

Call for tenders

28th International *Louis-Spohr-Competition* for Harp



5th to 7th October 2026 – Kassel / Nieste, Germany
- III. International Louis-Spohr-Festival, Harp, 6th to 9th October 2026

Patron: Andreas Siebert, District Administrator, district of Kassel

Jury: Joel von Lerber (Chinese University of Hongkong in Shenzhen, Jury Chair)
Sarah O'Brien (Zurich University of the Arts, Basel Academy of Music), Anaëlle Turret (NDR, Hamburg University of Music and Theatre) Teresa Zimmermann (Munich Philharmonic)

Festival: Jury members also give the masterclasses at the 3rd. Louis Spohr Festival for Harp

Prizes, Honours and Awards:

- **Prizes:** **LouisA - Louis Spohr Award 2026** **2.000 €**
Audience award **500 €**
Finalists will receive **€ 250** of their entry fee back.

- Participation of the prizewinners in at least one concert of chamber music in Hesse.

Terms and conditions of participation: The competition is open to all pupils and students born between 1995 and 2008. The participants must be fill at least one of the following criteria; They must be citizens of a country within the European Union, or a country in which Louis Spohr had been active; otherwise they need to have studied at a University within the European Union.

Application: digitally with all documents [CV, repertoire list with sheet music, proof of citizenship, certificate of enrollment, portrait photo as a JPEG file >300 dpi]; **Video link with one of Spohr's solo pieces;**

Deadline: June 30, 2026

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- **Registration fee - to be paid in full upon registration**

Competition: € 350 (full board, October 5-8, 2026), 11.a.m.): € 150 (without accommodation or meals)

Competition and Festival (full board, October 5-9, 2026, 11:00 AM, + overnight stay October 9-10): € 550

Festival (full board, October 6-9, 2026, 11:00 AM + overnight stay October 9-10): € 400

Cancellation fee in case of withdrawal or non-admission: € 80

- With the registration for the competition or festival, the participant accepts the conditions of participation and the further conditions of this competition as well as the decisions of the jury. Any recourse to courts of law is not included.

Preliminary Round : Admission decision by the jury. Written notification of presentation times for round 1.

Round 1 (closed): Monday, October 5, 2026, from 1:00 p.m.

Sensenstein Youth Castle and Sports Education Center, 34329 Nieste near Kassel

Round 2 / Final (open to the public): Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00 p.m., State Hall,

Hesse State Welfare Association, Ständeplatz 6-10, 34117 Kassel

Post-Competition Event (open to the public): Saturday, October 10, 2026, 3:30 p.m., Winners' Concert

Augustinum Kassel Ballroom, Im Druseltal 12, 34131 Kassel

For the **competition, harps** from the **brands Salvi and Lyon&Healy** are available.