



European Creative Contest

International Composition Competition

Euregio Klassika 2026

Special Prize “Young Creative Contest”

Foreword

The European Creative Contest, an international composition competition promoted by Euregio Klassika, aims to encourage the creation, dissemination and appreciation of music by young composers of our time. For Euregio Klassika this is a core mission, supporting the growth and development of society.

Since its founding, Euregio Klassika has worked to strengthen the ability of the cultural system to build networks — both locally and internationally — that promote creativity, awareness, active participation, and dialogue between different ideas and visions. This reflects a conception of art that is not only an expression of talent and creative ability, but is combined with the positive energy that surrounds it, with knowledge, and with exchange.

Aims and principles of the European Creative Contest

The European Creative Contest, organised by Euregio Klassika, is intended as a meeting point between artists and cultural systems. Its goal is to build connections between composers, orchestras, choirs, concert institutions active in the region, and cultural institutions at international level. The Euregio territory and the city of Trento will thus become a cultural meeting point, where those who aspire to make their work known can come together.

These premises are the foundation for:

- The cultural and social growth of the community.
- The rediscovery of artistic territories through innovative and experimental proposals.
- The active leadership of young people, who will take part in designing and carrying out cultural and artistic activities.
- The cultural and touristic profile of the city of Trento and of the whole Euregio territory.

For its 2026 edition, the European Creative Contest promoted by Euregio Klassika has chosen the theme “Union.”



Prizes and organisation of the competition

The winning pieces, at the sole and unappealable discretion of the jury, will receive a certificate of merit, a cash prize, and possible performance in public concerts by leading concert institutions and musical associations.

The jury will be composed of internationally renowned musicians together with a representative of Euregio Klassika.

The European Creative Contest of Euregio Klassika is divided into two categories:

- Choir for equal or mixed voices (with or without accompaniment)
- Chamber music (from trio to chamber orchestra)

Compositions must last no less than 4 minutes and no more than 20 minutes, and must be inspired by the theme “Union.”

To take part in the European Creative Contest organised by Euregio Klassika, composers must submit an application to segreteriaeuregioklassika@gmail.com.

Each candidate may submit one or more unpublished compositions as an attachment, in PDF format.

Candidates must also attach a YouTube link (set to “Unlisted”) with the audio of the piece(s) submitted. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on 20 October 2026.

The entry fee of €30 per composition submitted must be paid at the time of registration, by bank transfer to the current account held by Associazione Culturale Euregio Klassika, at Banca per il Trentino Alto Adige, IBAN: IT22F0830401813000013409899.

The international jury will meet in Trento on 28 and 29 October 2026, at the Sala degli Affreschi of the Biblioteca Comunale, Via Roma 55.

On the first day, the jury will first identify the finalist pieces through an independent and anonymous assessment by each juror, followed by a collegial evaluation. To ensure anonymity, the competition secretariat will assign each composition an anonymous reference code before forwarding it to the jury, and will keep candidates' personal details on file until the anonymous assessment is complete, matching them to the compositions only when drawing up the final ranking. The resulting ranking will determine the final standings, which will be communicated to those concerned by e-mail and published on Euregio Klassika's social media pages.

As part of the European Creative Contest, a Special Prize is established:

- “Young Creative Contest,” awarded by the popular jury, made up of young students and accredited members of the public.



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Rules

Art. 1 The competition is open to composers of any nationality, with no age limit. The Young Creative Contest category only is reserved for those who, as of 11:59 p.m. on 20 October 2026, have not yet turned 35 years of age.

Art. 2 Each candidate may submit one or more compositions for Choir (equal or mixed voices) or for Chamber Ensemble (from trio to chamber orchestra). Scores must be submitted in PDF format. Candidates must also submit a YouTube link (set to “Unlisted”) with the audio of the piece(s) submitted (the audio may be produced with MIDI sounds, sampled sounds, or live recordings).

Art. 3 The composition(s) must be inspired by the theme “Union.”

Art. 4 The duration of each composition may not be less than 4 minutes nor exceed 20 minutes.

Art. 5 Submitted compositions must be unpublished, on pain of exclusion from the competition.

Art. 6 Composers must submit their application, with the relevant attachments, by 11:59 p.m. on 20 October 2026, to the following e-mail address: segreteriaeuregioklassika@gmail.com.

Art. 7 Together with the files referred to in Art. 2, candidates must also submit: personal and contact details of the author (first name, last name, date and place of birth, nationality, home address, phone number, e-mail address); a short biography/CV; proof of payment of the entry fee; a declaration that the composition is unpublished; and a copy of an identity document.

Art. 8 The entry fee of €30 per composition submitted must be paid into the bank account held by Associazione Culturale Euregio Klassika at Banca per il Trentino Alto Adige, IBAN: IT22F0830401813000013409899.

Art. 9 The entry fee will not be refunded under any circumstances, except in the event that the competition itself does not take place. Candidates may enter with one or more pieces, paying an entry fee for each piece submitted.

Art. 10 The jury reserves the right not to award prizes for scores received, to grant prizes ex aequo, or to give special mentions to particularly deserving compositions. Candidates will be assessed on a scale of up to 100 points.

The total prize fund of the competition is €2,300.00, equal to €1,150.00 for each of the two categories (Choir and Chamber Music).



The first-place winner in each category, having achieved a score of no less than 98/100, will be awarded a First Prize Certificate and the sum of €700.00.

The second-place winner, having achieved a score of no less than 95/100, will be awarded a Second Prize Certificate and the sum of €300.00.

The third-place winner, having achieved a score of no less than 90/100, will be awarded a Third Prize Certificate and the sum of €150.00.

The Young Creative Contest Special Prize will consist of a Certificate of Merit awarded by the popular jury.

Art. 11 Pursuant to Articles 13 et seq. of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), candidates are informed as follows:

- The data controller is Associazione Culturale Euregio Klassika, which can be contacted at segreteriaeuregioklassika@gmail.com;
- candidates' personal data, including the data collected under Art. 7, will be processed solely for the purposes of managing this competition and any future similar procedures;
- the legal basis for processing is the performance of pre-contractual measures taken at the data subject's request, and the consent given upon entering the competition;
- data will be retained for as long as necessary to run the competition and to fulfil the related administrative and tax obligations, and in any case no longer than required by law;
- data subjects are entitled to the rights set out in Articles 15–22 GDPR (access, rectification, erasure, restriction, objection, portability), exercisable by writing to the address above, as well as the right to lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority (Garante per la protezione dei dati personali).

Art. 12 Acceptance of these rules constitutes a release authorising the performance and social-media sharing of the pieces received. Associazione Euregio Klassika reserves the right to film and record the various activities of the European Creative Contest and to use the submitted pieces, including by sharing them on social media and music streaming platforms, without owing any payment to entrants of any kind. Participation in the European Creative Contest further constitutes a release for the use of the composer's image, and for the radio, television, internet, or social-media broadcast of the submitted pieces and/or their performances, without this entailing payment of any rights or fees of any kind, for any cause or reason.

Art. 13 Entry to the competition entails acceptance of these rules. In the event of a dispute, the Italian-language version of these rules shall prevail. The competent court is that of Trento.

Trento, 18 May 2026



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The undersigned _____

Born in _____ on _____ Resident in _____

province _____ Nationality _____

Postcode _____ at _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____@_____

hereby applies to take part in the European Creative Contest International Composition Prize –
Euregio Klassika 2026 International Composition Competition

with the following piece* _____
duration _____

**Candidates may enter with one or more pieces, paying the entry fee for each piece submitted.*

DECLARES

- To have read the competition rules and to accept every article thereof;
- To enclose proof of payment of the €30 (thirty) entry fee for each piece submitted, IBAN: IT22F0830401813000013409899;
- To enclose a Curriculum Vitae and a copy of an identity card or passport;
- To give consent to the processing of personal data (Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 – Personal Data Protection Code).

Date _____ Signature _____

PRIVACY

Personal data is processed pursuant to Article 13 of European Regulation No. 679/2016 (GDPR).
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