

10th INTERNATIONAL LYRIC SINGING CONTEST

"GERMANS PLA. CIUTAT DE BALAGUER"

RULES

The Associació Cultural Grup d'Art4 from Balaguer announces the **10th International Singing Contest "Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer"**. It takes every two years.

The main aims are not only **to discover new voices and to support them as much as possible but also to make known The Pla Brothers' (Josep, Joan Baptista and Manuel) masterpieces and their celebrities as XVIII musicians**. Their family was from Balaguer.

Its organization and management are developed by **"Associació Cultural Art4 de Balaguer"**.

Contestants are offered piano accompaniment by Mr. Alan Branch. However, the ones who like can perform with their own on the final round.

RULES 2021

1. Singers in all pitches are allowed to take part in the contest. Moreover, singers from any nationality, settled here or abroad, and at any age.
2. Each applicant must send the enrolment form on the www.grupdart4.com before 4th October 2021 to balaguerdart4@yahoo.es.
3. Because of pandemic situation the current edition will be organised in two rounds: the semi-final round will be virtual and the final round will be held in the local theatre in Balaguer.
4. Each recording for the semi-final round will be sent by Wetransfer to the email address balaguerdart4@yahoo.es



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SEMIFINAL ROUND

1. Each contestant is taking part in this round by means of his/her recording sent previously.
2. Each contestant gives a 15-minute performance. This must consist of two pieces: a). **AN ARIA** opera or zarzuela ; (Target language) and b) **AN ARIA** to choose between Oratorio or Lied . (Target language).
3. All the pieces are to sing by heart. It is not compulsory to sing the oratorio by heart.
4. The list of finalists will be published on the association website on 19th October 2021: www.grupdart4.com

FINAL ROUND

1. The final round will take place on 24th October 2021 at the local theatre at 10 a.m. Nevertheless, finalists will be allowed to be at the venue from nine a.m.
2. The order to take part in the contest is by alphabetical order and will be posted on the website on 19th October 2021
3. Each contestant is to perform for 20 minutes at most. He/ She must sing two opera arias or zarzuela and another aria to choose between oratorio or Lied (Target language).
4. All the pieces are to sing by heart. It is not compulsory to sing the oratorio by heart.
5. The finalists agree to sing one of their pieces performed in the previous rounds in the Award Ceremony Concert of their Singing Contest. It will take place at the local theatre on Sunday, 24th October at 6 pm.
6. The jury is in charge of the repertoire for the Award ceremony concert. It will be agreed by the finalists.
7. The first prize winner is not allowed to enrol next edition.
8. The jury's decisions are not subject to appeal. Prizes can be void.
9. The winners agree to mention their prize in their CV.



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10. The winners of the three first prizes and prize by the public are to perform in the International Lyric Singing Contest “Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer”, to be held the following year 2022 (a paid concert).
11. The organization reserves the right to broadcast the rounds and award ceremony concert. The contestants waive all the rights.
12. The organization reserves the right to alter the order, the length or the schedule of the events and rounds because of unforeseen circumstances.

JURY

Mireia Pintó: Mezzosoprano and ESMUC teacher.

Marta Matheu: Soprano and Liceu teacher.

Pedro Pardo: Choir and orchestra conductor and composer.

Letícia Martín: Production director and artistic director assistant of Liceu Theatre.

Xavier Sumalla: Jury secretary of the semi-final round.

Montserrat Cots: Jury secretary of the final round.

All the members in the jury have a say except the secretary who is not allowed to vote.

The President of the jury will be named among the members. The jury will act according to the law of the suitable authority.

The organization is in charge of any changes related to the members of the jury in case any of them is not able to take part in the rounds of this International lyric singing contest, ‘Germans Pla , Ciutat de Balaguer’.



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AWARDS

First Prize

- €4.000 are borne by Balaguer Town Council.
- Diploma-Certificate.
- The paid participation in the Concert del Cicle de Música “Germans Pla .Ciutat de Balaguer” (2022).
- Tour in la Xarxa de Músiques de les Joventuts Musicals de Catalunya.
- Release of a Joan Magrané’s piece with the sponsorship of the Foundation Marguerida de Montferrato, in the Concert del Cicle Germans Pla , Ciutat de Balaguer.(2022)

Second Prize

- €2.000 euros are borne by Diputació de Lleida.
- Diploma – certificate.
- The paid participation in the Concert del Cicle de Música “Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer” (2022).

Third Prize

- €1.000 are borne by the association Grup d’Art 4 de Balaguer.
- Diploma-certificate.
- The paid participation in the Concert del Cicle de Música “Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer” (2022).

SPECIAL PRIZES

- a. Prize for the best Lied singer given by Foundation Victoria dels Àngels.A scholarship to take part in Master Class for the festival of Lieder “Life Victòria dels Àngels 2019”.
- b. Prize given by Amics de l’Òpera de Lleida.A paid concert in the concert hall Enric Granados in Lleida.
- c. Prize given by Orgues de Ponent and Pirineu.To take part in two paid concerts in the autumn music festival “Orgues de Ponent i del Pirineu”.
- d. Prize given by the public.The paid participation in IX Concert “Germans Pla.Ciutat de Balaguer”.2022.

***Each prize contains the legally agreed withholding and the payment is subject**



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