23	Norway	2	United States	36
France / Canada	1	Poland	3	United States / Canada	2
Germany	9	Portugal	6	United States / Italy	1
Greece	2	Romania	1	Unknown	3

ACADEMY

SOLOISTS & ENSEMBLES

Applicants

Soloists ages 16 to 26	343
Junior Soloists ages 13 to 15	32
Ensembles avg age < 30	28 ensembles / 101 musicians
Total	403 applications representing 476 musicians

Students Invited

Total	30
New to Programme	24
Re-invited	6
Students are eligible to take part in the Academy up to two times	

Musicians per Programme

Piano	7
Violin	9
Viola	5
Cello	6
Pre-formed Ensembles (1)	3

Gender Identification

Male	16
Female	14

Age

Youngest	14
Oldest	26
Average	21

Nationalities

15 countries represented:

China	3	Portugal	1
Egypt / Germany / Hungary	2	Romania	1
France	1	Russian Federation	2
Germany	3	South Korea	1
Greece / Russian Federation	1	South Korea / United States	1
Hong Kong	1	Sweden	1
Hungary	1	Switzerland	2
Italy	3	United States	6

ATELIER LYRIQUE

Applicants

Total 198
27% increase over 2023 applications; record number

Students Invited

Total 13
includes one pending invitation response
New to Programme 12
Re-invited 1
Students are eligible to take part
in the Academy up to two times

Gender Identification

Male 7
Female 6

Age

Youngest 21
Oldest 32
Average 26

Nationalities

8 countries represented:

China	1	South Korea	2
Germany	2	Ukraine	1
Kazakhstan	1	United Kingdom	2
Russian Federation	1	United States	2
		Unknown	1

CREATIVE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT RESIDENCY

Applicants

Total 11

Students Invited

Total 1

Gender Identification

Female 1

Age

28

AUDIO RECORDING

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Applicants

Total 6

Students Invited

Total 3

Age

Youngest	23
Oldest	32
Average	27

Gender Identification

Male	2
Female	1

Nationalities

3 countries represented:

France	1
Germany	1
Poland	1

ORCHESTRAS

VERBIER FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA (VFO)

Applicants

Total 1,046
ages 18 to 28

Students Invited

Total	99
New to Programme	45
3 responses to invitations pending	
Re-invited	54

Students are eligible to take part in VFO up to three times

Gender Identification

Male	56
Female	42
Non-Binary	1

Age

Youngest	19
Oldest	28
Average	24

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Nationalities

23 countries represented:

Austria	1	Mexico	1
Belgium	1	Poland	1
Brazil	1	Portugal	2
Canada	4	Russian Federation	2
China	2	South Korea	10
Colombia	1	South Korea / United Kingdom	1
France	12	South Korea / United States	1
France / Canada	1	Spain	6
Germany	3	Switzerland	7
Greece	1	Switzerland / Italy	1
Hong Kong	1	Taiwan	2
Hungary	2	United States	25
Italy	4	United States / Canada	2
Japan	3	United States / Italy	1

VERBIER FESTIVAL JUNIOR ORCHESTRA (VFJO)

Applicants

Total	167
ages 15 to 18	
10% increase over 2020	
40% increase over 2022	

Students Invited

Total	58
New to Programme	46
2 responses to invitations pending	
Re-invited	12
Students are eligible to take part in VFJO up to three times	

Gender Identification

Male	28
Female	28
Unknown	2

Age

Youngest	15
Oldest	18
Average	17

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Nationalities

25 countries represented:

Austria	1	Malaysia	1
Bulgaria / Lithuania	1	Norway	2
Canada	1	Poland	1
Canada / China	1	Portugal	2
China	2	Russian Federation	1
Finland	1	South Korea	2
France	7	South Korea / United States	1
Greece	1	Spain	8
Hong Kong	1	Sweden	1
Hungary	2	Switzerland	7
Italy	2	Taiwan	1
Japan / United States	2	United Kingdom	3
Malta	1	United States	3
		Unknown	2

CONDUCTING

Applicants

Total 115

Students Invited

Total	4
New to Programme	3
Re-invited	1

Age

Youngest	31
Oldest	33
Average	31

Fellows are eligible to take part in Conducting Programme twice

Gender Identification

Male	2
Female	2

Nationalities

5 countries represented:

Argentina / Italy	1
France	1
Israel	1
Portugal	1