OFFICIAL REGULATION

The Organizer of the Sibiu Jazz Competition is Creative Concept Association.
The Competition was founded in 1979 as a part of Sibiu Jazz Festival, but now it is a stand-alone event.
The aim of the Competition is to promote jazz, new improvised music projects and young musicians.
The Competition will take place 4-6 December at Museum of Contemporary Art, no. 6, Tribunei Street, Sibiu, Romania. All the concerts will be open to the public and live broadcasted on our official website and also on YouTube and social media platforms. On the 6th December we organize a workshop for Participants only.
Travel costs are supported by the participants. All the other costs are supported by the Organiser: accommodation, half board meals, local logistics and all technical requirements according to the rider.

I. APPLYING FOR THE COMPETITION

The Sibiu Jazz Competition is open to all young musicians, regardless of nationality, born after December 4th, 1993, who are younger than 33 or at the age of 33 years old. The line-up of the bands must have a majority of musicians who respect the specified age limit.

All materials related to the participation in the Sibiu Jazz Competition will be sent until Sunday, 22 November 2026. Failure to meet this deadline will entail the elimination of the candidate.
The Organizer of the Competition reserves the right to extend the term of sending an Application.

The results of the selection will be published on Monday, 23 November 2026.

If no reply is received within the deadline or in case of resignation, the Organizer reserves the right to choose the candidates from the reserve list. The participants are obliged to provide a valid reason of resignation (e. g. doctor`s certificate) after 27.11.2026.

By submitting the application, the musicians accept the present regulation and declare their readiness to participate in the competition at any time specified by the Organizer (4-5.12.2026). The Organizer specifies the date, time and the order of the competition performance. The participant must be free from any obligations during the competition.

The winner of the main prize of former editions cannot compete.

This year, the competition may be entered by bands consisting of a maximum of 5 musicians.

Adding other members after registration for the contest is prohibited without the consent of organizers. Any change in the registration form will be communicated at least five (5) days in advance. Changes after this date will not be accepted.

Applications are filled online on the website*: jazzfeel.it, along with a recording presenting the instrumental skills of the participant band in mp3 format (maximum duration: 5 minutes, maximum file size: 10 MB), information about the band in a Word file (composition of the band, history, achievements in the volume from 1200 to 1600 characters) and a photo of the band (in 300 dpi resolution) to the address: office@sibiujazz.eu. In the subject of the message, enter "Sibiu Jazz Competition 2026".

The Form has more parts. Once one is filled, the next one will appear on the screen. Please fill both parts so we can validate the application.

II. COMPETITION SECTIONS

The two sections of the competition are:

1. Interpretation: the musical qualities of the candidate are evaluated in general, its cohesion, its stage presence.

2. Composition: the values and the originality of each group's own compositions are evaluated. There will not be considered original compositions, the improvisations made on the basis of known themes.

All the candidates participating to this competition are submitted in the interpretation section, in case they want to participate to the composition section with a musical piece, it is necessary to specify this in the application form and on the stage, before the interpretation of the song.

The organizer reserves the right to impose the timing for each participant as follows:

- Band - maximum 30 minutes
- Solo artist - maximum 20 minutes

III. AWARDS

The Interpretation Section:

- The best band 1500 Euro
- The best instrumentalist: 500 Euro

Composition Section:

- Award for best composition: 500 Euro

Note

- The prizes can be cumulated
- The awards will be announced after the final round of the competition in the Award Gala, on Saturday, 5th December 2026
- For the “Best Instrumentalist Award”, also the vocalists are allowed to compete
- The prizes are worth a total of approximately 2500 Euro (including tax)
- The winner of the “Best Band Award” will be invited to play at Sibiu Jazz Festival 2027
- Prizes are paid only by bank transfer into the Participant`s bank account no later than 15 January 2027. Romanian participants in RON, others in EURO. The sums shown above are subject to applicable tax reductions required by Romanian Law.

IV. THE JURY

The jury is comprised of specialists appointed by the organizer.
The evaluation criteria of the jury are:

- style / interpretation
- improvisation
- technique / diction / articulation
- musicality
- impact on the audience

The jury reserves the right not to award prizes if the performance of the participants is modest or if there are less than 3 participants competing for one category. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

V. ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES

1. The organizer – Creative Concept Association

The organizer provides free accommodation and half board for participants. If they are underage, they are allowed to come with a tutor.

The organizer provides also: sound/lights equipment, qualified staff (sound engineer, lights engineer, stage technician) drum set, acoustic and/or electric piano, keyboards, double bass.

The organizer is obliged to send the final program via e-mail and also to post it online (on the official social media social media and the official website: http://jazzfeel.it/), 5 days before the contest.

The organizer will record the performances and send a copy to each participant upon request.

The organizer reserves the right to use the material (photo, audio, video etc) recorded during the Competition and the Award Gala.

2. Participants

It is compulsory for the winners to attend the Award Gala, on Saturday, 5th December 2026. The Winners will perform in the Gala.

The Participants give royalty-free license to the Organizer for: recording, rendering, marketing, processing, playing in public and publishing songs presented during the Competition and at the accompanying concerts.

NOTE!!! Transportation costs are supported by the participants.

Delay or failure in respecting the program established by the organizer will result in disqualification of the participant, who will be obliged to support all the costs related to his presence in Sibiu.

Participants will respect strictly the program required by the organizers.

During the days of Sibiu Jazz Competition, participants are not allowed to perform in other areas, except those dedicated to the Competition.

Submitting applications for participation in the Competition is tantamount to accepting the Official Regulation of the Competition and is a contract between the Organizer and the Participants.

Note: This Regulation may be amended only with the prior consent of the organizers.

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