

17th VERIA INTERNATIONAL GUITAR FESTIVAL
DECEMBER 12-15, 2024

YOUTH GUITAR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Open to all participants of the 17th Veria International Guitar Festival_2024 (hereafter "Festival") registered as "Contestant".

2. There will be ONE category:

Youth Solo Guitar Competition:

two rounds with age limit from 13 to 17 years of age
(Eligibility for participation to contestants born from
January 1st, 2008 until December 31st, 2012)

The competition addresses to classical guitar students with:

- Informed musicality
- Technical refinement
- Stage presence

3. Dates & times:

(Schedule changes might occur. Participants will be informed promptly.)

Preliminary round:

with video submission until November 10, 2024

Final round:

with physical presence at the Festival's venue on
Sunday, December 15 at 09:00 h.

Awards Gala:

Sunday, December 15 at 22:00 h.

(upon completion of the evening guitar recital)

4. Final round contestants should declare their presence at the competition's Secretary office at least half hour ahead, unless circumstances outside the contestants' responsibility occur.

5. Repertoire and Prizes:
(Praises will be considered)

Preliminary round:

Free choice program consisting of two works or full movements from larger works
Total video duration: not to exceed 8 minutes.

Final round:

Free choice program consisting of at least two works or full movements from larger works
Total on stage duration: not to exceed 12 minutes

1st Prize

-1000€

*-A short recital at the 2025 edition of
Veria International Guitar Festival (VIGF) in Veria, Greece,
covering a two days stay for the winner and one companion.*

All conditions of the recital to be specified by VIGF.

Recital kindly sponsored by VIGF.

-Free admission for all VIGF 2025 activities with a limit of up to two master classes.

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2nd Prize

300€

-Free admission for all VIGF 2025 activities with a limit of up to two master classes.

All conditions to be specified by VIGF.

3rd Prize

200€

-Free admission for all VIGF 2025 activities with a limit of up to two master classes.

All conditions to be specified by VIGF.

6. Deadline for application: Sunday, November 10, 2024.

The Application Form must be submitted via e-mail at the address

info@veriaguitarfestival.gr along with:

- a) the Preliminary round video YouTube link, b) an official proof of date of birth -eg. ID, passport or birth certificate and c) proof of bank deposit of the participation fee. Details can be found on page 5. It is highly recommended that submission is not made last minute in order to avoid complications that often occur for technical reasons.

No changes are allowed after the deadline.

In case of resignation the registration fee will not be refunded.

7. Each applicant should submit the Preliminary round performance video by means of a YouTube link, featuring two works. The works of both the Preliminary and the Final round may be complete works or movements from larger works such as a suite or a sonata. The part of the video performance that exceeds the 8 minutes duration limit will not be evaluated at no penalty for the contestant. Each video must be a single take using one stationary camera with the camera facing the contestant straight on. The front of the guitar and the contestant's face and hands must be clearly visible in the video frame at all times. Each video must have the last page of the present document, with the wording "**Veria International Guitar Festival_ Youth Guitar Competition 2024**", clearly visible throughout the video - e.g this page could be placed on a music stand next to the contestant or taped to a wall above the contestant's shoulder. The page can be displayed either as a black and white printout or through a laptop's screen. The sound quality and level must be at least equivalent to that of a video shooting with a modern smartphone. The use of a separate microphone is encouraged. Contestants must not perform in front of a window in these videos. No editing or electronic sound enhancement such as reverb is permitted; A contestant's video which contains an audio or video edit or electronic sound enhancement will result in the immediate disqualification of that contestant. There can be no speaking or background noise on these videos. The title box of the YouTube video should include the wording **VIGF 2024-Youth Guitar Competition**, along with the contestant's full name. The video's YouTube link must be set either to Public or Unlisted. The link must be included in the main text box of the application e-mail.

8. The Preliminary round results will be uploaded at the Festival's website (www.veriaguitarfestival.gr) on **Monday, November 18, 2024**. Up to twelve (12) contestants will proceed to the Final round, to be realised with physical presence of the finalists at the Festival's premises. Presentation will be in alphabetical order. The contestants may choose the order of presentation of the works. The use of scores on both the video and stage is allowed. Works performed in the Preliminary round may be repeated in the Final round.

9. Any part of a contestant's performance which exceeds the specified time limit will not be evaluated by the judges at no penalty to the contestant. The Jury has the right to stop the contestant's performance after the specified performing duration.

10. Travel and accommodation expenses are both the responsibility of the contestant.

11. All rounds are public.

12. The Jury will consist of professors, soloists and personalities from the world of music.

13. No Jury member should judge his own student.

- 14.** The Jury may declare undecided or split prizes.
- 15.** The Jury's decision is final and irrevocable. The Jury has the exclusive jurisdiction to resolve matters that may occur regarding the competition.
- 16.** Final results will be announced at the Awards Gala. The winning participants are required to collect their prizes personally at the place and time where the Awards Gala is celebrated. Failure to do so will result in prize invalidation. Participation Diplomas can only be collected during the Festival. No Diploma will be posted.
- 17.** Collection of prizes in cash requires that personal bank account details and tax or ID number of the winner (in case of minors the undersigned at the Application Form legal representative) are provided. Relative transactions will be made the latest six weeks after the festival.
- 18.** Travel and/or accommodation expenses related to concerts awards is the responsibility of the winner, unless stated as part of the Prize.
- 19.** Applicants waive all rights for broadcasting and recording of their performances. The Festival has the right to create and use this material for the purpose of promoting its activities.
- 20.** Contestants hold harmless the Jury, Artistic Director and KEPA of the city of Veria from any damages, claims, liabilities, costs or losses of any kind or nature whatsoever, which may in any way arise from the rehearsals, performance and recording.
- 21.** Issues regarding all competitions not presently regulated fall under the exclusive, final and irrevocable jurisdiction of the Festival.
- 22.** Only the greek version of the regulations is binding.
- 23.** Participation in the 17th Veria International Guitar Festival implies full acceptance of its regulations and rules.

GENERAL REGISTRATION RULES

To register in the 17th Veria International Guitar Festival (hereafter Festival) please download the Registration Form(s) corresponding to your choices and send it filled and signed along with a proof of full payment (e.g. copy of bank deposit) and official proof of date of birth if applicable, at:

email: info@veriaguitarfestival.gr

Deposits should be made at:

PIRAEUS BANK

Bank account number: 6596-115218-435

IBAN: GR14 0171 5960 0065 96115218 435

BIC-SWIFT: PIRBGRAA

Account's holder name: KEPA DIMOU VERIAS

Account's holder address: Pavlou Mela & Bizaniou, 59100, Veroia, Greece

Bank deposit proof should include your name and deposit ground with the marking "VIGF17" (e.g. John Johnson - VIGF17)

For minor participants, signature and ID number of the person who holds legal guardianship is required in the Registration Form.

KEPA of the Municipality of Veria contributes to the ongoing learning process and offers to all guitar teachers the possibility to attend the festival as passive participants free of charge. Registration Form along with a proof of employment as a guitar teacher at a music school or other institution is required.

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Any dispute or controversy arising from the competition will be settled by the Greek Courts.

Registration fees

Each fee corresponds solely to the activity specified in the "Registration fees" box underneath.

Any fee paid allows free entrance as passive participant (attendance of all master classes, concerts, lectures and exhibitions of the Festival). In case of cancellation or no show, the registration fee will not be refunded.

Gratis	▶ Teacher participating as "passive"
20 €	▶ Passive participant
40 €/per lesson	▶ Active participant in the master classes
80 €/per lesson	▶ Total fee for both active participants in the guitar duo master classes
50 €	▶ Contestant in the Solo Guitar Competition (no age limit)
100 €	▶ Total fee for both contestants in the Guitar Duo Competition
50 €	▶ Contestant in the Youth Guitar Competition (13-17 years of age)

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