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WIND BAND CONTEST
CIUTAT DE VALÈNCIA
10-19 JULY



140TH Anniversary

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138TH INTERNATIONAL WIND BAND CONTEST PALAU DE MÚSICA

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GREETING

The Ciutat de Valencia International Wind Band Contest is experiencing a moment of great splendour following its return to the Palau de la Música, which has been its home since the reopening of this iconic auditorium's stages. This year, marking its 138th edition, the contest will once again shine with strong participation across all divisions, further consolidating its position as one of the most important and prestigious wind band music references in the world.

The City Council of Valencia has always supported the International Wind Band Contest throughout its successive stages as organiser and promoter of this event. Its enormous artistic and musical appeal, together with its long and distinguished history, make this event one of the most significant cultural milestones of the city. This commitment is now reinforced through the "València Music City" strategy, which has established music as the guiding thread of all municipal initiatives.

The love of music unites us Valencians. There is no greater social bond than music. It is, moreover, one of our most recognisable hallmarks of identity and a powerful tool for integration and fellowship. Within this socio-cultural framework, wind bands are undoubtedly a source of pride and a symbol for the Cap i Casal (the city of Valencia, historical capital of the Valencian Community) and for the entire Valencian Community.

The Valencia International Wind Band Contest is clear proof of this. In each of the performances across the different divisions, in the rehearsals beforehand, during the excitement of the public draw for the participating ensembles, in the conviviality among musicians from all over Spain and the rest of the world, and at every moment of the planned musical programme, harmony—both social and musical—is the prevailing note in the outstanding score that shapes this contest.

In Valencia, the month of July is lived with great musical passion. It is a peak moment for music. It is also marked by the great cultural effervescence that takes place in every neighbourhood of the city thanks to local festivities, where wind bands play a leading role. As Mayor of Valencia, I am firmly committed to strengthening this contest, which projects the name of Valencia internationally and promotes and stimulates musical activity as a fundamental part of our cultural heritage.

From 15 to 19 July, the Palau de la Música will resonate with each of the performances by the twenty-four wind bands that this year will take part in the contest. I wish you all the best of luck and success, and thank you for the enthusiasm you show in taking part and striving to go as far as possible.

María José Catalá Verdet
Mayor of Valencia

Events prior of the **138th** International Wind Band Contest
Ciutat de València 2026. 140th anniversary.

Plaça del Rosari. Poblats Marítims.

Friday, 10 July - 20:00 h

Performance 140: bands, cornets and electronics.
Contemporary parade, sound battle and live electronic creation.

Societat Musical Unió de Pescadors del Cabanyal

Agrupació Carrera Font de Sant Lluís

Societat Musical Poblats Marítims

Unió Musical Centre Històric de València

Agrupación Musical San José de Pignatelli

Banda de Cornetas y Tambores Mare Nostrum de Silla

Banda Virgen de los Dolores del Cabanyal

Banda de Cornetas y Tambores San Luis Bertrán de Valencia

Electronics: Miram (Miriam López), Gowna (Facundo Gauna) y Gadea (Josep Gadea - BOREA)

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Sunday, 12 July - 11:30 h

ATENEU MUSICAL I D'ENSENYAMENT BANDA PRIMITIVA DE LLÍRIA

Winner of the Honorary Division of the 137th International Wind Band Contest Ciutat de València 2025.

Conservatori Superior de Música Joaquín Rodrigo de València. Room 109.

Monday, 13 july – 10:00 to 13:00 h

Band orchestration workshop

Speaker: José Miguel Fayos Jordán

Conservatori Superior de Música Joaquín Rodrigo de València. Room 109.

Tuesday, 14 july – 11:00 to 13:00 h

Round table with the composers of the compulsory pieces

Moderated by José Miguel Fayos Jordán

Palau de la Música. Sala Rodrigo.

Tuesday, 14 july – 19:00h

Round table: El CIBM a 3 bandes (The CIBM from 3 perspectives)

Moderated by Miguel Vidagany Gil

FREE DIVISION

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Wednesday, 15 July – 17:00 h

LITHUANIAN SYMPHONIC WIND ORCHESTRA

(LITHUANIA)

Conductor: Karolis Variakojis

Warm-up piece: **Four Forces** by Žibuoklė Martinaitytė
I.- Gravity

Free-choice pieces:

Give us this day by David Maslanka

I.- Moderately Slow

II.- Very Fast

Blue Shades by Frank Ticheli

PENTAMUSA WIND ORCHESTRA (ITALY)

Conductor: Salvatore Crimaldi

Warm-up piece: **A tubo! (Marcia Sinfonica)** by Ernesto Abbate

Free-choice pieces:

Poema Sanfèrmico by José Vicent Egea Insa

Danze Macedoni by Luciano Feliciani

I.- Allegro (More Sokol Pie)

II.- Adagio (Makedonsko Devojche)

III.- Allegro (Ej more Doncho Meraklija)

IV.- Presto (Dimna Juda)

Guest band:

GHENT UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE (BELGIUM)

Conductor: Dimitri Bracke

Program:

Colorado Rockies by Rossano Galante

Tintin: Prisoners of the Sun by Dirk Brossé (arr.
Johan De Meij)

Eastbound by Oliver Waespi

DIVISION THREE

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Thursday, 16 July – 17:00 h

Compulsory piece:

ASSUR by Sara Galiana

I.- Overture

II.- The Normans

III.- Ilduara

BANDA MUSICALE “ISOLA DI PROCIDA” (ITALY)

Conductor: Francesco Trio

Warm-up piece: **Certamen Levantino** by Pascual Marquina Narro

Free-choice piece: **Danzas españolas** by Luis Serrano Alarcón

I. Petenera

II. Zortziko

III. Jota

UNIÓ MUSICAL LA NUCIA (ALICANTE)

Conductor: Ramón Lorente Yáñez

Warm-up piece: **Santjoaneries** by Ferran Campos Valdés

Free-choice piece: **Vesuvius** by Frank Ticheli

BANDA DE BULLAS (MURCIA)

Conductor: Víctor Manuel Rodrigo García

Warm-up piece: **Pepita Greus** by Pascual Pérez Choví

Free-choice piece: **Sallub** by Ferrer Ferran

AGRUPACIÓN ARTÍSTICO MUSICAL DE TAVERNES BLANQUES (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: David Tarín Díaz

Warm-up piece: **Fani Blanch** by David Rivas Domínguez

Free-choice piece: **Príncipe de los ingenios** by Martínez Gallego

ORCHESTRA FIATI MARIA SS DI CUSTONACI (ITALY)

Conductor: Alessandro Vinci

Warm-up piece: **Sivigliana** by Adolfo Di Zenzo

Free-choice piece: **Lexicon of the Gods** by Rossano Galante

I. Perseus: slayer of Medusa

II. Penthos: the spirit of grief

III. Zeus: God of sky and thunder

CENTRE ESTUDI MUSICAL D'ALMÀSSERA (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Vicent Rioja Torres

Warm-up piece: **Como las propias rosas** by Valentín Ruiz Gómez

Free-choice piece: **Terra de reis** by Pere Sanz Alcover

Guest band:

SOCIETAT MUSICAL BARRI DE MALILLA (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Borja Martínez Alegre

Program:

Benicadell by Joan Enric Canet Todolí

Evolutions for Winds by Marco Pütz

Symphonic Essay by James Barnes

Danza Colorista by Rafael Mullor Grau

Himno y Marcha Triunfal de Aida by Giuseppe Verdi (arr. Marco Somadossi)

DIVISION TWO

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Friday, 17 July - 16:30 h

Compulsory piece:

LEYENDAS DEL BOSQUE by Enrique Cárcel Villalba

I.- El despertar de las almas

II.- Criaturas fantásticas

III.- El reino oculto

BANDA DE MÚSICA LA LIRA DE CHESTE

(VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Javier Enguídanos Morató

Warm-up piece: **Isabel Catalá Fort** by Gustavo López Aceituno

Free-choice piece: **Cantus Laetus** by David Gillingham

SOCIEDAD MUSICAL DE CEHEGÍN (MURCIA)

Conductor: Rafael González García

Warm-up piece: **Carmesina** by Manuel Morales Martínez

Free-choice piece: **The Eruption** by Pimpanit Karoon-yavanich

UNIÓ MUSICAL DE PAIORTA (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Luis Miguel Moncayo Olivares

Warm-up piece: **Vicente Moneris** by Jesús Ufano Cervantes

Free-choice piece: **Pinazo** by Saül Gómez Soler

STUDENTEN HARMONIE ORKEST TWENTE
(THE NETHERLANDS)

Conductor: Ronny Buurink

Warm-up piece: **Tercio de Quites** by Rafael Talens Pelló
Free-choice piece: Pleiades by Alex Poelmann

SOCIEDAD MUSICAL SANTA CECILIA DE CHELVA
(VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Bram Sniekers

Warm-up piece: **Vicenta la Chavera** by Fran Amado Vera
Free-choice piece: **Rebroll** by Salvador Brotons i Soler

ASSOCIACIÓ BANDA SIMFÒNICA DE REUS
(TARRAGONA)

Conductor: Juan Ramon Reverté Reverté

Warm-up piece: **Tercio de Quites** by Rafael Talens Pelló
Free-choice piece: **La Rosa del Desierto** by Martínez Gallego

Guest band:

UNIÓ MUSICAL D'ALAUÀS (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Mikael Celda

Program:

MarMar by Manuel Morales Martínez
Tres Peces per a Banda by Xavier Martínez
Extreme Make-Over by Johan de Meij

DIVISION ONE

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Saturday, 18 July - 10:00 h

Compulsory piece:

ARLEQUÍN by Ernesto Aurignac

0.- Introducción

I.- Hola Don Benetó

II.- Tragedia y fantasía

III.- Hipocondría y redención

IV.- Comedia final

AGRUPACIÓN MUSICAL SAN INDALECIO (ALMERÍA)

Conductor: Manuel Antonio Horcas Cerezo

Warm-up piece: **S.I. “La Cañada”** by Francisco José Pérez Cruz

Free-choice piece: **Sinfonía nº 7 “Mediterraneum”** by Andrés Valero-Castells

I. Cuna de civilizaciones

IV. Praderas de Posidonia

SOCIEDAD MUSICAL SANTA CECILIA DE REQUENA (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Enrique Sapiña García

Warm-up piece: **Música y vinos** by Manuel Morales Martínez

Free-choice piece: **Sinfonía nº 1 “Tierra de vinos”** by Pedro Salinas Robles

I. La magia de la fermentación

II. Los albores del vino. La solana de las Pilillas

III. El cava

IV. 1845-2024 El mar de bobal

UNIÓN ARTÍSTICA MUSICAL DE MONTROI (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Jerónimo Castelló Mañes

Warm-up piece: **Josefa Ferris** by Raúl Carrión Ferris

Free-choice piece: **Homenaje a Joaquín Sorolla** by Bernardo Adam Ferrero

I. El crit del palleter

II. Pescadoras valencianas

III. Sol de la tarde

IV. Las grupas

DIVISION ONE

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Saturday, 18 July – 17:30 h

BANDA SINFÓNICA ASSOCIAÇÃO RECREATIVA E MUSICAL AMIGOS DA BRANCA (PORTUGAL)

Conductor: Paulo Martins

Warm-up piece: **Agostinho Martins, “O Carteiro”** by Teo Aparicio-Barberán

Free-choice piece: **Las hijas de Eris** by Luis Serrano Alarcón

I. Anfilogías (la disputa)

II. Pseudea (la mentira)

III. Macas (la batalla)

IV. Algea (lamento final)

SOCIETAT MUSICAL “LA PRIMITIVA” DE RAFELBUNYOL (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Ximo Tarín Micó

Warm-up piece: **A mi madre** by Roque Baños López

Free-choice piece: **Metamorfosi** by Ximo Tarín Micó

Guest band:

BANDA MUNICIPAL DE BARCELONA

Conductor: José Rafael Pascual-Vilaplana

Program:

Lux Ex Machina by Marc Timón

La sega, quadre simfònic by Joaquín Zamacois Soler (arr. Lluís Oliva, adapt. Jordi Leon)

Cançó d'amor i de guerra, zarzuela suite by Rafael Martínez Valls (arr. Joan Alfonso, rev. Eduard Betes)

HONORARY DIVISION

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Sunday, 19 July - 10:00 h

Compulsory piece:

RESSORGIR by Francisco Zacarés Fort

I.- ... amb germanor i solidaritat (Homage to the Volunteers)

II.- Lament (In memoriam) (Homage to the Victims)

III.- ... com el Fènix (Homage to all the affected)

UNIÓN MUSICAL DE TORRENT (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Frank De Vuyst

Warm-up piece: **La utielana** by Luis Serrano Alarcón

Free-choice piece: **Third Symphony "Jalupe" for wind orchestra** by Luis Serrano Alarcón

I. Desde un lugar demasiado lejano

II. Collage de las noches locas

III. La única inmortalidad que tú y yo podemos compartir

SOCIETAT MUSICAL LIRA CASTELLONERA (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Sergio Navarro Bonaviña

Warm-up piece: **Las Arenas** by Manuel Morales Martínez

Free-choice piece: **Sinfonía nº 5 "1925"** by Martínez Gallego

SOCIETAT MUSICAL L'ARTÍSTICA MANISENSE

(VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Manuel Godoy

Warm-up piece: **Música y vinos** by Manuel Morales Martínez

Free-choice piece: **Sinfonía nº 2** by Christopher Rouse
(arr. Francisco Carrascosa-Miguel)

I. Allegro

II. Adagio (In memoriam Stephen Albert)

III. Allegro

HONORARY DIVISION

Palau de la Música. Sala Iturbi

Sunday, 19 July - 17:30 h

SOCIETAT MUSICAL INSTRUCTIVA SANTA CECÍLIA DE CULLERA (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Marcel Ortega Martí

Warm-up piece: **Tercio de Quites** by Rafael Talens Pelló

Free-choice piece: **Sinfonía nº 3 “Aquae Flaviae”** by Martínez Gallego

SOCIETAT MUSICAL D'ALZIRA (VALÈNCIA)

Conductor: Teo Aparicio-Barberán

Warm-up piece: **Societat Musical d'Alzira** by José Grau Benedito

Free-choice piece: **Sinfonía nº 5-bis “A la patria”** by Gennadi Chernov (adapt. Francisco Carrascosa-Miguel)

I. Preludio: Crónica dramática

II. Scherzo-Toccata

III. Obeliscos por todas partes

IV Tema triunfal

Guest band:

BANDA SIMFÒNICA MUNICIPAL DE VALÈNCIA

Artistic director: Cristóbal Soler

Program:

Scheherazade, Op. 35 (symphonic suite) by Nicolai Rimski-Korsakov (arr. Carlo Balmelli). Solo violin: Néstor Luciano Casalino

I. The Sea and Sinbad's Ship

II. The Legend of the Kalendar Prince

III. The Young Prince and The Young Princess

IV Festival at Baghdad

Himno a Valencia, (from “La bien amada”) by José Padilla Sánchez

Himne de la Comunitat Valenciana by José Serrano

