

# “The Criminalization of Russian Music”: The Exclusion of Russian Violinists from the International Competition of Gorizia

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*Ukraine war and following the example of other competitions in various disciplines”.*

Lidia Kocharian, interviewed by Berenice Galli, recounts this experience, confirming that it is not an isolated case but is part of a real anti-Russian campaign. M° Stefano Burbi, composer and conductor, after expressing his solidarity with Lidia and her colleagues, explains the extreme gravity decision to exclude from the international competition the three violinists because they are Russian. At the end of the program, Lidia Kocharian dedicates one of her pieces to the Byoblu audience.

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