



PUCCINI International Chamber Opera Composition Competition
2026 - Lucca, Italy

"L'ispirazione è un risveglio,
una fuga da tutte le facoltà umane,
e si manifesta in tutte le grandi conquiste artistiche"

"Inspiration is an awakening,
a quickening of all man's faculties,
and it is manifested in all high artistic achievements"

Giacomo Puccini

Artistic Director
Girolamo Deraco

The winning opera will be played at the:
PUCCINI Chamber Opera Festival 2026, Lucca - Italy
Camino de la Ópera Lírica 2026, Asunción - Paraguay
Cilea Opera Festival 2026, Palmi - Italy

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ORGANIZED BY

PUCCINI International Opera Composition Academy Lucca



Cluster – Compositori interpreti del presente



WITH THE PATRONAGE OF

Comune di Lucca



IN COLLABORATION WITH

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Teatro del Giglio Giacomo Puccini



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Congreso dela Nación



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WITH THE SUPPORT OF

Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Lucca



Fondazione Banca del Monte di Lucca



JURY MEMBERS

Girolamo Deraco (Composer, Teacher, Stage Director, President and Founder of the PUCCINI International Opera Composition Academy Lucca)

Alessandro J. Bianchi (Actor, Stage Director, Executive Director and Founder of the PUCCINI International Opera Composition Academy Lucca)

Diego Sánchez Haase (Principal Director of the Orquesta Sinfónica del Congreso Nacional del Paraguay, Composer)

Gabriele Micheli (Librettist, Conductor, Pianist, and Teacher)

Francesco D'Agostino (Composer, Winner of the PUCCINI ICOCC 2026)

ANNOUNCEMENT

PUCCINI International Opera Composition Academy Lucca, for the 100th anniversary of Giacomo Puccini's Turandot, is pleased to announce the **PUCCINI International Chamber Opera Composition Competition 2026**.

The **PUCCINI ICOCC 2026** is in collaboration with:

- **CLUSTER - Compositori Interpreti del Presente, Lucca**
- **Fondazione Giacomo Puccini**
- **Teatro del Giglio Giacomo Puccini di Lucca**
- **Cilea Opera Festival**
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PROJECT

We are seeking composers to submit an intermezzo/chamber opera of any aesthetic direction.

The intermezzo/chamber opera as to be written using a music fragment of the lyric opera Turandot (by Giacomo Puccini) chosen by the composer (the fragment used must be explicitly mentioned in the scheme project by the applicants). The libretto is free.

The intermezzo/chamber opera should be written for any combination of 1 singer, 1 actor, and 1-3 performers.

Instrumentation must be chosen from the list below (other instrumentation will not be considered):

- Tenor
- Actor
- Violin
- Cello
- Piano

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSIONS

- Applicants may be of any nationality, age, gender, religion and race
- Send a project includes: concept, synopsis, libretto, and score
- Only one composition may be submitted per composer
- Maximum length is 10 minutes
- Submission deadline is September 1st, 2026 (23:59 Italian time)
- The libretto is to be written in Italian, Spanish, English (or all languages mentioned)
- The winner will be announced by email and on **www.puccini-iocal.it**, and on our social media (Facebook, Instagram), on September 15th, 2026. Composers must be able to supply parts immediately upon selection
- Submission Fee € 30 - IBAN: IT21N0503413709000000004130 (write in the body message "Submission Fee for the PUCCINI International Chamber Opera Composition Competition 2026")
- By submitting to this competition the composer is in agreement with all these rules
- Previous winners cannot participate

HOW TO APPLY

Email to **info@puccini-iocal.it** the following material:

- PDF of the project (includes: concept, synopsis, libretto)
- PDF score (which should clearly show the composer's name)
- PDF short biography (English or Italian, one page maximum) with contact details
- PDF of Fee Payment Receipt

PRIZE INCLUDES

- Cash prize € 500,00 offered by the **Fondazione Giacomo Puccini**
- The winning opera will be published by EMA Vinci (publisher's choice)
- The performances of the winning composer will be in October 2026 at the:
 - **PUCCINI Chamber Opera Festival 2026** in collaboration with **Teatro del Giglio Giacomo Puccini - Lucca**
 - **Caminos de la Ópera Lírica 2026** - Asuncion, Paraguay
 - **Cilea Opera Festival 2026** - Palmi, Italy
- "Special Mention Certificate" will be given to the finalist works