

Bucharest International JAZZ Competition 2026

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General Rules

The **20th Bucharest International Jazz Competition**, 3 - 11 July 2026, is open to bands and vocalists of all nationalities.

Applicants must be born after the **1st of July 1981**.

The leader of the band can be **older than 45 years**.

Competition Procedure

Eligibility

Bands may have up to 6 performing musicians and they may include:

- instrumentalists and vocalists
- instrumentalists
- vocalists

Individual musicians can apply for **the Jam Session** section.

Application

Application procedure is the same for all.

1st Round - Selection of semi-finalists

The admissions panel and adjudicators will evaluate each application.

The application must include 2-3 pieces of different style.

2nd Round - Semi-final on 3 - 9 July

- Semi-finalists will perform 50 - 60 minutes in the competition's concert hall
- Semi-finalists will perform 50 - 60 minutes in an unconventional space
- Semi-finalists will perform 60 - 80 minutes in jam sessions

Competitors have complete freedom in choosing their repertoire.

3rd Round - Final and Gala on 10 - 11 July

- Finalists will perform 30 - 40 minutes in the competition's concert hall
- Finalists will perform 30 - 40 minutes in an unconventional space

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Competition Entry Requirements

Registration in the competition will be made based on **digital documents**:

1. application form - Annex A (for band)
 - Annex B (for each member)
 - Annex C
2. **audio recordings** for the competition – mp3 / mp4 format
3. two different group photos, color, **landscape format, min 1MB**
4. copy of the bank confirmation for the payment of the registration fee
5. short presentation of the group - max. 10 lines, **word document**
6. copy of passport | identity card for EU citizens, for each group's member
7. technical rider

All digital documents will be sent using www.wetransfer.com as follows:

- make a folder and name it as your band
- copy all digital documents in the folder
- archive / compress the folder (.zip)
- send the folder by www.wetransfer.com to email office@jmevents.ro and jmevents.ro@gmail.com
- please mention: “Application – band’s name”.

The registration fee for one application / group is 140 Euro and will be paid by bank transfer as follows:

Amount: 140 Euro. The payment will be sent free of charge to the payee.

Recipient: jmEvents

IBAN Account: RO82 BACX 0000 0004 3583 4003

Bank name: Unicredit Bank - Millennium Branch

Address: Calea Victoriei 88, Bucharest

Swift Code: BACXROBU

Subject: Registration fee BIJC for.....(band’s name)

Drafts / bank cheques are not accepted.

The registration fee is non-refundable. The registration fee will be refunded only to those competitors who **have complete application documents** and are not accepted in the Semi-final based on the recordings.

Registration deadline is March 1, 2026 (23:59).

Confirmation of the applicants' registration in the competition will be made before **March 30, 2026**.

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The participants will have a **professional technician** and **sound system** along with backline of **drum kit, acoustic or digital piano, bass amplifier, guitar amplifier** and **microphones**.

For Finalists (3 - 5 bands) the organisers will provide free accommodation, organised through the system of the competition, for the entire period of the Final. This offer is **available only** for those bands that **have already used the accommodation system of the competition**, being accommodated until the Final in the same hotels.

Each finalist band, which falls under the mentioned conditions, can receive the amount for accommodation the next day after the Gala Concert. **Any claim after this date is not accepted.**

For Semifinalists the organisers provide accommodation options at special prices. If you are interested please make a request to office@jmevents.ro .

The total amount of the prizes is 10.000 Euro: cash and concerts engagements.

- Grand Prize Winner 1.500 Euro
- Best Band 500 Euro
- Best Vocalist 500 Euro
- Best Jam Session 250 Euro
- 2 – 3 concerts engagements for one or two finalist bands

The jury together with the organizers can decide to award special prizes, without financial value, under the name "Special prize".

The prize-winners will have priority in being included in the programs organized by jmEvents both nationally and abroad.

Final performers will receive diplomas, upon request. Prizes will be awarded by a Jury whose members are well known personalities of the jazz musical world.

The Jury will use the standard criteria as:

- style / interpretation
- improvisation
- technique / diction / articulation
- musicality
- time and rhythm
- intonation

All the decisions of the Jury are final and non-appealable. The public preference will be considered for the final decision.

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Each award-winner must receive his or her prize personally the next day after the Gala Concert. **Any claim for the prizes after this date is not accepted.**

The concerts could be broadcast by the Broadcasting Corporation or recorded for later transmission. A live or deferred broadcast by other Romanian or foreign Broadcasting Corporations is possible, as well as a complete or partial re-broadcast of the concerts on mass-media or online channels.

By applying to take part in the competition, the applicants give their implied consent for this recording as well as for its transmission under the conditions mentioned above. The participants and the prize-winners have no claim to additional fees.

During the development of Bucharest International Jazz Competition, the participating bands and musicians are not allowed to perform in any other spaces except for those of this competition.

The infringement of rules has as consequence the exclusion from the competition, which is irrevocable, and/or taking pecuniary measures.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact us !

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