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VERBIER FESTIVAL ACADEMY & ORCHESTRAS 2025

SUMMARY OF APPLICANTS AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

24 March 2025

ALL ACADEMY & ORCHESTRA TRAINING PROGRAMMES

APPLICANTS

Total 2,085 applications representing 2,158 musicians
Second-highest number of applications on record

NATIONALITY OF APPLICANTS

77 countries represented

Top 10 countries represented

USA	426
FRA	159
KOR	148
CHN	142
RUS	119
ITA	116
ESP	105
DEU	84
CHE	76
CAN	68

STUDENTS INVITED

Total	218
Accepted from Juried Selection	139
of which 2 responses to invitations pending	
of which 4 are alumni of an Academy or Orchestra Programme	
Re-invited to an Orchestra programme	76

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GENDER IDENTIFICATION OF INVITED STUDENTS

Male	125
Female	88
Non-Binary	1
Unknown	2

AGE

Youngest	14
Oldest	33
Average	22

NATIONALITIES

44 countries represented

AUT	2	EST	1	MYS	1
BEL	3	FRA	20	NLD	2
BGR	1	GBR	11	NOR	3
BRA	1	GEO	1	POL	6
CAN	4	GRC	1	PSE	4
CHE	12	HKG	1	PRT	3
CHL	1	HUN	3	ROU	1
CHN	7	IRL	1	RUS	9
COL	2	ISR	6	SRB	1
CRI	1	ITA	8	SVN	1
CUB	1	JPN	6	SWE	1
CZE	2	KOR	17	TWN	4
DEU	6	LVA	1	UKR	2
DZA	1	MEX	1	USA	35
ESP	17	MLT	1	Unknown	2

Top 10 countries represented

USA	35	GBR	11
FRA	20	RUS	9
KOR	17	ITA	8
ESP	17	CHN	7
CHE	12	ISR and POL	6

SCHOOLS

Top 10 schools represented

1. The Juilliard School	16
2. Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris	10
3. Royal College of Music London	10
4. Haute École de Musique de Genève	9
5. Zürcher Hochschule der Künste	6
6. Conservatoire de Lausanne	5
7. Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Paris (CRR)	5
8. Universität der Künste Berlin	5
9. Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien	4
10. Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler Berlin	4

ACADEMY

SOLOISTS & ENSEMBLES

APPLICANTS

Soloists ages 16 to 26	374
Junior Soloists ages 13 to 15	47
Ensembles avg age < 30	30 representing 104 musicians
Total	451 applications representing 525 musicians

STUDENTS INVITED

Total (all new to programme)	32
of which 3 are Junior Soloists are aged 13 to 15	
of which 2 are Verbier Festival Junior Orchestra alumni	

MUSICIANS PER PROGRAMME

Piano	7
Violin	8
Viola	6
Cello	7
String Quartet (1)	4

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Male	20
Female	12

AGE

Youngest	14
Oldest	29
Average	21.8

NATIONALITIES

17 countries represented

CHN	1	KOR	5
CZE	2	MYS	1
DEU	1	POL	1
ESP	1	PRT	1
FRA	4	PSE	4
GBR	2	RUS	1
HUN	1	SWE	1
ISR	2	USA	3
JPN	1		

SCHOOLS

Top 5 schools represented

1. Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Paris	4
2. The Juilliard School	3
3. Universität der Künste Berlin	2
4. Royal College of Music London	2
5. Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris	2

ATELIER LYRIQUE

APPLICANTS

Total 208

5% increase over 2024 applications; record number

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Male 7
Female 9

AGE

Youngest 22
Oldest 33
Average 27

NATIONALITIES

9 countries represented

DZA 1
GBR 6
GEO 1
IRL 1
KOR 1

LVA 1
NOR 1
RUS 3
UKR 1

SCHOOLS

Only school with more than one student accepted to the programme

Royal College of Music, London 7

CREATIVE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT RESIDENCY

APPLICANTS

Total 8

STUDENTS INVITED

Total 2

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Female 2

AGE

Average 28

NATIONALITIES

AUT 1
GBR 1

SCHOOLS

Royal College of Music, London 1

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Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien 1

AUDIO RECORDING

APPLICANTS

Total 6

STUDENTS INVITED

Total 4

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Male 3

Female 1

AGE

Youngest 24

Oldest 29

Average 25

NATIONALITIES

CHN 1

POL 2

USA 1

SCHOOLS

Frederic Chopin University of Music 2

McGill University 1

Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University 1

ORCHESTRAS

VERBIER FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA (VFO)

APPLICANTS

Total 1,157

ages 18 to 28 may apply

10% increase over applications submitted in 2024

STUDENTS INVITED

Total 99

New to Programme 42

Including acceptance to 1 invitation pending

Re-invited 57

Students are eligible to take part in VFO up to 3 times

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

AGE

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Male	62	Youngest	18
Female	34	Oldest	29
Non-Binary	1	Average	24
Unknown	2		

NATIONALITIES

26 countries represented

BEL	3	ITA	6
BRA	1	JPN	3
CAN	3	KOR	10
CHE	2	MEX	1
CHL	1	NLD	2
CHN	3	POL	2
COL	2	PRT	2
DEU	4	RUS	4
ESP	5	SRB	1
FRA	11	SVN	1
GRC	1	TWN	2
HUN	2	UKR	1
ISR	2	USA	22
		Unknown	1

Top 5 countries represented

USA	22	2 Swiss musicians will take part in the VFO,
FRA	11	one from Vaud and one from Valais
KOR	10	
ITA	6	
ESP	5	

SCHOOLS

Top 5 schools represented

1. The Juilliard School	13
2. Haute École de Musique de Genève	8
3. Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris	7
4. Zürcher Hochschule der Künste	4
5. Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler Berlin / Conservatorium van Amsterdam	3

VERBIER FESTIVAL JUNIOR ORCHESTRA (VFJO)

APPLICANTS

Total 176

ages 15 to 18 may apply

5% increase over applications submitted in 2024

17% increase over 2020

76% increase over 2022

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STUDENTS INVITED

Total	58
New to Programme	39
Including acceptance to 1 invitation pending	
Re-invited	19
Students are eligible to take part in VFJO up to 3 times	

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Male	31
Female	27

AGE

Youngest	15
Oldest	18
Average	17

NATIONALITIES

22 countries represented

AUT	1	ISR	1
BGR	1	ITA	2
CAN	1	JPN	2
CHE	10	KOR	1
CHN	2	MLT	1
CUB	1	NOR	2
DEU	1	POL	1
ESP	11	ROU	1
FRA	5	RUS	1
GBR	2	TWN	2
HKG	1	USA	8

Top 4 countries represented

ESP	11
CHE*	10
USA	8
FRA	5

* of which 9 are from Swiss Romandie; cantons of Geneva, Juras, Neuchâtel, Vaud and Valais

SCHOOLS

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Haute École de Musique de Lausanne	5
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CONDUCTING

APPLICANTS

Total	79
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STUDENTS INVITED

Total	4
New to Programme	3
Re-invited after juried process	21

Conducting Fellows are eligible to take part in the programme twice

AGE

Youngest	27
Oldest	30
Average	28

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Male	2
Female	2

NATIONALITIES

Countries represented

CRI	1
EST	1
ISR	1
USA	1

SCHOOLS

Schools represented

The Buchmann-Mehta School of Music, Tel Aviv University	1
The Juilliard School	1
Sibelius Academy	1
Zürcher Hochschule der Künste	1