

Rules and regulations for the "L'Assoluta Virginia Zeani" classical singing competition, part of the Virginia Zeani Festival

The "L'Assoluta Virginia Zeani" classical singing competition will take place in Târgu-Mureș, Romania between the 19th and 23rd of June, 2018.

Application Forms can be requested by email at: virginiazeanifestival@yahoo.com

Contestants between 18 and 35 years old are accepted.

The application deadline for competition is the 20th of May (including) 2018.

The applicants will send the following documents to the email address given: virginiazeanifestival@yahoo.com

- Curriculum Vitae
- One profile photo
- The application form with 5 arias completed.
- Proof of payment of the competition entrance fee.
- Audio or video recordings of 2 opera arias. (The recordings shall be less than one year old)

The entrance fee is **50 EUR** or **200 RON** and can be paid until the 21st of May 2018 in the following bank accounts:

RON account: RO27 BRDE 270S V054 4834 2700

EUR account: RO68 BRDE 270S V065 2616 2700

opened at **BRD Bank Romania**.

The competition has 3 rounds.

The First and Preliminary Round:

The applicants will send the audio or video recording of 2 opera arias of their own choice from those 5 they have registered with.

The arias have to be sung without the music score, in the original language and also in the original key.

The recordings will be sent at virginiazeanifestival@yahoo.com not later than 20th of May 2018 (audio/video/link youtube)

The Second and Preliminary Round:

live performance during the competition in Târgu-Mureş and jury deliberation on 22nd of June 2018.

The participants will sing 2 opera arias.

One of the aria will be chosen by the Jury and it will be communicated prior the competition.

Third Round and the **Award Ceremony** on 23rd of June, 2018

Final round of the competition which will be also the gala concert of the "L'Assoluta Virginia Zeani Singing Competition"

The participants will sing 1 opera aria accompanied by orchestra.

The jury reserves the right to choose the aria.

Prior the second round, on 19th and 20th of June for admitted contestants, the organizers will give a free masterclass with E. Univ. Prof, Prof H.C. Horia Brănişteanu, which will be held at Virginia Zeani Memorial House from Solovăstru.

The organizers will support the accommodation for all the accepted participants during the competition and masterclass.

The organizers will confirm the acceptance in the competition at least **14 days** before the start of the second round.

The decisions of the jury are final and undisputable.

The order of entrance in the second round will be determined by draw which will take place at the opening of the competition.

The organizers will provide rehearsal rooms with pianos during the competition.

Each contestant will receive official accompanist.

Participants can bring their own pianist but they will have to pay for the accommodation and other implied costs for them.

For the second round contestants will receive the invitation via e-mail. They will have to confirm their availability for the second round of the competition in **one week** after receiving the invitation.

The participants will attend rehearsals and they waive all copyrights of the audio-video material that will be recorded during the competition in favor of the organizers of set event.

PRIZES:

- **First Prize: 2.000 EUR**
- **Second Prize: 1.500 EUR**
- **Third Prize: 1.000 EUR**

Each prize will come with the Virginia Zeani Festival's trophy in Bronze, Silver and Gold plated edition.

There will also be awarded additional special prizes by the organizers and other institutions which may include roles in opera performances.

Organizers:

**Asociația Together On Top, Consiliul Local and
Primăria Solovăstru, Consiliul Județean Mureș,
Consiliul Local and Primăria Târgu-Mureș.**