

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION OF YOUNG TALENTS – PANČEVO, 2026

from March, 6th to 22nd

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The International music competition of young talents is organised by Music school “Jovan Bandur” in Pančevo, from March 6th to 22nd 2026 for the following categories:
 - March, 6th 12th Competition for Accordion (A)
 - March, 7th 5th Competition “Maksa Popov” for tambura (T), mandolin (M) and tamburitza orchestras (TO)
 - March, 8th 4th Competition for Guitar (G)
 - March, 14th 15th Competition “Mita Topalović” for chamber music (CM)
 - March, 20th – 22nd 15th Competition “Mita Topalović” for singers (S)
2. The organizer forms the Organizing Committee, propositions and competition categories, propositions for application, forms the competition jury, way of scoring and method of awarding. The Competition is for musicians 19 years old and younger from Serbia and other countries.
3. The Competition is for students of primary and secondary schools, as well as students of music and art faculties from Serbia and other countries. Members of music associations can also take part in this competition. The participant of competition “Maksa Popov” does not have to be a student of the music school.
4. The competition jury is determined by the Organizer, and consists of the president of the jury, secretary and members of the jury.

The president of the jury

- monitors whether the evaluation of each member of the jury is performed according to the evaluation rules and is obliged to intervene in case of deviations and irregularities.
- determines the list of results of competitors in a certain category with the expressed points and the won prize and place, which he confirms with his signature.
- Proposes Laureate competitions for each category A, B and C, (for male and female voices / singing competition)

Jury Secretary:

- reviews the entries of competitors and determines compliance with the Rules of the competition
- returns incomplete and incorrectly filled in applications for correction or completion;
- convenes the members of the jury and introduces them to the Rules of Procedure of the competition
- attends the sessions of the jury during the entire competition;
- on the basis of score lists, calculates the average, final grade for the competitors;
- in agreement with the president of the jury, supervises the performances of the candidates;
- announces the performances of the candidates and gives a signal for the beginning of the performance;
- collects completed score lists from jury members, upon completion of the entire category;
- informs the president of the jury and the organizing committee in case of any noticed irregularities;
- after the end of the competition category, submits to the Organizing Committee all the reports, individual and summary point lists signed by all members of the jury.

Jury members:

- evaluate participants and ensembles from 0-100
- they also fill in the signed points lists and hand them over to the secretary of the jury
- react in case of irregularities
- A member of the jury does not evaluate: his student - candidate; the candidate with whom he is related
- in such a case, instead of a member of the jury, the candidate is evaluated by the secretary of the jury;

5. Competitors are awarded prizes for the following:

- I prize - 90-100 points
- II prize - 80-89.99 points
- III prize - 70-79.99 points
- Commendation - 60-69.99 points

- In the event that the ratings of the jury members, after the discussion, differ by more than 10 points, the highest and lowest number of points are not counted when calculating the average score.
- In case that competitors have the same number of points, when determining the place, within the prize, the age will be crucial (younger competitor has the advantage).
The number of prizes is not limited.
The jury can award the LAUREAT for each category (A, B, C) to the most successful, (for singers A, B, C and male and female)
Professors and accompanists are awarded diplomas for pedagogical results and participating in the work of the jury.

6. Competitors are divided into categories

- Category A - primary school students
 - / For singers primary school students, female and male voices
 - / For tambura, mandolin – students till 15 years old
- Category B - high school students
 - / For singers - high school students, female and male voices
 - /– students till 19 years old
- Category C - students of art faculties
 - / For singers - students of art faculties female and male voices

In case the members of the chamber ensemble according to the class they attend, belong to different categories, the category is calculated according to the member of the ensemble who is in the oldest class.

7. Competition program may not contain compositions performed at a previous competition organized by the school “Jovan Bandur” Pančevo.**8. You can download the application for the competition on the school's website**

www.muzickaskolapancevo.edu.rs

Send the application electronically to e-mail: jbandur.takmicenje@gmail.com with a subject – for what competition the application is:

For Solo singers “MitaTopalovic” - Application sent after March 10th 2026 will not be accepted

For Chamber music “Mita Topalovic” - Application sent after March 1st 2026 will not be accepted

For tambura, mandolin “Maksa Popov” - Application sent after February 25th 2026 will not be accepted

For Accordion competition “Jovan Bandur” - Application sent after February 25th 2026 will not be accepted

For Guitar competition - Application sent after February 25th 2026 will not be accepted

9. Apart from the application form, the competitors must also submit:

-scanned proof of donation payment:

solists: category A–3500 din; Category B–4000 din; Category C–4500 din;

ensembles – Category A –up to 4 performers - 3500 dinars; an additional 1000 din is paid for each additional member;

Category B – 4 performers - 4500 dinars; an additional 1000 din is paid for each additional member

Category C – 4 performers - 5000 dinars; an additional 1000 din is paid for each additional member

orchestras – Category A - 5000 dinars; Category B – 6000 dinars

Purpose of payment: donation for the Competition for (specify which competition)

Recipient: revenues of institutions for secondary education

bank account: 840-31302845-09

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In case of cancellation, the donation is non-refundable.

Competitors from abroad have the option of paying a donation upon arrival at the competition.

10. The organizer has the right to record, copy and broadcast the program, and to publish on school site photos and results.

11. The foreign competitors will pay all their expenses during their stay in Pančevo.

12. The organizer disclaims all responsibility in case of injury or any accident to participants, teachers and other persons who are in the area where the competition is held, as well as in case of damage or theft of their property.