

Composition competition
for acousmatic composition

within the framework of the festival:

27th Weimar
Spring Festival
of Contemporary Music 2026
11th-14th June 2026

Submission Deadline: 30th January 2026

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The via nova – contemporary music in Thuringia e.V. announces an international composition competition for acousmatic music on the occasion of the 27th Weimar Spring Festival for Contemporary Music 2026.

Type and Scope of the Composition:

Submissions are sought for acousmatic compositions in stereo or multichannel format, with a maximum duration of **10 minutes**. Submissions must clearly indicate the number of channels and the duration of the composition. Allowed formats:

- Stereo
- Quadraphonic (with an additional stereo reduction)
- 8 channels arranged in a circle without a center speaker (with an additional stereo reduction)

Eligibility for participation:

Submitted works may have been premiered or published but **must not have won any other prize** prior to the conclusion of this competition. Published works, if selected, must not be subject to any financial claims from the publisher. Previous winners of the Weimar Spring Festival Acousmatic Composition Competition are not eligible.

Conditions of Participation:

Each participant may submit only one composition per category (Acousmatic). In the acousmatic composition category, audio files must be submitted in wav or aif format. For multichannel compositions, the channel distribution must be clearly indicated by a diagram. The work itself should be sent via WeTransfer or a similar service, while the registration with contact details etc. must be sent by post. The competition is anonymous. The audio files, program notes, etc., must be labeled with a password and must not contain any indications of the name or origin of the author. The submission must include a separate, sealed envelope with the password, containing the name, address, contact details, date of birth, nationality, artistic CV, and a copy of the ID card, as well as a signed declaration stating that the composer agrees to the performance, possible recording, and broadcast of their work in the event of selection, and that they are the sole author of the work. The contact details must be sent by post, and the composition must be sent via WeTransfer or a similar service to the email address via_nova@web.de. The selected composers agree to be present **for the entire rehearsals from 11th to 14th June 2026**.

Prize Money:

A divisible prize money of at least 6,000 euros is available for the composition competitions within the framework of the Weimar Spring Festival (subject to approval by the sponsors).

Jury:

A jury will select compositions from the submitted works. The decision on the award of the prize will be made by the jury during the event days in a non-public deliberation. There is no legal recourse against this decision. The jury may decide not to award the prize.

Participation Fee:

The participation fee **applies only to the selected finalists** whose works will be performed during the festival. It amounts to 80 EUR and must be paid by **the first of April 2026 (date of receipt)** to the account of via nova e.V., IBAN: DE21 8205 1000 0301 0302 35, SWIFT-BIC: HELADEF1WEM at Sparkasse Mittelthüringen. **You do not need to pay this amount when submitting your competition entry.**

Submission Deadline:

The submission deadline is **30th January 2026** (postmark).

Finalists will be notified in writing or by email by **16th March 2026**.

The detailed event program for the 27th Weimar Spring Festival for Contemporary Music 2026 – consisting of courses, lectures, symposia, and concerts – will be published on the website www.via-nova-ev.de in March 2026 (subject to change).

Organizer

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