



## VIII EUROPEAN CELTIC CONTEST

Montelago Celtic Festival, on the occasion of its XXI edition scheduled for 2024, in collaboration with the festivals of Mutina Boica (Modena), Druidia (Cesenatico), Busto Folk (Busto Arsizio), Abruzzo Irish Festival (Notaresco) and Matese Friend (Bojano), announces the 8th EUROPEAN CELTIC MUSIC CONTEST FOR NEW ARTISTIC PROPOSALS - hereby called ECC (European Celtic Contest). The contest is divided into two stages: 1. Evaluation of material submitted online 2. Live final.



## REQUIREMENTS

Musical groups with the following requirements may participate:

- bands already formed or forming for the occasion having minimum components of 3 musicians and maximum of 8 and an identifying name.
- bands having in their repertoire original pieces inspired by Celtic music or original arrangements of traditional Celtic music: all possible forms of contamination with other traditions and different musical genres are allowed.
- bands using at least one acoustic instrument (including vocals) from the tradition or styles of Celtic music.

## REGISTRATION

- Registration is free and must be made by midnight on Sunday, May 19th, 2024. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.
- To participate, all parts of the [online registration form](#) must be completed, accompanied by a copy of the band representative's identity document.
- Send no more than two video or audio tracks, a photo and brief biography. Video tracks of live performances are recommended, followed by video clips and ultimately mp3 audio tracks. The jury will also take into account the type of material submitted in the evaluation. Submission of material should be made only by filling out the form.



## JURY AND RULES

- The jury is composed by the 6 artistic directors of the associated festivals and the manager of the Spaceship Recording Studios. They will evaluate the material received and establish a ranking that will sanction the 4 finalist bands. The final will take place at the Montelago Celtic Festival on Thursday, August 1, 2024. If any selected band is not available to participate in the final, the excluded bands will be reselected according to the voting ranking of the jurors.
- The 4 bands selected for the final will be notified by Sunday, June 9, 2024.
- The 4 bands must report to the Montelago Celtic Festival stage for sound check no later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 1st, 2024.
- The stage will have a resident backline (drums, guitar and bass amps).
- Each group will have 30 minutes for sound check and 40 minutes for live performance.
- The performance schedule will be determined by the organization according to the characteristics of the data sheet produced by each group.
- At the end of the performance, the jury will determine the winning band of the 8th European Celtic Contest.
- Participation in the final stage of the contest guarantees each of the 4 groups a €500 travel expense reimbursement, accommodation and food in a hotel for the evening of Thursday, August 1st, and access to the festival for all scheduled concerts. The winning band will also be guaranteed accommodation and catering for Friday, August 2nd.
- The jury will take the following criteria into account when evaluating the bands:
  1. Original songs of their own composition;
  2. Relevance to the styles of folk music even if reworked and contaminated with other genres;
  3. Submission of videos of live performances including studio performances.
- The jury's response is not popular and is unappealable.



## AWARDS

- The winning band will perform the following day, Friday, August 2nd, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. on the Mortimer Pub stage for a 45-minute concert and will be the official guest of the 2025 program of the Montelago Celtic Festival, Mutina Boica Festival, Druidia Festival, Matese Friend Festival, Abruzzo Irish Festival and Busto Folk Festival receiving from each organization the sum of €1,200 + accommodation and catering.
- The band will also be entitled to free editing of an episode of Diario di Bordo, Live in studio TV format with multitrack and multiplex audio/video recording and band presentation interviews with journalist (total duration 1 h) at Spaceship Recording Studios in Recanati (MC) - [YouTube channel](#)

For any other information the organization responds to the email [ecc@montelagocelticfestival.it](mailto:ecc@montelagocelticfestival.it)



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