

# Paganini GUITAR FESTIVAL

XXIII edition

International Guitar Competition

## “Homage to Niccolò Paganini”

May 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Parma - Italy

### RULES

#### Art. 1 Competition enrollment

The competition is open to musicians of all nationalities. It consists of two stages:

ELIMINATORY ROUND (live and open to public)

FINAL ROUND (live and open to public).

Registration by April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The competition will be taking place at

“Casa della Musica” - P.le San Francesco, 1 - Parma (Italy):

SEMIFINAL ROUND

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023: **Solo competition**

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023: **Solo competition**

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023: **Chamber music competition**

FINAL ROUND

May, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023: **Solo competition and Chamber music competition**

#### Art. 2 Sections and categories

Sections and categories will be arranged as following:

- **Solo competition (Guitar)** - no age limit
- **Chamber music competition (from 2 to 5 musicians)** with guitar - no age limit

Past edition winners can not enroll in the same section.



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## Art. 3 Registration fees

- Solo competition (Guitar): € 70
- Chamber music competition: € 45 for each member

Refund of fees will only be granted if the event is cancelled

## Art. 4 The Jury

The Jury consist of preeminent musicians and professors. Judgment will be final, unquestionable and not open to appeal.

## Art. 5 Programs [c]

### A – Eliminary round

- **Solo competition (Guitar) - no age limit:** free program, including one Sonata from “37 Sonatas” M.S. 84 by N. Paganini - maximum duration of the round: 15 minutes **[a]**
- **Chamber music competition with guitar:** free program, including one original piece by N. Paganini or from Classical or Romantic period - maximum duration of the round: 15 minutes. Transcriptions will be admitted, in absence of original compositions for the ensemble. **[a]**



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## C – Final round [b]

- **Final round program (Solo competition and Chamber music competition):**

Free program, including one original piece by a composer of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century - maximum duration of the round: 20 minutes. Participants are not allowed to play the same music pieces previously performed during the Eliminary round. [a]

[a] Transcriptions will be admitted only as free program.

[b] A maximum of eight participants or groups will be admitted to the Final round.

[c] The performance length will be counted from the beginning of first piece to the end of the last one, including intermissions and tuning.

## Art. 6 Certificates, diplomas and prizes

### SOLO COMPETITION (GUITAR)

#### First prize

- Certificate of first prize
- Grant worth € 2.000, in partnership with Rotary Club Parma
- An Altamira Guitar, offered by Altamira Guitars
- One carbon guitar case worth € 1.000 offered by Leona Case
- Music book selection by Ut Orpheus worth € 100 to download online on the publisher's website
- Online distributed album (.mp3 format) on the most important international music stores (iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, eMusc, Fnac, etc) offered by DotGuitar for the DotGuitar/CD/Winners label [1] [http://www.dotguitar.it/zine/cd/dotguitar\\_cd.html](http://www.dotguitar.it/zine/cd/dotguitar_cd.html)
- Music accessories by D'Addario Foundation and Aquila Corde Armoniche Srl
- Tour concert in 2023-2024 season for: [2]
  - "Paganini Guitar Festival" (Parma - Italy)
  - Associazione "Amici di Paganini" (Genova - Italy)



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## Second prize

- Certificate of second prize
- “Vincenzo Raffaele Segreto” grant worth € 500
- A concert at Casa della Musica on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 [d]
- Music book selection by Ut Orpheus worth € 100 to download online on the publisher’s website
- Music accessories by D’Addario Foundation and Aquila Corde Armoniche Srl

## Third prize

- Certificate of third prize
- Music accessories by D’Addario Foundation and Aquila Corde Armoniche Srl

## **CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION**

### First prize

- Certificate of first prize
- A concert in “Società dei concerti” 2023-2024 season; € 1.000 gross appearance fee (Parma - Italy)
- Music book selection by Ut Orpheus worth € 100 to download online on the publisher’s website
- Music accessories by D’Addario Foundation and Aquila Corde Armoniche Srl

### Second prize

- Certificate of second prize
- A concert in “Società dei concerti” 2023-2024 season; € 500 gross appearance fee (Parma - Italy)
- Music book selection by Ut Orpheus worth € 100 to download online on the publisher’s website
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## Third prize

- Certificate of third prize
- Music accessories by D'Addario Foundation and Aquila Corde Armoniche Srl

## SPECIAL PRIZES

### **“Niccolò Paganini” special prize (Solo and Chamber music competition)**

For the best execution of a Niccolò Paganini music piece: grant worth € 200, offered by “Società dei Concerti” (Parma)

**“D’Addario” special prize (Solo competition):** the Jury will select one finalist to receive a one-year “D’Addario-Artist Collaboration”



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**[1]** DotGuitar will support the complete expenses for publishing 1 (one) album on-line (transcoding, uploading tracks, covers composition, revenue management, etc.) for the winner of the Competition.

For 5 years DotGuitar will hold the rights for that recording (this period could be renewed by mutual agreement) and any profit and revenue from the sale of the digital tracks on the stores will be divided at the 50% for the winner guitarist and 50 % for DotGuitar.

The laureate (by him/herself, where he/she wants and at his/her own expenses) will record a master tape with a program of his/her choice, and send to DotGuitar the audio tracks in a digital format (it could be a regular audio CD or .wav format tracks sent via Dropbox, Wetransfer or similar cloud services).

The organizers of the Paganini Guitar Competition and DotGuitar must receive the recordings within one year from the date of the competition.

The organizers of the Paganini Guitar Competition and DotGuitar will reserve the right to judge if the quality of the recording is suitable for publication.

**[2]** Only explicitly stated gross appearance fees will be guaranteed. Otherwise, performers won't be paid for prize concerts. Only travel expenses so as accommodations fees will be refunded. Prize concerts could change due to new availability and due to extenuating circumstances.

*A certificate of attendance will be provided to all participants*

**Other prizes, grants and concerts could be added and would be published online as soon as possible**

*Prizes may not be awarded at the Jury's discretion.*

*First Prizes cannot be shared.*

The award giving ceremony will take place on **Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 starting from 3.00 p.m. at "Casa della Musica" in Parma (PR)**. Prize winners must be present at the ceremony: failing to do so will result in the loss of the prize. Winners of the first prize will be asked to give a free-of-charge performance for no more than 10 minutes at the end of the awarding ceremony.



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## Art. 7 Auditions

Prior to the Eliminary and Final round's auditions all participants will have to submit to the Jury a copy of the scores of their program and an ID card or passport.

The Artistic Direction may reserve the right to modify the timetables of the auditions, due to the evolution of the pandemic or according to the ongoing regulations during the Competition. Participants will receive timely communication around the updates.

**The Eliminary round auditions' schedule, the time and the location of the roll call will be on-line starting from April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Late-coming competitors due to extenuating circumstances may be admitted according to the final decision of the Jury before the drawing up of their category's minutes has been completed. The Jury is allowed to stop the performance in case it will exceed the time limit. Those members of the Jury who have family relationship or ongoing teaching relationships with participants must declare it and will be abstained from judging them.

## Art. 8 Enrollment

Application form is available at the following link

**[INTERNATIONAL AWARD APPLICATION FORM](#)**

Applicants must fill it in all the parts and submit it no later than **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

Along with the applications each applicant must upload or send by email to [concorso@paganinifestival.com](mailto:concorso@paganinifestival.com) the payment receipt of individual registration fees to be paid by bank transfer to "Società dei Concerti di Parma APS"

Bank name: BPER Banca

International account number: IT 81 V 05387 12702 0000 0330 2963

BIC (Swift code): BPMOIT22XXX

Description: Paganini International Award enrollment fees - Group or participant full name



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