

Udruženje za očuvanje i razvoj umjetnosti "ARTISTA"

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

4th International Children's Music Festival Sarajevo "Kids Star" 2026

The Association for the Preservation and Development of Arts "Artista" hereby announces the Rules and Regulations and invites applications for the **4th International Children's Music Festival Sarajevo "Kids Star" 2026**.

Preparatory workshops with the selected contestants will be held on **11 December 2026**, while the Festival will take place on **12 December 2026** at the **Dom mladih Skenderija**, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Workshop date: 11 December 2026

Festival date: 12 December 2026

Festival venue: Dom mladih Skenderija, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Competition Categories

• **LITTLE STARS** - Children aged 5–9, contestants who are 5 to 9 years old on the day of the Festival.
(*minimum 7, maximum 10 contestants/songs*)

• **YOUNG STARS** - Children aged 10–15, contestants who are 10 to 15 years old on the day of the Festival.
(*minimum 7, maximum 10 contestants/songs*)

Competition categories are determined according to the contestant's age on the day of the Festival.

Competition Rules

- Each contestant may enter only **one song**.
- All songs must be performed **live with a backing track**.
- Songs must not exceed **3 minutes and 30 seconds**.
- Only **solo performers and duets** are eligible to compete.

Application Requirements

Applications must include:

1. Completed application form
2. Song lyrics (PDF or Word format)
3. Contestant's biography
4. Two photographs of the contestant (one portrait with a light background)
5. Studio recording of the song (MP3 format)
6. Backing track (Backing vocals are permitted only as supporting vocals and must not perform the main melody or overpower the contestant's voice.)
7. Live performance video of the submitted song (MP4 format, YouTube link or video sent via WeTransfer). The contestant must perform, record and submit a live performance of the song being entered (home video).

Submitted songs must be **original compositions intended exclusively for children**. Previously performed songs are accepted, provided they are **not older than one year**.

The lyrics should reflect children's everyday lives, their games, dreams, love, and everything that positively reflects the beauty and freedom of childhood.

Selected songs may not be withdrawn after the selection process.

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The Organizer reserves the right to request the original audio files if necessary to verify the authenticity of the submitted song.

Selected contestants are required to perform their song live during the official dress rehearsal.

By submitting an application, contestants, their parents/legal guardians and authors accept all provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

Application Deadline: 13 September 2026 at 11:59 PM

The Organizer reserves the right to extend the application deadline.

Applications should be sent to: prijava@artista.ba

Awards

Awards are presented **in each competition category** (Little Stars and Young Stars):

1. Trophy and Diploma – **Grand Prix for the Best Song**
2. Trophy and Diploma – **Best Performer (Interpretation Award)**
3. Trophy and Diploma – **Best Lyrics**
4. Trophy and Diploma – **Best Music Composition**
5. Trophy and Diploma – **Best Arrangement**
6. Trophy and Diploma – **Artista Association Award**

The Organizer reserves the right to present additional special awards where appropriate.

All awards are non-monetary.

Selection of Contestants

- The main evaluation criteria will be vocal quality, accuracy of performance and overall vocal talent.
- The professional jury will evaluate vocal clarity, diction, musicality, expression, communication, stage presentation, performance and artistic personality.
- After the application deadline, the professional jury will select **a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 20 contestants (songs)** divided into two categories, with **7 to 10 contestants per category**.
- All jury decisions are final.

Participation Fee - There is no participation fee.

Expenses

Contestants and their accompanying persons are responsible for covering their own travel, accommodation and all other expenses related to participation in the Festival.

Organizer's Rights

The Organizer of the **4th International Children's Music Festival Sarajevo "Kids Star" 2026** holds the exclusive right to publish, edit and use the selected songs on radio, television, social media, YouTube, CD/USB or any other existing or future media worldwide, without territorial limitations.

By entering the Festival, the applicant grants the Organizer full authorization to use, reproduce, broadcast, distribute, publish, license or otherwise exploit the submitted song, including but not limited to:

- Broadcasting, reproducing and transmitting the song during the Festival.
- Presenting the song through television, radio, internet, social media and other Festival-related media platforms.
- Granting rights to third parties, whether natural or legal persons, for promotional, distribution, broadcasting or other Festival-related purposes.

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Furthermore, by submitting an application, the author grants the Organizer the right to transfer, assign, license or otherwise make use of the rights related to the submitted song to third parties for purposes connected with the Festival.

Following selection by the professional jury, the authors whose songs are chosen for the Festival authorize publication of their songs on the Festival's official audio release and all other media without additional compensation.

Authors guarantee that they are the sole copyright holders. Any legal disputes concerning copyright shall be the sole responsibility of the author.

By submitting an application, contestants, parents/legal guardians and authors accept these Rules and Regulations and grant the Organizer the right to publicly perform, publish sheet music, release audio and video recordings, broadcast via radio, television and other audiovisual media, and to transfer such rights to third parties. All other rights remain with the authors.

Force Majeure

The Organizer reserves the right to change the Festival date or programme due to force majeure or other unforeseen circumstances. All participants will be informed in a timely manner.

For any additional information, please contact us.

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Kind regards,

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