



Città di GIULIANOVA



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DEADLINE for registration
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ITALIA AWARD

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- 1) Associazione Promozione Arte, Club Voglia d'Arte, in collaboration with private sponsors and the municipality of Giulianova (TE, Italy) is organizing the 16th edition of the International Contest ITALIA AWARD. The event will take place at Giulianova (TE, Italy) and candidates from all over the world and with instruments of any brand will be able to take part.
- 2) Categories:

CLASSICAL ACCORDION (all types)

<i>category</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>program</i>	<i>prize</i>
Student 10	10 years (born in 2016 or later)	max 5 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 12	until 12 years old (born from 2014, 2015)	max 7 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 14	until 14 years old (born from 2012, 2013)	max 9 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 16	until 16 years old (born from 2010, 2011)	max 12 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Junior	until 18 years old (born from 2008, 2009)	max 15 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Senior	19-35 years old (born from 1991 to 2007)	max 20 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Amateur	36 years and older (born in 1990 or earlier)	max 10 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
<i>* The HIGHEST SCORE OF THE SECTION wins the ITALIA AWARD trophy, with the victory of a STUDIO ACCORDION</i>			

VIRTUOSO ACCORDION (all types)

<i>category</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>program</i>	<i>prize</i>
Student 10	10 years (born in 2016 or later)	Max. 4 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 12	until 12 years old (born from 2014, 2015)	Max. 5 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 14	until 14 years old (born from 2012, 2013)	Max. 6 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 16	until 16 years old (born from 2010, 2011)	Max. 7 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Junior	until 18 years old (born from 2008, 2009)	Max. 8 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Senior	19-35 years old (born from 1991 to 2007)	Max. 10 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Amateur	36 years and older (born in 1990 or earlier)	Max. 5 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
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ORGANETTO / DIATONIC ACCORDION

<i>category</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>program</i>	<i>prize</i>
ORGANETTO (with 2 basses or 4)			
Organetto 6	6 years (born in 2020 or later)	Max. 3 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organetto 8	until 8 years old (born from 2018, 2019)	Max. 3 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organetto 10	until 10 years old (born from 2016, 2017)	Max. 3 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organetto 12	until 12 years old (born from 2014, 2015)	Max. 4 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organetto 14	until 14 years old (born from 2012, 2013)	Max. 5 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organetto 16	until 16 years old (born from 2010, 2011)	Max. 6 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organetto Junior	until 18 years old (born from 2008, 2009)	Max. 7 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organetto Senior	19-35 years old (born from 1991 to 2007)	Max. 8 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Organet. Amateur	36 years and older (born in 1990 or earlier)	Max. 5 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
DIATONIC ACCORDION (8 basses and up)			

Diatonic Junior	until 18 years old (born in 2008 or later)	Max. 7 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Diatonic Senior	19 years and older (born in 2007 or before)	Max. 8 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
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OTHER INSTRUMENTS (all types of music and instruments)

<i>category</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>program</i>	<i>prize</i>
Student 10	10 years (born in 2016 or later)	max 5 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 12	until 12 years old (born from 2014, 2015)	max 6 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 14	until 14 years old (born from 2012, 2013)	max 7 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Student 16	until 16 years old (born from 2010, 2011)	max 8 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Junior	until 18 years old (born from 2008, 2009)	max 10 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Senior	19-35 years old (born from 1991 to 2007)	max 15 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
Amateur	36 years and older (born in 1990 or earlier)	max 5 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
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SPECIALS (all types of instruments)

<i>category</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>program</i>	<i>prize</i>
LIVE Categories			
GROUP Student	the age of candidates must not exceed 15 years (born in 2011 or later)	max. 7 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
GROUP Junior	the age of candidates must not exceed 18 years (born in 2008 or later)	max. 10 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
GROUP Senior	without age limits	max. 15 min.	Diploma+Award Cup*
ONLINE Categories			
JAZZ (Soloists & Ensemble) cat. ONLINE	SOLOISTS or GROUPS without limit of components, with at least on accordion (or bandoneon, diatonic, harmonica, etc.) playing an important role. NB: SOLOISTS can also use a backing track.	max 15 min.	ITALIA Award Digital diploma*
TANGO (Soloists & Ensemble) cat. ONLINE	SOLOISTS or GROUPS of any instrument, with no component limits.	max 15min.	ITALIA Award Digital diploma*
DIGITAL Accordion cat. ONLINE	SOLOISTS, all systems (virtual, midi-hybrid, electric)	max 10 min.	ITALIA Award Digital diploma*
RENZO RUGGIERI Award cat. ONLINE	SOLOISTS or GROUPS. The entire repertoire is available at www.vogliadarteproduction.com	1 piece written or arranged also with personal arrangements M° Renzo Ruggieri	HONOR diplomas for those selected by the juries (without registration fee)
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3) JURIES & SCORES

The jury's decision is final: it has the right to shorten the performance, to request any re-listening, to decide ex-aequo rankings and not to award prizes. The commissions may decide to assign HONORABLE MENTIONS to particularly deserving candidates.

- ✓ The rankings will be drawn up with an evaluation with votes up to 100:
 - **1st ABSOLUTE** at the highest score in the category.
 - **1st Price** with a score from 95 to 100.
 - **2nd Price** with a score from 90 to 94.
 - **3rd Price** with score from 85 to 89.

4) TROPHIES & AWARDS

All candidates will receive a DIPLOMA and a CUP, except for the ONLINE category, which receives a DIGITAL DIPLOMA. Groups can include the NAMES of each member on the DIPLOMA, who will receive an individual diploma.

GENERALS

- a) The executions may exceed the MAXIMUM TIME INDICATED of 1 minute. The commission has the right to interrupt the performance that exceed the allowed time and there are no penalties. For the CLASSICAL MUSIC sections the playing time will not be strictly considered by the commission.
- b) The VIRTUOSO accordion section means all "non-classical" music and therefore variété, popular, jazz, ethnic, modern, tango, etc.
- c) By ORGANETTO (with 2 basses or 4) and DIATONIC accordion (8 basses and up) we mean an instrument that changes note between opening and closing bellows in at least one keyboard.
- d) For the categories OTHER INSTRUMENTS is possible to play any type of music and instrument.
- e) **VIDEO FORMAT:** the entire program must be recorded in ONE uninterrupted take (no video montages allowed) but a slight digital reverberation is allowed. The registration must be RECENT, no later than one year from the date of the competition (the organization is not responsible for false declarations and if irregularities are ascertained, the candidate will be excluded). If possible, insert the video in YOUTUBE and in the "Visibility" section select "NOT IN THE LIST". The TITLE of the video must have this format: **Italia Award, Name, Section/Category/Instrument, Country** (for example: *Italia Award, Mario Rossi, cat.Jazz, Italy*) and in the description write the list of pieces: *Composer, Title, Duration of each composition*.
- f) It is possible to enroll in categories above your age or in more categories.
- g) At the discretion of the artistic direction (contact organization) for some instruments it is possible to play with an accompanying musician or with backing track.
- h) The ITALIA AWARD are INDIVISIBLE. In the event of an ex-aequo, the commission, after consultation, will decide who to assign it to, generally to the oldest candidate.
- i) Upon request it is possible to request "Diplomas of Merit" for the candidates' teachers.
- j) Names and phonographic, photographic and video material made throughout the course event will be considered the exclusive property of the Associazione Promotion Arte which has the right to disseminate it through the mass media, publication on the internet or by combining it with any sponsorships.
- k) The organization reserves the right to make changes to the regulations; also to ADD new sections/categories, ELIMINATE those that do not reach a sufficient number of subscribers or to create a specific instrumental section in the case of many subscribers with the same tool in the OTHER INSTRUMENTS section.
- l) The organization is not responsible for disputes related to the use of photocopies or handwritten copies of published compositions.
- m) The organization does not assume responsibility for any risks or damages (of any nature to people or things) during the course of the entire event.
- n) Candidates are required to provide the RECOGNITION DOCUMENT as proof of the date of birth.
- o) Pursuant to Article 10 of Italian Law 675/96 on the protection of personal data, we inform you that the data provided at the time of registration will be stored and used exclusively for the purpose of sending communications relating to the competition.

- p) A page will be prepared on the official website (www.italiaaward.it) for REGISTRATIONS to be made:
BEFORE 24:00 of 10 JUNE 2026.
- q) Registration Fee:
- **EURO 60.00** for SOLOIST (2 categories **EURO 100.00**);
 - **EURO 40,00** for ORGANETTO /DIATONIC ACCORDION (2 categories **EURO 70.00**).
 - **EURO 85.00** for GROUPS.
 - **EURO 50,00** for the ONLINE categories
 - **Renzo Ruggieri Award** category, no registration fee.

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