



**Music by composers
up to 30 years old**

Terms and conditions

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Leonardo 4 Music Awards 2027

Can your music inspire positive change?

We invite young people (up to 30 years old) to create an original music composition which showcases their creative talent in Art & Science applied to Climate, Equality & Peace.

Create your original composition!

1

- Create an original composition interpreting one or more of the topics: Climate, Equality, and Peace.
- It can be between 2 to 8 minutes.



Submit your entry!

2

Complete the application form on <https://www.leonardo4children.com/awards-2027/> and upload your project by **30 April 2027**.



Win prizes!

3

Get recognition including Talent Development budget of up to €750 and the chance to win various Special Awards.



Celebrate!

4

Live performance of your music at the annual Awards Ceremony in Brussels October 2027 and have the opportunity for your work to be published.

For more information and to submit your composition, scan this!
For any questions, email us: awards@leonardo4children.com



This is the 9th edition of the non-profit initiative “Leonardo 4 Children” - launched in 2019 - which includes Awards for children aged 6-12, teenagers aged 13-18, young composers aged until 30 and teachers, and is developed in cooperation between the Carano 4 Children non-profit foundation and the following partners:

European Schoolnet, Scientix, Italian Institute of Culture Brussels, Fundacion Philippe Cousteau, International Yehudi Menuhin foundation, MUS-E Italy, Istituto Universitario Studi Europei (Turin, Italy), Ambrosiana Library (Milan, Italy), Museo Galileo (Florence, Italy), Cultura Italiae, Artemisia Gold, Marina Calamai artist , Operamus, Europa InCanto, Matera Film Festival, Le Piccole Canaglie , Greenlight for girls , il Setticlavio aps, Lunigiana International Music Festival, ArtLink Belgrade, Per Il Meglio della Puglia aps, Action for Children in Conflict (Kenya).

The Leonardo 4 Children events have received institutional patronage from several institutions including UNESCO, European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Committee of the Regions, Italian Embassy to Belgium, national, and local institutions.

The Leonardo 4 Children initiative is supported by Fondazione CRT, AXA, Vitruvya and several other partners offering Special Awards.

The Carano 4 Children foundation is part of the Keeping Children Safe network and has a Code of Conduct and Child Safeguarding policy available at <https://carano4children.org/policies>. If you have any concerns about child wellbeing, safety, and/or privacy related to the Awards, please contact: safeguarding@carano4children.org.

The Carano 4 Children foundation is also registered in the EU Transparency Register (nr. 837695399302-12) and is member of the Transnational Giving Europe network.

The Leonardo 4 Children initiative includes the **Leonardo 4 Children Academy 2024-25** funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programme, an innovative educational model for teachers to stimulate children and young people on climate and equality using art & science skills. Relevant information can be found at www.leonardo4children.com/academy.



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Leonardo 4 Music Awards 2027

Climate, Equality & Peace

The Leonardo 4 Music Award stimulates young participants to use and develop their artistic and scientific skills, to create an original composition that creatively addresses key topics of global relevance: climate change and environmental sustainability, equality and human rights, and peace.

1. Duration

The Award is open between **1 September 2026** and **30 April 2027**.

2. Eligibility

“Participants”: the authors of the works eligible for the Award shall be resident in a Member State of the **European Union**¹, compliant with the age-range of the specific Award category at the date of submission.

Contributions from participants living in **other countries worldwide** are welcome - with the support of local organisations (e.g. schools, foundations) which are responsible to check compliance with relevant national laws.

“Applicants”: the formal application to the Award shall be submitted by an adult: either the participants themselves (if aged above 18) or the responsible adults, such as teachers or parents of the participants (if aged below 18), having the approval of the legal representatives of the participants to take part in the Award and subscribe to these “Terms and conditions”.

¹ Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden.

For the Young Performers pilot described below, participants must be under 18 years old at the date of submission, and the application must be submitted by a responsible adult, such as a parent, teacher or guardian, with the approval of the participant's legal representative.

3. Work to submit

The young music composers are invited to use their creativity to invent an original music composition, interpreting one or more of the topics Climate, Equality, Peace:



Climate

interpret the issue of climate change and environmental sustainability, for example on:

- energy production or consumption;
- transport and mobility;
- water use and conservation;
- agriculture and food;
- biodiversity and natural environment;
- waste reduction and recycling;



Equality

interpret the issue of equality between people and human rights, for example on:

- promoting non-discrimination and social inclusion, challenging social stereotypes;
- promoting gender equality, challenging gender stereotypes;
- promoting income equality, fighting poverty;
- promoting human rights and respect for others.



Peace

interpret the issue of peace between people, to fight and/or prevent conflicts, for example on:

- peace among family members and friends;
- peace among social, political, ethnic, economic groups;
- peace among people, nations, regions;

- peace of mind, mental health and well-being, in particular in social interactions;
- preventing, managing and solving conflicts.

Young performers pilot

As a pilot in the 2027 Leonardo 4 Music Award, young musicians under 18 are invited to submit a performance of a musical work related to one or more of the topics “Climate”, “Equality” and/or “Peace”.

The performance may be by a solo musician, ensemble or choir. Participants may perform a composition by a previous Leonardo 4 Music Award winner, a musical work from the Leonardo 4 Children repertoire, or another existing musical work clearly related to one or more of the selected topics. The purpose of this pilot is to encourage young musicians to engage with Climate, Equality and Peace through music and to develop their musical and creative skills.

The requirements applicable to original compositions under the “Format of the work” section do not apply to performances submitted under this pilot. Participants in the Young Performers pilot should submit:

- a recording of the performance;
- the title and composer of the musical work performed;
- a short description explaining the connection of the selected work to Climate, Equality and/or Peace (max. 200 words).

Format of the work

The work should:

- be completely **original**; it should not contain any material covered by third-party copyright. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance with copyright laws;
- have a duration **between 2’ and 8’**;

- consist of **tonal music** using between **1 and 7 music instruments** (for example: piano, violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, harp, guitar, percussion instruments, electronic instruments), and/or **songs by singer voices or choir**;
- be inspired by and focused on the topics of Climate, Equality and/or Peace, and the participants should **specify their source of inspiration clearly related to Climate, Equality and/or Peace**, which could be for example:
 - o works by Leonardo da Vinci on nature or equality, such as selected fables by Leonardo da Vinci, available at www.leonardo4children.com/fables;
 - o fables by children or Art & Science works by teenagers which won the past “Leonardo 4 Children” editions, available at www.leonardo4children.com;
 - o scene of a **movie** or a **story** (e.g. poem, fable) which relates to Climate, Equality and/or Peace.

It is possible to submit a single work covering one, two or three topics, or separate works covering separate topics.

The work should include:

- a **partition**, possibly written using a programme for musical partitions (eg Sibelius, Finale,...) in .PDF format;
- the **text** played by the voices and choir, if applicable;
- a **recording** of the composition or a MIDI file, if possible;
- a written description of the compositions in English with clear explanation of the link to the selected topic Climate, Equality and/or Peace (max. 200 words). This description should be submitted through the application form, in the respective field.

4. Submission



How to apply



To participate in the Awards, please complete by **30 April 2027**

the application form available at

www.leonardo4children.com/awards-2027

For any query related to the award please write to :

awards@leonardo4children.com

Applications must be submitted through the application form , available [here](#).

The form must be completed in full, and applicants may attach up to 5 files as work submitted. Should the work include several files (over 5), they are encouraged to merge them into one file, using an online merger tool.

By submitting the application, the applicant agrees with these “Terms and conditions”.

The applicants are invited to post their works, testimonials and information on **social media** using **#Leonardo4Children** **@leonardo4children** (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube), **@carano4children** (LinkedIn).

5. Scoring

The eligible works will be scored by the jury using the following award criteria on a rating scale 0 (low) to 4 (very high):

- Inspiration on the selected topic of Climate, Equality and/or Peace, based on the indicated source of inspiration (Leonardo’s fables, previous winners, movie, story, etc);
- Creativity and originality;
- Quality of tonal music;
- Quality of vocal and choral elements, if applicable;
- Special Awards specific criteria.

6. Jury

The jury includes professional musicians and composers from at least 3 different countries.

The jury members shall be independent, have no conflict of interest (e.g. jury members shall abstain from scoring works submitted by their schools or from colleagues they know) and commit to adhere to the highest standards of impartiality and fairness in their judgment. During the evaluation process, the jury will not have access to the personal data of the applicants and the participants, including their names, in order to ensure fairness in their judgment.

The applicants or the representatives of the applicants cannot contact the members of the jury. The judgment of the jury is final and cannot be appealed.

7. Awards

The announcement of the Top winners and Special Award winners will take place by **15 June 2027**, and the Award Ceremony will be held in **October 2027** in Brussels.

The highest-scoring works will receive:

- Talent Development programme, with a budget of €750 for the 1st winner, €500 for the 2nd winner, which can be used to develop the music skills of winners, subject to approval of the foundation, for:
 - travel to the Leonardo 4 Children Award ceremony in Brussels in October;
 - workshops or courses on music, possibly with reference to climate, equality or peace;
 - costs of publication of the music score, and performance of the music at an event;
 - meeting with a personality or an expert in music;
 - music instruments/material.
- The 1st winner will have the opportunity to liaise with famous musicians such as **the members of the jury** and explore the possibility that their composition will be performed in important concerts.

- The music of the 1st and 2nd winners will be used for a campaign or promotional videos of Leonardo 4 Children non-profit initiative.
- **live performance of the winning music works** at the Awards ceremony in October in Brussels and concerts/events; **promotion** on website, social media and promotional material, at public events, institutions or public places;
- **publication** of the scores of the music composition online via the music editing company **JK Merz**;
- “Leonardo 4 Children” **Award certificate**;
- **Special Awards** for specific related winners (see §8).

Please note that previous 1st place winners of the Leonardo 4 Music Awards are not eligible to receive 1st or 2nd place again. However, they remain eligible for Special Awards.

8. Special Awards

Special Awards include challenges on specific topics and the related winners will receive Special Awards and specific “Talent Development” opportunities offered by partners.

Special Award	Talent Development opportunity
Lunigiana International Music Festival - LIMF (Italy)	
A winner selected by LIMF	The winners will automatically be admitted to the Contemporary Music Program LIMF
ArtLink Belgrade Festival (Serbia)	
Top 2 winners of the Leonardo 4 Music Awards	The music of the winners will be played at ArtLink Festival or other events organised by ArtLink Belgrade
Music Academy FORTE (Belgium)	
Winner nr. 1 of the Leonardo 4 Music Awards	The winner will receive a grant to participate in the Music Academy Forte Festival in Brussels
Best female composer - partner Erika Zoi	

Best female composer identified by the jury	The winner will receive a specific workshop in Rome by Erika Zoi, a talented Italian composer and pianist
Choir composition - partner Rusca family	
Composition created for choir, with or without soloists and instruments. The prize is offered by the Rusca family, in memory of Ermanno Testi, musician and family member, who dedicated great commitment and passion to choral singing.	Talent Development budget of 300€

Should the winner not be able to attend the experience linked to the Special Award received, “Leonardo 4 Children” will provide the opportunity to other winners or participants.

9. Compliance and license

By participating in this award and submitting any video, image, audio file or any other material related to this Award (hereafter “the works” submitted for this Award), the applicant:

- ensures compliance of his/her submission with the applicable law;
- warrants that the works submitted for this award does not infringe the rights of any third party nor violate any applicable law or regulation, including copyright;
- ensures compliance with the “**Child Safeguarding Policy**” of the Carano 4 Children foundation available at <https://carano4children.org/policies>;
- declares that he/she holds all the intellectual property rights covering the works submitted for this award, and/or that he/she obtained appropriate authorisation from the concerned right-holders to use their works in the works submitted for this Award such as from the legal representatives of minors;
- grants the “Carano 4 Children” foundation a worldwide, royalty free, perpetual (for the duration of the applicable copyright), non-exclusive licence to reproduce and communicate to the public the works submitted for this Award and to distribute copies thereof. Under this licence, the “Carano 4 Children” foundation will in particular be entitled to use the works submitted for this Award for publication on any form of media, including for products and

services used for fund-raising in favour of the no-profit philanthropic and charity objectives of the “Leonardo 4 Children” initiative;

- for winners and for participants who will send the original works, grants the “Carano 4 Children” foundation the right to use the original works for exhibitions and for auctions to raise funds in favour of the beneficiary projects of the initiative, i.e. for the education in art & science of children in need.

The applicant should explicitly decide whether to authorise the “Carano 4 Children” foundation to use and publish the name and surname of the authors of the works submitted.

Specific proof of authorization of the legal representatives of children will be requested for the winning works.

The terms and conditions of this award are governed by Belgian law, and any disputes arising in connection with them shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Belgian (French-speaking) courts.

10. Privacy policy and data protection notice

The following section explains the policy regarding the personal information collected for the purposes of the “Leonardo 4 Children” awards organised by the “Carano 4 Children” foundation.

Any personal data covered by this initiative will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation).

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Overview

The initiative “Leonardo 4 Children” and related awards are managed by the online website www.carano4children.org and www.leonardo4children.com (“websites”) respecting the privacy and the data protection of people involved. The intention is to provide a secure and safe environment for all users, with particular attention to children. The following statement outlines the policies by which the data provided by users, and how users of the website may exercise their rights, is collected, managed, and used.

The use of the websites and participation in the awards indicates you have read these policies and agree to abide by them.

The data protection notice stemming from this privacy policy is made available via the website to the data subjects (participants to the awards).

Information collection

To serve its users in the best way possible, the initiative requires users to submit the following information as a part of the application for the awards:

- Applicant’s data (adults): name, surname, email address, country and school or organization (if applicable), bank account (for winners to refund expenses for the Talent Development programme).
- Participant’s data (6-12 years old children, 13-18 years old teenagers): name, surname, age range, city.
- Participant’s data (music composers aged until 30): name, surname, age range, certificate of diploma or attendance to conservatory or music schools, city.
- Legal representatives of the minors: name, surname, email (for award winners only).

The applicant submitting the works agrees to act as Data Processor with respect to the “Leonardo 4 Children” awards.

The website is controlled by the “Carano 4 Children” non-profit foundation, established in Brussels, Belgium, which acts as the Data Controller for any personal data collected via the platform. Contact information for “Carano 4 Children” foundation can be found below.

Use of collected information

Personal information provided by the applicants or collected during usage of the platform will only be used to implement the awards including:

- publishing the names of the participants on website and media;
- for winners, providing the Awards including Talent Development programme and Special Awards and publishing the works and name/surname on a multimedia product which will be used for no-profit purposes of the initiative;
- to provide information on the non-profit initiative “Leonardo 4 Children” via newsletters and emails, with the option for the receivers to ask removal from the distribution list.

Access to the data provided by the applicants is strictly limited to the “Carano 4 Children” foundation.

The transfer of specific data to other third parties can be permitted under the specific authorisation of the “Carano 4 Children” foundation acting as the Data Controller; such authorisation will only be granted by the Data Controller to third parties with a legitimate interest in the award such as for benefiting of the awards or for publication purposes. Personal data will only be transferred in accordance with applicable regulations.

The “Carano 4 Children” foundation will not divulge any personal data for direct marketing purposes to third parties.

The “Carano 4 Children” foundation will have access to the account information and can modify and/or delete information as needed to maintain the integrity of the user database or to ensure the proper operation of the platform.

Length of data storage

Personal data provided by the users of the website or collected during their usage of the platform will not be stored by the “Carano 4 Children” foundation in a form allowing the identification of the users for longer than **five** years after the date of the close of entries for awards, except for data related to the winners which will be made public.

Site security

The platform has implemented and continues to maintain appropriate technical and management measures to keep your personal information secure and safe from loss, damage, corruption, or deletion.

Data subject's rights

The applicants are entitled to the following data subject's rights: right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to data portability, right to object, in line with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 art. 15-21.

Please note that you have the right to contact the foundation at any time and ask to correct any personal data or ask for it to be deleted.

Changes within this privacy policy

Any and all changes to this privacy policy will be posted on the website www.carano4children.org, and will take effect upon their publication. If you have any questions or concerns about this privacy policy, at any time, please contact: info@carano4children.org.

Contacts

For any questions related to the platform, including your rights to access, correct and delete your personal information under applicable data protection law, you can contact:

Carano 4 Children

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1040 – Brussels, Belgium

info@carano4children.org

www.carano4children.org

If you feel that the Carano 4 Children foundation has not dealt correctly with any personal data or wish to make an official complaint, please contact the Belgian Data Protection

Authorities: Belgian Data Protection Authority, Rue de la Presse, 35, 1000 Bruxelles, Tel. +32 (0)2 274 48 00, +32 (0)2 274 48 35, contact@apd-gba.be.