



Russian Alborada
Fourth International Youth Festival and Competition
of Russian Classical Music,
Barcelona
23-26 May 2019



Conditions of entry

I. Founder

The Russian Catalan Cultural Association 'Sodruzhestvo' (Barcelona), with the support of the Russian Embassy of Spain, the Federal Agency of Collaboration between Independent States, fellow countrymen living overseas and the international community of the humanities 'Rosstrudnichestvo', the Union of Russian organisations in Spain, and the Mayor of Barcelona.

II. Aims and Mission

Popularisation of Russian classical music and the works of Russian composers among international youth and Russian speaking young people living overseas. To give gifted children and young people in the Russian speaking community overseas the opportunity to showcase and develop their creative talents and strengthen their sense of national cultural identity.

III. Age and country requirements for participants

Soloists and musical groups of any nationality can take part, as long as they are living in countries other than the Russian Federation. Equally, Russian nationals can take part if they are currently living outside the Russian Federation.

For the competition, participants should not be older than 21 years old on 31st December 2018. Participants who are entering the singing competition should not be older than 25 on the same date.

Teachers can play as part of a group or orchestra, and can also accompany their students.

Groups and soloists can take part in the festival irrespective of their age or nationality, as long as they play the music of Russian composers.

IV. Competition and festival conditions

1) Prize categories:

- Solo singer
- Singing group
- Choral group
- Solo instrumental performance
(Violin, viola, piano, wind instruments)
- Instrumental group
- Chamber orchestra

2) There will be 3 age groups:

Young musician: up to 12 years old

Junior musician: up to 16 years old

Senior musician: up to 21 years old (singing competition – up to 25 years old)

V. Competition format

There will be two rounds. The first selective round will be held on 24th May 2019.

The second round, held on 25th May 2019, will result in 5 to 6 participants being selected in each category. Both of these rounds will be held at the Russian Music Academy at Carrer de Provença 102, Barcelona 08029.

The venue of the Gala concert will be announced nearer to the time.

Timetable:

23rd May: overseas participants arrive and rehearse.

24th May: Ceremonial opening and first round of the competition.

25th May: Second round of the competition.

26th May: Gala Concert for competition winners and 'Russian Alborada' festival participants (those who do not fulfil the age, country and Russian music conditions for entry into the competition); prize-giving ceremony for competition winners and festival participants.

Competition participants should prepare two diverse pieces of music:

The first should be selected by the participants themselves;

The second should be composed by a Russian composer of the 19th or 20th century.

Each piece should last no more than 5 minutes for the Young Musician category, 7 minutes for the Junior Musician category and 10 minutes for the Senior Musician category.

All music should be played by heart.

Winners will play one piece of music in the Gala concert, as selected by the members of the jury.

Participants in the festival will play one piece by a Russian composer of any era, and it should be no more than 5 minutes in length. Choral and orchestral music should be no more than 7 minutes in length.

VI. Prizes

All participants will receive diplomas. Winners in each musical category and age category will receive Diplomas level I, II and III, as well as memorial cups.

Winners in each category will receive the opportunity to attend master classes at the Russian Academy of Music in Barcelona and take part in concerts, organised by the Russian Catalan Cultural Association Sodruzhestvo and their partners in other cities in Spain and Russia and other countries.

There will also be an award for the musician most appreciated by the audience.

All festival participants will receive a diploma for taking part in the festival. As part of the festival there will be creative meet-ups, master classes and excursions around the city.

VII. Jury

Led by the Chairman, the jury will consist of the organisational committee of the festival: well known Russian musicians, music teachers, creative group leaders and cultural and artistic figures.

VIII. Evaluation criteria

Competition performances of participants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Technical mastery (according to the nomination), artistry, complexity of repertoire, presentation of artistic image and so on.

IX. Organisational questions

Participants should register for the festival and competition by midnight on 1st May 2019.

Participants must have their visas confirmed by 1st April 2019.

Any enquiries about participation, accommodation and excursions should be sent to info@sodruzhestvo.es with Russian Alborada in the subject.

Applications should also include:

- Photocopy of passport or identity card. Groups should send a general list.
- Photo (size 3x4) of soloists, or a group photo for groups.
- Proof of payment of registration fee to the Sodruzhestvo bank account.
- Photocopy of medical insurance.

The registration fee for the competition is:

- 40 euros for Senior Musicians
- 35 euros for Junior Musicians
- 30 euros for Young Musicians
- 20 euros for each participant of a musical group (but no more than 500 euros per group).

Participants automatically receive a ticket to the Gala concert as part of their participation.

All participants in the Russian Alborada festival and audience members pay for their tickets to the Gala concert and the festival. Ticket cost is 8 euros.

The registration fee for the competition and ticket fee to the Gala concert should be paid to the Sodruzhestvo Association's bank account: ES62 2100 3335 7222 0018 5428

Overseas participants who require accommodation and visas (by 1st April) should pay, in addition to the registration fee, an additional fee that will cover:

- Accommodation and half board (if requested);
- Transfers (airport-hotel, hotel-airport)
- Excursions (if requested).

Transport and other costs for the competition participants and their accompanying adults should be covered by the participants or whoever is responsible for them.

Excursions will be at an additional cost (for groups of more than 20 people).

The following excursions are proposed:

- Guided tour of Barcelona, the Park of Montjuic and the Singing Fountains.
- Sagrada Familia and Gaudi Park.
- Palau de la Musica, The Liceu Opera and the Musical Museum.
- Figueres (140km) and the Dali Museum.
- Portaventura (100km)

Accommodation and half board (upon request)

In order to calculate your fee, you should write to our email address, after which the organisational committee will calculate all costs and let you know options for payment.

Group managers will take full responsibility for the security of group members during the festival and competition events, excursions and entertainment.

The festival and competition organisers do not take responsibility for any injury experienced by participants during the festival and competition.

Health insurance is obligatory for all those taking part in the festival and competition.

The organisational committee has the right to disqualify participants, groups and group managers for breaking any competition or Russian Alborada festival rules, or for behaving in an unethical way towards the organisational committee, the jury members or other participants.

Organisational committee email:

info@sodruzhestvo.es

The subject for any communication should be 'Russian Alborada'

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