



International Accordion Festival

Sata-Häme Soi

Ikaalinen, Finland

IX Primus Ikaalinen Competition 2014

Invitation 2014

The 9th Primus Ikaalinen International Accordion Competition will be organized by the Sata-Häme Soi Accordion Festival and Municipality of Ikaalinen on Friday 4th July.

The Competition Committee will select contestants to the Final in Ikaalinen from the submitted application documents and recordings.

The contestant must perform two virtuoso entertainment style pieces of 3–4 minutes in duration suitable for a public entertainment concert, preferably including one folkloristic piece from their native country. The contestant will perform their pieces accompanied by a band provided by the organizers.

How to take part in the Primus Ikaalinen 2014

Contestants should record 2-4 pieces of their own choice (on a dvd, mp3, QuickTime or YouTube) and send it to Sata-Häme Soi Festival by the end of January 2014.

The following attachments must be included:

- A copy of the applicant's passport or birth certificate
- A short history of the musical studies and concerts
- Any recommendations and concert reviews
- Two high resolution photos in .jpg format

The application documents and recordings will not be returned.

Prizes

I	3500 €
II	1500 €
III	1000 €
IV	500 €
V	500 €

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Sata·Häme Soi

Founded in 1972, the annual Sata-Häme Soi International Accordion Festival takes place in the beginning of July in Ikaalinen, Finland. It is one of the most prominent music events in the country attracting more than 30 000 visitors every year.

The Sata-Häme Soi Festival features traditional Finnish accordion music as well as high-quality international light entertainment music, jazz music and classical music. The highly diverse festival program features the accordion and its related instruments in a variety of settings ranging from intimate concert halls to large outdoor park concerts.

In addition to the numerous concerts, accordion competitions are an essential part of the festival program. The light entertainment music National Accordion Championship Competition: the Golden Accordion Award (held since 1983), the Silver Accordion Award for children (since 1986) and the Primus Ikaalinen International Accordion Competition (since 2005) are major highlights of the Festival.

The Sata-Häme Soi Accordion Festival is held in a variety of settings amidst the beautiful parks and wooden houses and concert halls in Ikaalinen, located on the banks of lake Kyrösjärvi. The town of Ikaalinen is a lively centre of musical and cultural life tucked away in the district, just an hour's bus ride from Tampere and three hours from Helsinki.

In addition to the accordion festival, the area also boasts Ikaalinen Spa, which is the largest recreational spa in Nordic countries, and a wide selection of tourist services providing excellent opportunities of leisure activities and holidaymaking.

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Primus Ikaalinen Prize Winners

2005

1. Idoia Laburu, Spain
2. Alexander Shirunov, Russia
3. Mickaël Vigneau, France



Idoia Laburu, Spain

2006

1. Dimitri Saussard, France
2. Buzor Nenic, Denmark
3. Valentina Cesarini, Italy



Dimitri Saussard, France

2007

1. Julien Gonzales, France
2. Sami Hopponen, Finland
3. Amaia Iraola, Spain



Julien Gonzales, France

2008

1. Mario D'Amario, Italy
2. Eduard Akhanov, Russia
3. Félicien Brut, France



Mario D'Amario, Italy

2009

1. Grayson Masefield, New Zealand
2. Petar Maric, Serbia
3. Matteo Marinelli, Italy



Grayson Masefield, New Zealand

2010

1. Pietro Adragna, Italy
2. Petar Maric, Serbia
3. Madina Tsaloeva, Russia



Pietro Adragna, Italy

2011

1. Cory Pesaturo, USA
2. Giorgio Albanese, Italy
3. Matthias Matzke, Germany



Tia Jia Liang, China

2012

1. Tia Jia Liang, China
2. Dorin Grama, Moldova
3. Radu Laxgang, Germany



Cory Pesaturo, USA