



CONCURSO GALEGO DE COMPOSICIÓN

This competition aims at fostering and encouraging musical activity as an essential part of our cultural heritage, as well as filling the gap in the number of pieces of Galician repertoire specifically composed for Wind Band.

In this context, the Galician Wind Band Federation (FGBMP) establishes the regulations for its Galician Composition Contest, developed with the support of AGADIC - Xunta de Galicia.

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1. Organizing Committee

An Organizing Committee will be established as a governing, administering and coordinating body for all the aspects related to this contest. If needed, the assistance of technical advisers will be sought out in order to ensure an organized and proper-functioning competition.

2. Participation

1. The contest is open to composers of any nationality, without an age limit. Each competitor can take part with as many compositions as he or she wishes.
2. Compositions must be original and unpublished.
3. Compositions will enjoy total creative freedom. Every aesthetic is allowed.
4. Title, subtitle, name of the instruments and all the technical and expressive aspects that the composer deems appropriate to appear indicated in the scores, will be designated at least in Galician. The Organizing Committee will collaborate in this aspect by resolving any doubts in this regard.
5. It will be especially valued if the work promotes Galician culture. For this, the jury will evaluate allusions to artistic, cultural or traditional Galician expressions as long as they are well justified. An explanatory document must be provided for the accreditation of this aspect.
6. Entries may be submitted from May 1. Deadline is September 30, 2023.

3. Classification of works

For the classification of the different compositions, the following categories are established along with their instrumentation charts.

In the categories that include optional instruments: each composer may freely make use of them or not. However, any time any of these optional instruments performs a **solo**, another instrument must be chosen as a “substitute” in case the selected instrument is not available. In case *divisis* are used in any part of the score, the same material must be assigned to any other of the available instruments.

The table of degrees of difficulty can be consulted [here](#).

Galician Traditional Music Compositions
Duration: between 4 and 6 minutes
Difficulty: No limit

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| Piccolo (optional) Flute 1 Flute 2 Oboe Bassoon (optional) Eb Clarinet (optional) Bb Clarinet 1 Bb Clarinet 2 Bb Clarinet 3 Bass Clarinet (optional) Alto saxophone 1 Alto saxophone 2 Tenor saxophone Baritone saxophone (opt) | Trumpet 1 Trumpet 2 French Horn 1 French Horn 2 Trombone 1 Trombone 2 Trombone 3 (optional) Euphonium Tuba | Up to 5 percussionists <hr/> Optional: - Bagpipe - Galician hurdy-gurdy - Cello - Double bass (no extension or fifth string to C1) - Harp - Keyboard (piano, MIDI keyboard or PAD) - Digital audio track |
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In this category, only melodies and rhythms that respect Galician popular music aesthetics are allowed (muiñeiras, xotas, pasodobres, alborada, etc.). If an existing melody is used, it can be varied, transformed or used as each composer sees fit.

Beginner Band Compositions (flexible instrumentation)
Duration: between 4 and 8 minutes
Difficulty: up to grade 1, inclusive

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| Part 1 | - C: piccolo, flute, oboe - Eb: Eb clarinet - Bb: Bb clarinet, soprano saxophone, flugelhorn, trumpet |
| Part 2 | - Eb: alto saxophone, french horn - F: english horn, french horn - Bb: Bb clarinet, flugelhorn, trumpet |
| Part 3 | - C: trombone, euphonium 1, violoncello - Eb: alto saxophone - F: french horn - Bb: tenor saxophone |
| Part 4 | - C: bassoon, bass trombone, bombardino 2, tuba, double bass - Eb: baritone saxophone - Bb: bass clarinet |
| Percussion | Up to 4 interpreters |

Low Difficulty Compositions
Duration: between 6 and 12 minutes
Difficulty: up to grade 3, inclusive

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| Piccolo (optional) Flute 1 Flute 2 Oboe Bassoon Eb Clarinet (optional) Bb Clarinet 1 Bb Clarinet 2 Bb Clarinet 3 (optional) Bass Clarinet Alto saxophone 1 Alto saxophone 2 Tenor saxophone Baritone saxophone (opt.) | Trumpet 1 Trumpet 2 French Horn 1 French Horn 2 Trombone 1 Trombone 2 Trombone 3 (optional) Euphonium Tuba | Up to 5 percussionists <hr/> Optional: - Bagpipe - Galician hurdy-gurdy - Cello - Double bass (no extension or fifth string to C1) - Harp - Keyboard (piano, MIDI keyboard or PAD) - Digital audio track |
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Medium Difficulty Compositions
Duration: between 12 and 17 minutes
Difficulty: up to grade 4, inclusive

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| Piccolo (opt. Flute 3) Flute 1 Flute 2 Óboe 1 Óboe 2 English Horn (optional) Bassoon 1 Bassoon 2 Contrabassoon (optional) Eb Clarinet (optional) Bb Clarinet 1 Bb Clarinet 2 Bb Clarinet 3 Bb Clarinet 4 (optional) Bass Clarinet Saxofón soprano (optional) Alto saxophone 1 Alto saxophone 2 Tenor saxophone 1 Tenor saxophone 2 (opt.) Baritone saxophone | Trumpet 1 Trumpet 2 Trumpet 3 Trumpet 4 (optional) French Horn 1 French Horn 2 French Horn 3 French Horn 4 (optional) Trombone 1 Trombone 2 Trombone 3 Bass trombone (optional) Euphonium 1 Euphonium 2 (optional) Tuba 1 Tuba 2 (optional) | Up to 6 percussionists <hr/> Optional: - Bagpipe - Galician hurdy-gurdy - Cello - Double bass (no extension or fifth string to C1) - Harp - Keyboard (piano, MIDI keyboard or PAD) - Digital audio track |
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High Difficulty Compositions
Duration: no limit
Difficulty: No limit

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| Piccolo Flute 1 Flute 2 Flute 3 (opt. Alto Flute, Piccolo 2) Oboe 1 Oboe 2 English Horn (optional) Bassoon 1 Bassoon 2 Contrabassoon (optional) Eb Clarinet Bb Clarinet 1 Bb Clarinet 2 Bb Clarinet 3 Bb Clarinet 4 Bass Clarinet 1 Bass Clarinet 2 (optional) Soprano saxophone (opt.) Alto saxophone 1 Alto saxophone 2 Tenor saxophone 1 Tenor saxophone 2 Baritone saxophone | Flugelhorn 1 (optional) Flugelhorn 2 (optional) Trumpet 1 Trumpet 2 Trumpet 3 Trumpet 4 (opc. Piccolo) French Horn 1 French Horn 2 French Horn 3 French Horn 4 Trombone 1 Trombone 2 Trombone 3 Bass trombone (optional) Euphonium 1 Euphonium 2 Tuba 1 Tuba 2 | Up to 8 percussionists <hr/> Optional: - Bagpipe - Galician hurdy-gurdy - Cello - Double bass (no extension or fifth string to C1) - Harp - Keyboard (piano, MIDI keyboard or PAD) - Digital audio track |
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4. Jury

1. The jury will be formed by a maximum of three personalities from the field of music of recognized prestige and a secretary, with a voice and without a vote.
2. The ruling will be made public on October 29, 2023.
3. The jury's decision will be final and unappealable, and one or more awards may be declared void if, in their opinion, the quality of the works does not reach a sufficient level to be worthy of an award or due to non-compliance with the rules.

5. Entries

1. The entire process will be carried out telematically through this [form](#)¹.
2. In addition to the composer's information, the following documentation will be requested:
 - a. A digital file copy (PDF format), generated using a music notation program.
 - b. A computer generated audio.
 - c. A short summary explaining the composition process of the work (maximum one document equivalent to 1 A4 sheet).
 - d. Optionally, the parts of all instruments can be included.
3. The delivered scores may not have inscriptions, signs or texts that may suggest the name of the composer. However, the general score must be delivered without cover, acknowledgments and other non-musical information.
4. The presentation and finish of the delivered scores will be taken into account. The typography used must be perfectly legible and the indications of phrasing, dynamics and articulation will be placed clearly.
5. In the event that, after the presentation of the work, and before the jury's verdict, the work is the winner in another competition, the participant must immediately notify the Organization.
6. Composers who do not comply with the above, as well as those who violate anonymity, will be immediately excluded.

6. Prizes

1. According to the criteria of the jury, the following prizes will be awarded:
 - a. **Traditional:** a sum amounting to 750 euros, plus a diploma attesting to the award and the digital publication of the work.
 - b. **Beginners:** a sum amounting to 1000 euros, plus a diploma attesting to the award and the digital publication of the work.
 - c. **Low Difficulty:** a sum amounting to 1500 euros, plus a diploma attesting to the award and the digital publication of the work.
 - d. **Medium Difficulty:** a sum amounting to 2000 euros, plus a diploma attesting to the award and the digital publication of the work.
 - e. **High Difficulty:** a sum amounting to 2500 euros, plus a diploma attesting to the award and the digital publication of the work.
2. The jury may recognize compositions with honorable mentions. If the composer accepts the award, he will receive a diploma attesting to the award and his work will be digitally published.

¹ Form: <https://forms.gle/o7L6nmzXKzYVYVAu9>

7. Premiere and rights

1. Awarded works may have the possibility of being chosen as compulsory works on the Galician Band Competition and may be premiered in concerts by the Galician Symphonic Band and other bands of recognized prestige.
2. Composers will be provided with 20 days (from notification date) to submit both the general score and its parts, in PDF and **Sibelius** or **Finale** format, as well as any other related text (notes, composer's CV, etc.).
3. Awarded authors must commit to include the following description in any public broadcast or program notes for that work: «Awarded in the 16th Galician Composition Contest».
4. Works will be published under a Creative Commons license. Awarded composers will own every legal intellectual property right in compliance with all applicable laws.
5. Awarded composers will transfer their right to public communication to the FGBMP, so that the Federation may distribute it among its members.
6. Awarded works must be handed in following the criteria of edition, layout and formatting established by these regulations. The Organising Committee may choose not to publish one work if it does not comply with these rules.

8. Acceptance of these regulations

1. Participating in this contest means full acceptance of these regulations.
2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to modify the regulations or adopt decisions about those aspects not mentioned in them, because of force majeure or public-interest reasons.
3. Decisions made by the Organizing Committee in the implementation of the regulations and every other issue not foreseen by them will be final and irrevocable at any rate.
4. The official version of these regulations, for legal purposes, is the Galician version. Translations into other languages are also provided, but any possible disagreement will be solved based on the Galiciana text.
5. Doubts and questions may be submitted to **composicion@bandas.gal**.

Last revision of the rules: May 1, 2023