



International Music Festival – Contest

“The Sound of the Time”

Maj 8-10, 2015

The event is organized with the support of Daniel Panov, mayor of Veliko Tarnovo

ASSOCIATION „ELITA” VELIKO TARNOVO, BULGARIA

VELIKO TARNOVO MUNICIPALITY

Time and location

May, 8-10 2015 Veliko Tarnovo

Music and Drama Theater "Constantine Kisimov"

FESTIVAL REGULATIONS:

Competitors' age groups

Competitors are divided into four age groups:

- Group up to 8
- Group 2 – 9 - 12 year old
- Group 3 – 13 - 15 year old
- Group 4 – 16 – 18 year old
- Group 5 - over 19

Attention! *The groups are set according to the predominant number of competitors. Each competitor is divided according to his age at the time of the event.*

The festival's competition part consists of two categories:

- A vocal part
- An instrumental part

I. Vocal part (pop, rock and jazz)

Individual singers, duets, trios, quartets and other formations will have to perform twice. The time of their two performances must be no more than 10 minutes! Live music or a recording are required.

Lip sync is not allowed!

- Singers must perform one song in English and one song in their native language.
- (Optional) – There will be a competition for an original musical piece dedicated to the city of Veliko Turnovo – it could be either a song or an instrumental.

II. Instrumental part (piano, strings, guitar, accordion)

The competitors will perform twice. Song choice is optional. The duration of each age group's performances go as:

- Group 1 – up to 5 minutes
- Group 2 – up to 7 minutes
- Group 3 – up to 9 minutes
- Group 4 – up to 11 minutes
- Group 5 – up to 13 minutes

The event organizers will not provide musical instruments other than the piano. Each competitor must bring their own instruments. If any of the instruments requires an accompanist, please inform the event organizers in advance.

Third category, in which the competitors will have the chance to participate in the festival part

III. Vocal and instrumental

It includes rock, pop, gospel, soul, electronic, hip-hop, Christian rock music. All participants must send a demo of their song. The performance must last no more than 30 minutes. Participants should bring their own instruments.

Technical requirements

1. All backing tracks must be recorded on a CD or a CD-R.
2. Each track must be recorded on a separate CD or CD-R with the performer's names and the name, author and duration of the track.

General requirements

1. A filled in application must be sent via e-mail by the 30. 03. 2015
e-mail address :elita_art@abv.bg
2. All formations' instructors are responsible for any accident that may occur concerning their participants during the festival.
3. Taxes and hotel rooms must be submitted by 30.03. 2015
4. Participants are responsible for their own additional costs and expenses during their participation in the festival.

Attention!

Hotel rooms can be booked until 30.03.2015

An invoice will be issued only when a payment document is presented.

Participants will be registered no later than 30 minutes before their performance. A payment document is required.

Participation fee:

Participation tax must be fully paid by Mart 30, 2015

For individual performers – 30 euro

For groups and other formations – 15 euro per person

*If an individual competitor competes in two different categories, he or she must pay **30 euro** for their first performance and **15 euro** for the second. If a person performs both in a formation and as an individual performer, he or she must pay **40 euro**.*

Evaluation criteria

- Repertoire
- Musical talent
- Artistic abilities
- Original costumes and make-up

Awards

- A Grand-Prix award in vocal and instrumental categories
- First, second and third place awards in all categories and group ages.
- An award for most memorable stage presence

- An award for the audience's favourite
- An award for the youngest performers.
- Other awards, given by the sponsors of the event

The jury has the right to not give away each and every award!

Bank account:

Central Cooperative Bank

Branch Veliko Turnovo

(CECBBGSF) IBAN: BG22 CECB 9790 10E0 7312 00

Client number: E07312

Currency: euro

Excursion and sight seeing. "Elita" studio will be organizing a special tour of some of the most famous and most important cultural and historical landmarks of the city of Veliko Tarnovo especially for you, the festival's guests, *for free!* The tour will take part in two days, day second and day third of the festival respectively. It will begin early in the morning and will finish in the early afternoon, giving the participants enough time to rest and prepare for their performances. All of you who would like to join in are very welcome to do so at the day of the festival, during registration, and then you'll be given the complete tour program.

We will be expecting you!!!

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