

## Alexandre Kantorow awarded the 2026 Abbiati Prize, Soloist Category



French pianist **Alexandre Kantorow** has been awarded the *Premio della critica musicale “Franco Abbiati” 2026*, one of Italy’s most prestigious music prizes, presented by the *Associazione Nazionale dei Critici Musicali (ANCM)*.

The jury for the 45th edition of the award met on March 10, 2026, at the headquarters of the *Amici del Loggione* in Milan. It was composed of the ANCM board members, including president Andrea Estero, Alessandro Cammarano, Carlo Fiore, Gianluigi Mattiotti, Carla Moreni, Roberta Pedrotti, and Alessandro Rigolli and seven critics elected by ANCM members.

They selected the laureates from productions, concerts, and initiatives presented throughout Italian theaters and concert halls during 2025, also considering nominations from other members. This edition is dedicated to the memory of **Angelo Foletto**, a legendary figure in Italian music criticism who presided over the Association for nearly thirty years.

Kantorow receives the award in the **soloist category** in recognition of his exceptional performances with leading orchestras and acclaimed recital series across Europe.