



General rules and conditions for the 2018 edition of the Béarn des Gaves International Guitar Contest

Article 1 – Introduction

The Béarn des Gaves International Guitar Contest is organised by les Musicales de Lahontan, and will take place from Friday 6th of July 2018 to Sunday 8th of July 2018.

Article 2 – Age limit

Guitarists may participate in the contest whatever their nationality, and provided they are less than 32 years of age.

Article 3 – Prizes

1^{er} Prize: 1000 € and an invitation to the Nordhorn International Guitar Festival (Germany). The invitation is worth 250€, including transport, accommodation, meals and performance fees.

2^{ème} prize: 500€

3^{ème} Prize: a voucher at the FNAC for a value of

Article 4 – Registration fees

Registration fees amount to 120 euros and are not refundable.

Article 5 – Dates of the contest and organisation

The contest will last three days:

1st round, Friday 6th of July: freestyle lasting from 10 to 12 minutes

2nd round, Saturday 7th of July: freestyle lasting from 12 to 20 minutes

3rd round (Final), Sunday 8th of July: 25-minute freestyle programme

A maximum of 4 minutes may be played again between each round. The same piece can only be played once.



Article 6 – Registration

To register, applicants must:

1. Pay 120 euros (non-refundable), to be paid on our website (by Money transfer or PayPal). Applicants who pay the registration fees commit themselves to abiding by the rules and conditions set in this document.
2. The deadline for registration is 1st of July 2018.

Article 7 – Jury

Chairman: Gérard Abiton, Teacher at the Paris Music Academy.

The jury includes artists who perform at the festival.

Members of the jury vote to grant marks (Total /100): performance quality (/20) – technical skills (/20) - style (/20) – stage presence (/20) - relevance of the programme (/20).

In the event of a draw, the jury ponders and casts a vote.

The jury's decisions are deemed firm, irrevocable and final.

Article 8 : Performances

Music pieces must be learnt by heart and performed without score or external help.

Article 9 – Results

The Chairman of the Jury confidentially informs Mr Jean Masmontet, Chairman of les Musicales de Lahontan, of the results.

The results are announced every night during the interlude at each concert. The contestants must come on the stage upon hearing their name.

Article 10 – Participation

Participation in the Béarn des Gaves International Guitar Contest implies full and unconditional acceptance of the rules and conditions as set in this document.

Article 11 – Litigation

In case of dispute or disagreement, the French version of these rules and conditions will prevail over translations into other languages, and the courts of justice of Bayonne will have full jurisdiction on the matter arising from such dispute.