

11th INTERNATIONAL LYRIC SINGING CONTEST

"GERMANS PLA. CIUTAT DE BALAGUER"

RULES

The Associació Cultural Grup d'Art4 from Balaguer announces the **11th International Singing Contest "Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer"**. It is to be held the next **21st and 22nd October 2023**.

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 2023

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. This contest is to be held at the local theatre in Balaguer during the 21st and 22nd October 2023.
3. Each applicant must send the enrolment form on the www.grupdart4.com **before** 11th October 2023 to balaguerdart4@yahoo.es.
4. The current edition is organised in two rounds: Both of them will take place at the local theatre in Balaguer.
5. For further information or any questions, these three mobile phones are available: 637 900 020 (Montse Cots), 679 463 275 (Xavier Cambray) i 636 058 113 (Xavier Sumalla).

DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT: 11TH October 2023.



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SEMIFINAL ROUND

1. This round will take place at the local theatre in Balaguer. It is scheduled on Saturday 21st October 2023 at 9 a.m.
2. The order to take part in the contest is decided by means of a raffle in alphabetical order the same Saturday 21st October 2023 at 9 a.m. The initial letter to start the order will be raffled too.
3. 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).
4. All the pieces are to sing by heart. It is not compulsory to sing the oratorio by heart.
5. The list of finalists will be published at the theatre hall just after this round is over.
6. Public will be welcomed in this round.

FINAL ROUND

1. The final round will take place on 22nd October 2023 at the local theatre at 10 a.m. Nevertheless, finalists will be allowed to be at the venue from nine a.m.
2. 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).
3. All the pieces are to sing by heart. It is not compulsory to sing the oratorio by heart.
4. 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, 22nd October at 6 pm.
5. The jury is in charge of the repertoire for the Award ceremony concert. It will be agreed by the finalists.
6. The first prize winner is not allowed to enrol next edition.



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7. The jury's decisions are not subject to appeal. Prizes can be void.
8. The winners agree to mention their prize in their CV.
9. 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 2024 (a paid concert (€500)).
10. The organization reserves the right to broadcast the rounds and award ceremony concert. The contestants waive all the rights.
11. 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.

Albert Castells: A director assistant of Liceu Theatre.

Xavier Sumalla: Jury secretary.

Montserrat Cots: Pianist, music teacher and President of the Grup d'Art4 Association.

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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PRIZES

First Prize

- €4.000 is borne by Balaguer Town Council.
- Diploma-Certificate.
- The paid participation (€500) in the Concert del Cicle de Música “Germans Pla .Ciutat de Balaguer” (2024).
- Tour in la Xarxa de Músiques de les Joventuts Musicals de Catalunya.

Second Prize

- €2.000 euros are borne by Diputació de Lleida.
- Diploma – certificate.
- The paid participation (€500) in the Concert Del Cicle de Música “Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer” (2024).

Third Prize

- €1.000 are borne by the association Grup d’Art 4 de Balaguer.
- Diploma-certificate.
- The paid participation (€500) in the Concert Del Cicle de Música “Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer” (2024).

SPECIAL PRIZES

- a. Prize for the best Lied singer given by Foundation Victoria dels Àngels.A scholarship to take part in Master Class.
- 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 (€500) in the Concert Del Cicle de Música “Germans Pla. Ciutat de Balaguer” (2024).

***Each prize contains the legally agreed withholding and the payment is subject to the current taxation system.**



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