

Competition For Zboroň's Note

23rd international competition of young bagpipers

Oravská Polhora, 16 September 2023



Competition propositions

Promulgator and guarantee: Oravská Polhora Municipality

Co-organizers: Oravské kultúrne stredisko in Dolný Kubín, The Guild of Slovak Bagpipers

Event date: Saturday 16 September 2023 at 17:00

Place of event: Oravská Polhora

Competition's Mission:

The mission of the competition is:

- support and promote bagpipe playing, especially among the younger generation, and to help the intergenerational transfer of traditional cultural values
- to confront the musical interpretation of young instrumentalists with each other, as well as with the opinions of the expert jury
- to confront different bagpipe playing styles and current approaches to bagpipe playing
- to discover new musical talents and to stimulate the interest of the youngest bagpipers in preserving and developing traditional culture

Competition conditions (participation rules):

The international bagpipe soloist competition will take place as one of the programs of the 23rd International Bagpipe Festival Gajdovačka 2023, which will take place on September 15-17, 2023, in Oravská Polhora (Slovakia).

The following contestants can participate in the competition:

- all instrumentalists bagpipe players of all types
- each contestant will perform one competition block lasting up to 5 minutes, in which two songs will be played - bagpipe melodies, during which it is possible and is also evaluated the accompanying singing of the bagpipe or the accompanying singer. He/her participates in the competition at his own expense.
- only folklore material from a specific region can be used in the competition blocks, which is close to the nature, temperament, peculiarities of that bagpiper and the age of the performer.

The order will be drawn or determined on the day of the competition.

Categories:

The competition for 2023 edition is announced in three categories:

- **a child under 13 years of age**
- **apprentice aged 14–18**
- **journeyman 18+ years**

As a bonus category within the **competition Competition For Zboroň's Note** is announced a competition **Gajdošská pasovačka**, in which anyone aged 18 or over can participate.

Categories:

- **Traditional form**
- **Freestyle**

**The jury:**

The members of the jury are appointed and selected by Ing. Michal Strnál the mayor of Oravská Polhora. The jury is international, has at least three members and consists of bagpipe culture experts.

Application deadline:

The binding application for the international competition of young bagpipe players must be sent no later than **July 15th, 2023**. The application form must be filled out on the website of the Oravská Polhora Municipality: <https://www.oravskapolhora.sk/gajdovacka/>.

By sending a completed and accepted application form, the contestant is entitled to reimbursement of accommodation costs and reimbursement of a proportional part of transportation costs. For competitors up to 18 years of age, expenses are reimbursed only for one accompanying person.

Applications sent after July 15th, 2023 will not be accepted. In the application form, all the required data must be filled in CONSISTENTLY.

Competition evaluation (evaluation criteria) and award:

An international jury will observe individual competitive performances. After the end of the competition, the jury will evaluate the individual performances and determine the order in the individual categories (1st, 2nd, 3rd place). They have the right to redistribute the prizes, or not to award some places.

All competitors will receive a diploma for participation and material prizes. The best performers will receive valuable material prizes. The jury has the right to also award the main prize to the competitor in second or third place.

During the assessment, emphasis is mainly placed on:

- Application of stylistic interpretation characteristics according to the region and specific type of bagpipes
- Selection of characteristic bagpipe song repertoire according to region and specific type of bagpipes
- Overall artistic impression, balance, and maturity of the performance
- Degree of mastery of the instrument and playing technique
- Use of accompanying singing
- Aesthetics of the player

Competition results:

The public announcement of the results of the competition and the awarding of prizes will take place before the Gala program on Saturday, September 16th at 20:00 in the Cultural centre in Oravská Polhora.

By applying and participating in the competition, bagpipers agree to the realization of a video or audio recordings by the organizer and to its non-commercial use for documentation purposes without the right to a fee.

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