

## COMPETITION RULES

### Article 1

The Slovenian Harp Association in association with Fran Korun Koželjski Velenje Music School is pleased to announce:

**6th International Competition of The Slovenian Harp Association.** The purpose of this competition is to promote musical culture, exchange experiences and encourage musical education among young musicians from Slovenia and abroad. Students of public or private music schools, as well as students attending private courses, undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies are invited to participate in the competition.

### Article 2

The competition will be open to the public. The participants will be divided into seven categories:

**CATEGORY A-c** born in **2012 and younger**

**CATEGORY A-p** born in **2012 and younger**

**CATEGORY B** - born in **2011, 2010**

**CATEGORY C** born in **2009, 2008**

**CATEGORY D** born in **2007, 2006, 2005**

**CATEGORY E** born in **2004, 2003, 2002**

**CATEGORY F** born in **2001 - 1993**

Category A-c will be performed on a Celtic - Lever harp.

Category A-p will be performed on a pedal harp.

Category F will be held in 2 stages.

### Article 3

Advanced harpists, based on their own and their teacher's opinion, can register in higher age categories. Competitor can compete only in one category. Registration entries are final. Programme and category cannot be changed once submitted.

### Article 4

The competition will be held at Fran Korun Koželjski Velenje Music School, Slovenia, between **31st March and 2nd April 2023.**

### Article 5

The registered contestants shall perform at least two different works, one of which must be part of the compulsory programme (**the list is attached at the link**). Programme order is not defined. Obligatory piece in category F must be performed in the first stage. A copy of the scores must be attached in pdf format to the application.

### **Article 6**

The programme must be performed from memory. Each contestant must have the original score of the performed works present at all stages of the competition. The jury may request it. Without the original score, the contestant could be eliminated from the competition.

### **Article 7**

Each participant must register at least one hour prior to the start of his/her category and show his/her personal identity document.

### **Article 8**

A piano will be provided at the competition. Accompanists should be provided and paid for by participants of the competition.

### **Article 9**

The contestants shall respect the following programme time limitation:

**CATEGORY A** up to 6 minutes

**CATEGORY B** 10 minutes

**CATEGORY C** 15 minutes

**CATEGORY D** 20 minutes

**CATEGORY E** 30 minutes

**CATEGORY F** 50 minutes (in two stages, each 25 min)

Any contestant exceeding the maximum time limitation will have a penalty imposed and be deducted 1/100 point for each minute exceeded.

### **Article 10**

The jury consists of at least three (3) members who are recognized academy of music professors, musicians or established persons in the field of music. If a member of the jury has a student entered in a category the student will not be evaluated by their teacher. In this case, an alternate member will be appointed to the jury. The jury member can adjudicate other competitors in the same category.

The Slovenian Harp Association will organize a meeting with the members of the jury. The schedule will be announced at a later date.

### **Article 11**

If the number of applicants considerably exceeds the number published in invitation, The Slovenian Harp Association reserves the right to close entries before the announced closing date and/or refuse applications. In this case, the registration fees will be reimbursed.

### **Article 12**

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to invite a contestant to enter category F. The Organizing Committee also reserves the right to cancel categories with insufficient number of candidates. Under these circumstances, the participant fees will be reimbursed.

### **Article 13**

The decisions of the jury are final and indisputable. The jury can also decide not to confer particular awards.

### **Article 14**

The president of the competition is responsible for resolving all misunderstandings and complaints. The president's decision is final.

### **Article 15**

Competitors or parents of juvenile competitors agree to the public announcement of competition results. Official registration means that a participant unconditionally accepts the rules of the competition.

### **Article 16**

Contestants must achieve between 95–100 points in order to be awarded first, second or third place.

All contestants achieving 90–100 points will be awarded a **Golden plaque**. Those achieving 80 – 89.99 points will be awarded a **Silver plaque** and those with 70 – 79.99 points will be awarded a **Bronze plaque**. Any competitor achieving 50 – 69.99 points will awarded a Competition plaque.

Jury Awards:

- to contestants awarded 100 points,
- to the contestant with the best presented music composition,
- to the talented contestant from the category A

Special recognitions or special prizes may be awarded by other institutions and sponsors of the competition in agreement with the jury and the Slovenian Harpists' Association.

Performances will be recorded for the competition archives.

### **Article 17**

The deadline for applications is **12 February 2023**. The online application must be submitted according to the attached form with a photocopy of a valid identity document and proof of

**payment of the application fee.** Payment of the registration fee in the amount of **80€ for categories A, B and C** and **100€ for categories D, E and F** must be transferred to the bank account of the Slovenian Harp Association (see details below). All entries before **1 December 2022** pay a lower entry fee of **70€ for categories A, B and C** and **90€ for categories D, E and F**. **The entry fee is non-refundable.**

The application fee must be paid to the following:

**DRUŠTVO HARFISTOV SLOVENIJE**  
**Jenkova cesta 4**  
**3320 Velenje**  
**Slovenia**

**Bank Account Number:**  
**IBAN: SI56024260019202072**  
**BIC: LJBASI2X**  
**REFERENCE SI00 2023**

**PURPOSE: NAME AND SURNAME OF CONTESTANTS**

**President of competition:**

**Boris Štih, prof.**

**Presidents of Slovenian Harp Association:**

**Co-presidents of competition:**

**Naja Mohorič, prof.**

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