



VII EUROPEAN CELTIC CONTEST

Montelago Celtic Festival, on the occasion of its 120th edition scheduled for 3-4-5 August 2023, in collaboration with the Druidia Festival of Cesenatico (RN), the Mutina Boica Festival of Modena, the Matese Friend Festival of Bojano (CB) and the Busto Folk (VA), announces the 7th EUROPEAN CELTIC MUSIC COMPETITION FOR NEW ARTISTIC PROPOSALS, hereafter referred to as the ECC (European Celtic Contest).

The ECC is divided into three phases: 1 – telematic selection 2 – live selection 3 - final

REQUIREMENTS

Music bands that meet the following requirements can participate:

- Existing bands or bands formed for the occasion with at least 3 and at most 8 members, and that have an identifying name.
- Have a repertoire of original tracks inspired by Celtic music or original arrangements of traditional Celtic music; any and all forms of fusion with other musical traditions and genres is permitted.
- Use at least one acoustic instrument (including voice) from the Celtic music tradition or stylistic form.

REGISTRATION

- Registration is free, with a deadline on midnight of the 24th of April 2023. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
- To participate, all parts of the **online registration form** must be completed, accompanied by a copy of the band representative's identity document.
- Send one of the following: two tracks recorded in mp3; two youtube links of video clips or live performances; a track in mp3 and a youtube link. Sending of required materials must be done through email only to ecc@montelagocelticfestival.it

JURY AND REGULATIONS

- All materials received will be evaluated by a jury of 6 experts – including the 5 artistic directors of all festivals and an expert in the folk music booking sector – who will assign rankings.
- 12 bands will be selected to proceed to phase 2, which consists of 4 live appointments. 3 bands will perform at each live appointment, which will be judged by the jury. The bands to perform at each live appointment will be determined by drawing lots.
- The live auditions will take place on the weekends between mid-June and early July, the details of which will be communicated later by email to successful candidates.
- The winning band from each of the 4 live auditions will advance to the final, which will take place at the Montelago Celtic Festival on Thursday, 3rd August, 2023.

- In the event that a band selected to participate in live stages 2 or 3 is not available to perform, it will be replaced according to the jury's ranking.
- The 12 bands selected for live auditions will be notified by Sunday, 23rd of April, 2023.
- The 12 selected bands must present themselves at the appropriate stage for the live audition sound check no later than 12:00pm on the date communicated by email.
- The stage features a standard resident backline (drums, guitar amplifier, bass amplifier).
- Each group will have 30 minutes to do a sound check and 40 minutes to perform.
- The live performance programme will be established by the organization according to the characteristics of the technical specifications submitted by each selected group.
- At the end of each live audition, the jury will select the winner to advance to the final.
- Each of the 12 bands participating in the live auditions in June will be: 1 – provided with hotel board and lodging; 2 – reimbursed for transport expenses up to a maximum of €300 upon presentation of valid financial receipts.
- The 4 finalists will subsequently be notified by email of all necessary information regarding dates, stage characteristics, and the scheduling of sound checks and live performances.
- The 4 finalists will perform at the Montelago Celtic Festival and will be evaluated by the jury, who will determine the winner of the 7th edition of the European Celtic Contest.
- Each performing finalist will receive €500 in reimbursement for expenses, hotel board & lodging for the 3rd of August, and full access to the festival for all concerts on the programme. The winning finalist will also be provided hotel board & lodging for 4th of August.
- The jury's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

PRIZES

The ECC winner will awarded the following prizes:

- A 45-minute live performance on Friday, 4th August, 2023, at 11:30am on the Mortimer Pub stage.
- Inclusion in the official programmes of the 2024 editions of Montelago Celtic Festival, Mutina Boica Festival, Druida Festival, Matese Friend Festival and Busto Folk, along with a sum of €800 plus board and lodging from each festival organization.
- a full live recording session at the Astronave Recording Studios di Recanati (MC).

For any other information, send an email to ecc@montelagocelticfestival.it

× Online registration form



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