



### COMPETITION RULES FOR SOLOISTS

#### CATEGORY I

Contestants born in 2016 and younger.

Program duration: up to 5 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

#### CATEGORY II

Contestants born in 2015.

Program duration: up to 7 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

### **CATEGORY III**

Contestants born in 2014.

Program duration: up to 7 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

### **CATEGORY IV**

Contestants born in 2013.

Program duration: up to 10 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

### **CATEGORY V**

Contestants born in 2012.

Program duration: up to 10 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

### **CATEGORY VI**

Contestants born in 2011.

Program duration: up to 12 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

### **CATEGORY VII**

Contestants born in 2010 and 2009.

Program duration: up to 15 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

## **CATEGORY VIII**

Contestants born in 2008 and 2007.

Program duration: up to 20 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

## **CATEGORY IX**

Contestants born in 2006 and older.

Program duration: from 20 to 25 minutes.

Program: A composition created before 1800; At least one composition of free choice. The program must include at least one composition originally written for accordion.

**(Solo competition programs in all categories are performed from memory)**

## **COMPETITION RULES FOR VARIETE**

### **CATEGORY X**

Junior Variete - Contestants up to eighteen (18) years of age (including 18).

Program duration: up to 10 minutes.

Program: Free choice.

### **CATEGORY XI**

Senior Variete - Contestants up to thirty five (35) years of age (including 35).

Program duration: up to 15 minutes.

Program: Free choice.

## **COMPETITION RULES FOR ACCORDION ORCHESTRAS**

Orchestras cannot have fewer than nine performers.

### **CATEGORY XII**

Orchestra members born in 2011 and younger.

Program duration: up to 15 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, different styles, and characters.

### **CATEGORY XIII**

Orchestra members born in 2007 and younger.

Program duration: up to 20 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, different styles, and characters.

### **CATEGORY XIV**

Orchestra members born in 2006 and older.

Program duration: up to 25 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, different styles, and characters.