2026/2027 NATIONAL CONCERTO COMPETITION - PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Tuesday 8th December 2026:

Time (approx.)	Contestant	Concerto	Accompanist
MORNING/AFTERNOON SESSION			
11.30 a.m.	Evelyn Zhang *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 17 in G major, K. 453 – **W. A. Mozart**	Stephen De Pledge
11.50 a.m.	Kaylee Cai *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1, Op. 45 - **Einojuhani Rautavaara**	Sarah Watkins
12.10 p.m.	Jerry Wang *(Auckland)*	Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini, Op. 43 – **Sergei Rachmaninoff**	Stephen De Pledge
12.30 p.m.	Emma (Zi Xuan) Zhou *(Ch-Ch)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in C major, Op.15 – **Ludwig van Beethoven**	Sarah Watkins
12.50 p.m.	Dylan Tang *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in E flat major – **Franz Liszt**	Stephen De Pledge
1.10 p.m.	Etienne Desiles *(Wellington)*	Piano Concerto in G major – **Maurice Ravel**	Kathryn Mosley
LUNCH	**at 1.30 p.m. for 40 minutes**		

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AFTERNOON SESSION continued			
2.10 p.m.	Daria Bocevska *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 2 in E major, Op. 59 - **Moritz Moszkowski**	Sarah Watkins
2.30 p.m.	Louis De Biasio *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in F-sharp minor, Op. 1 - **Sergei Rachmaninoff**	Stephen De Pledge
2.50 p.m.	Lisa Murata Gutierrez *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto in G major – **Maurice Ravel**	Sarah Watkins
3.10 p.m.	Steven Song *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25 – **Felix Mendelssohn**	Stephen De Pledge
3.30 p.m.	Caleb Waines *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37 –**Ludwig van Beethoven**	Mijin Jeon
3.50 p.m.	Yang Yi (Daisy) Deng *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11 - **Frédéric Chopin**	Sarah Watkins
4.10 p.m.	Ethan Waines *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in E flat major – **Franz Liszt**	Mijin Jeon
BREAK	**at 4.30pm for 20 minutes**		

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AFTERNOON SESSION continued			
4.50 p.m.	Esha Xu *(Tauranga)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in C major, Op. 15 – **Ludwig van Beethoven**	Chin Yeh
5.10 p.m.	Ethan Rawhiti *(Wellington)*	Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini, Op. 43 **– Sergei Rachmaninoff**	Weiran Chen
5.30 p.m.	Ryan Yeh *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor - **Frédéric Chopin**	Chin Yeh
5.50 p.m.	Michael Khor *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 16 – **Edvard Grieg**	Yiyi Ku
DINNER	**at 6.15 p.m. for 1 ½ hours**		

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EVENING SESSION			
7.45 p.m.	Lana Ritchie *(Wellington)*	Piano Concerto No. 3 in C major, Op. 26 – **Sergei Prokofiev**	Alexander Agate
8.05 p.m.	Ryan Shen *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25 – **Felix Mendelssohn**	Rachel Fuller
8.25 p.m.	Abby Fleming *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18 – **Sergei Rachmaninoff**	Tim Emerson
8.45 p.m.	David Li *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor, Op. 23 - **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**	Jianheng Wang
9.05 p.m.	Danny Wang *(Invercargill)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, BWV 1052 - **J.S. Bach**	Alison Holden
9.25 p.m.	Jonathan Xu *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Op. 15 - **Ludwig van Beethoven**	Rachel Fuller
9.45 p.m.	Carl Mu *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto in F-sharp minor, Op. 20 - **Alexander Scriabin**	James Wang
EVENING ENDS	**at 10.05 p.m.**		

Wednesday 9th December 2026:

Time (approx.)	Contestant	Concerto	Accompanist
MORNING/AFTERNOON SESSION			
8.30 a.m.	Daniel Wang *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37 - **Ludwig van Beethoven**	Stephen De Pledge
8.50 a.m.	Tal Shiri *(Wellington)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11 - **Frédéric Chopin**	Kathryn Mosley
9.10 a.m.	Hana Tani *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto in G major – **Maurice Ravel**	Stephen De Pledge
9.30 a.m.	Natsune Yuge *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25 – **Felix Mendelssohn**	Sarah Watkins
9.50 a.m.	Kate Xu *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22 - **Camille Saint-Saëns**	Stephen De Pledge
10.10 a.m.	Nate Sergi *(New Plymouth)*	Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18 – **Sergei Rachmaninoff**	Sarah Watkins
10.30 a.m.	Matthew Seinafo *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major, Op. 58 - **Ludwig van Beethoven**	Stephen De Pledge
MORNING TEA	**At 10.50 a.m. for 30 minutes**		
11.20 a.m.	Ivan Li *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 3 in C major, Op. 26 – **Sergei Prokofiev**	Sarah Watkins
11.40 a.m.	Jonathan Qiao *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto No. 2 in B flat major, Op. 19 - **Ludwig van Beethoven**	Stephen De Pledge
12.00 p.m.	Anya Fang *(Christchurch)*	Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini, Op. 43 - **Sergei Rachmaninoff**	Feng-Shen Kang
12.20 p.m.	Hao Tian Peter Hu *(Auckland)*	Piano Concerto in G major – **Maurice Ravel**	Sarah Watkins
BREAK	**At 12.40 p.m. for 10 minutes**		
12.50 p.m.	Dylan Guo *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto No. 3 in D major, Op. 50 - **Dmitry Kabalevsky**	Feng-Shen Kang
1.10 p.m.	Ethan Tsui *(Wellington)*	Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major, K. 467 – **W.A. Mozart**	Stephen De Pledge
1.30 p.m.	Cassiel Cao *(Christchurch)*	Piano Concerto No. 2 in F major, Op. 102 - **Dmitri Shostakovich**	Feng-Shen Kang
1.50 p.m.	Ozan Biner-McGrath *(Dunedin)*	Piano Concerto No. 1 in F-sharp minor, Op. 1 (1919 revised version) – **Sergei Rachmaninoff**	Tom McGrath
LUNCH	**At 2.10 p.m. for 40 minutes**		

Finalist's announcement in the Concert Hall at 3.00 p.m.

Piano tuning 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Final begins at 7.00 p.m.