

MUNICIPALITY OF KYUSTENDIL
BRATSTVO 1869 COMMUNITY CENTRE
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30 INTERNATIONAL
CLASSICAL
GUITAR
COMPETITION

 *KYUSTENDIL 2027*

Anniversary Edition

8 - 10 April 2027 г.
Kyustendil, Bulgaria

REGULATIONS

The International Classical Guitar Competition is organized annually under the patronage of the Mayor of Kyustendil Municipality - Eng. Ognyan Atanasov. Artistic Director of the Competition is Ivan Andonov.

The Competition is included in the Programme for the Protection of Children with Outstanding Talents of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The 30th edition of the Competition will be held **from 8 to 10 April 2027**.

The Competition is open to all guitarists from Bulgaria and abroad who have submitted the official application form within the specified deadline and competing as participants in the following age groups:

First group – up to four grade (up to 11 years old)

Second group – fifth - seventh grade (from 11 to 14 years of age)

Third group – eighth - twelfth grade (from 14 to 18 years old)

Fourth group – over 18 years old

Fifth group – „Free Stage of the Soloist” - without age restrictions

Sixth group – „Guitar +” - without age restrictions

Seventh group – „Chamber Music” - without age restrictions

Eighth group – „Guitar Ensembles and Orchestras” - without age restrictions

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition for all age groups is held in one round.

First group - Free programme - up to 8 minutes

Second group - Free programme - variety of styles which could include pieces from different music-historical epochs – up to 10 minutes.

Third group - Free programme - variety of styles which could include pieces from different music-historical epochs – up to 17 minutes.

Fourth group - Free programme - variety of styles which could include pieces from different music-historical epochs – up to 22 minutes.

Fifth group “Free stage of the soloist” - All the guitarists, without age restrictions, who would like to participate and have prepared free programme up to 15 minutes may take part in this group.

Sixth group “Guitar+” - All the solo performers and vocal-instrumental groups, (the guitar is an obligatory instrument), who would like to participate and have prepared programme without genre restriction up to 15 minutes may take part in this group.

Seventh group “Chamber music” - All the guitar duos, trios, quartets , quintets and others who would like to participate and have prepared a free programme up to 15 minutes, may take part in this group.

Eighth group “Guitar ensembles and orchestras” - All the guitar ensembles and orchestras, who would like to participate and have prepared a free programme up to 20 minutes, may take part in this group.

PRIZES

Cash and in-kind prizes with a total value of EUR 6,000.

First group – The following cash prizes will be awarded:

1st Prize – EUR 50, 2nd Prize – EUR 45, 3rd Prize – EUR 40

Second group – One-time targeted financial support for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize winners.

Third group - One-year scholarship for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize winners.

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh group:

1st Prize – EUR 100, 2nd Prize – EUR 90, 3rd Prize – EUR 80

Eighth group:

1st Prize – EUR 100, 2nd Prize – EUR 90, 3rd Prize – EUR 80

In addition to the cash prizes, additional awards will be presented in each category, provided by the sponsors and supporters of the Competition.

Bulgarian Individual performers who are awarded First, Second or Third Prize in Second group will be entitled to apply for one-time financial support to participate in a master class or course, subject to the conditions and procedures set out in the Regulation on the Implementation of Protection Measures for Children with Outstanding Talents. Bulgarian Participants awarded First, Second or Third Prize in Third group will be entitled to apply for a one-year scholarship, subject to the conditions and procedures set out in the Regulation on the Implementation of Protection Measures for Children with Outstanding Talents. Therefore, in this category, only one First Prize, one Second Prize and one Third Prize will be awarded, with no duplication of prizes.

The following awards will be presented at the competition:

- **Special Award: "Lyuben Haralambiev" Statuette**

- **Special Award in memory of Valentin Valchev.**

The highest prize is the Competition “Grand-Prix” - National Award "PETKO GENKOV" - €500, object awards and a painting by a famous painter from Kyustendil. It will be awarded to the guitarist who gives the best performance at the Competition.

At the jury's discretion, three special awards will be presented in each category.

The winners of the first prizes from the previous edition of the Competition in 2026 may not take part in the same groups.

The order of participation for the contestants will be decided by drawing lots before the competition of the relevant group.

Prospective participants must submit a completed [online entry form](#) via the competition website or send a scanned copy of the form provided below to the email address: guitarfest06@abv.bg.

Registration deadline: March 26, 2027.

NO ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION!

The organizers of the competition are committed to assisting all participants, their teachers and companions with accommodation and meals at preferential prices.

During the Competition a number of lectures, concerts and recitals will be held. All events are free entrance.

Master classes with prominent guitar teachers from Bulgaria and abroad are held after a required participation and a fee paid at the beginning of the competition.

Master classes with prominent guitar teachers from Bulgaria and abroad will be held following confirmation of participation.

Only the Bratstvo 1869 Community Centre Kyustendil has the exclusive right to negotiate for recording, shooting or broadcasting of the Competition by Television and Recording companies under the Copyright Act.

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Kyustendil, 8-10 April 2027

Application Form

Participant /full name or group name/:

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Date of birth:..... **Class at school**

Educational institution:

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Name of the guitar teacher:

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Address:.....

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Telephone number:..... **E-mail:**

Group in which you would like to participate:

Programme:

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For all the chamber ensembles and orchestras a list of the full names of the participants should be applied.

I declare that I agree with the terms of the competition.

Date

Signature