



Città di Novi Ligure

**16th INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
“ROMUALDO MARENCO”
Year 2018**

A) COMPOSITION SECTION FOR BAND

B) EXECUTION SECTION FOR BRASS BAND

The Municipality of Novi Ligure is holding the 16th International Competition “Romualdo Marengo” in honour of the great Musician from Novi Ligure, in order to promote the composition of music for Wind Orchestra and Percussion and to increase the contemporary repertoire.

The Organizing Committee means supporting the 16th International Competition Composition Section for Band with an Execution Section for Brass Band.

A) COMPOSITION SECTION FOR BAND

Art. 1.

The aim of the Competition is the composition of an original work for Band Music not shorter than 10 (ten) minutes and not longer than 20 (twenty) minutes, unpublished and never played in public concerts, nor broadcasted by radio or television, nor won prizes nor worthy of mention in other competitions.

Art.2.

The Competition is open to composers of any nationality, without age limit. Each competitor can take part in the Composition Section for Band only with one composition.

Art. 3.

The compositions may be of any style, genre or form of music, as long as they comply with the instrumentation for Symphonic Bands as follows:

- Piccolo
- Flute 1st and 2nd
- Oboe 1st and 2nd
- Bassoon 1st and 2nd
- Small Clarinet in E-flat (2nd part optional)
- Clarinets in B-flat, 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Clarinet contralto in E-flat (2nd part optional)
- Bass Clarinet in B-flat
- Contralto Sax in E-flat 1st and 2nd
- Tenor Sax in B-flat 1st and 2nd
- Baritone Sax in E-flat
- Trumpets in B-flat 1st and 2nd (3rd optional part)
- Trombones 1st 2nd and 3rd
- Horns in F 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th
- Cornets in B-flat 1st, 2nd (3rd part optional), or Soprano Saxhorn in B-flat 1st, 2nd (3rd part optional)
- Euphonium 1st and 2nd, or Bass Saxhorn in B-flat 1st and 2nd
- Tuba 1st and 2nd, or Double Bass Saxhorn in B-flat 1st and 2nd
- Kettledrums
- Percussion instruments (drums, bass drum, cymbals and other accessories, including keyboard instruments for a total of five players.)

With optional instruments as below:

- English Horn
- Double Bassoon
- Double Bass Clarinet in B-flat
- Soprano Sax in B-flat

- Bass Trombone
- Double Bass String instrument
- Piano
- Harp

Art.4

In order to take part in the Competition, composers must send to the Secretary's Office of the same Competition the following material:

- a) **5 (five) copies** of the composition, in complete score, **strictly anonymous**, and without any sign of identification; each copy must be marked, clearly and visibly, **only by a motto** (It is allowed to use an art name, instead of the real title) and must indicate the approximate length of the piece;
- b) **1 (one)** sealed envelope, on which must appear clearly visible the same motto used to identify the copies of the score, which must contain:
 - 1) inscription form **TYPE A**, annexed to these rules of the competition, carefully drawn up in all its parts, with the declaration to be found at the bottom, dated and signed;
 - 2) Two competitor's photographs signed on the back;
 - 3) a curriculum vitae (career and study details);
 - 4) a copy of the registration fee payment.

Applications may be sent by regular mail (normal postal service) to the following address:

16° Concorso Internazionale "Romualdo Marengo"
SEZIONE COMPOSIZIONE PER BANDA
 Centro Comunale di Cultura "G. Capurro" – Biblioteca Civica
 Via G. Marconi, 66
 15067 Novi Ligure (AL) - ITALIA

Deadline July 31st 2018. Time of parcel's postage will bear witness to the date.

Anyway compositions regularly mailed but arrived – because of postal slip-up – after the end of works can't be examined by the Jury (Jury's works will begin on 18th August 2018, excepting changes not assumable). The Jury and the Municipality of Novi Ligure won't be liable, in anyway, if the composition, even mailed within the prescribed time, will be received by the Secretariat of the Competition after the end of the Jury's work and therefore not reviewable. In this case, entrance fee will not be refundable.

Each copy of the score must be written in block letters or typed in one of the official Competition languages (Italian, English, French, Spanish). The composition will be excluded from the Competition in default of fulfilment of all the above rules. Entrance fee will not be refundable. Competitors may enclose a Compact Disk with the composition recorded.

Art. 5

Entrance fee to the Competition is **€ 70,00 (seventy//00)**. Payment can be made in one of the following ways:

1) From Italy: directly to **IBAN IT40 C 05696 48420 000010000X89** - BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO Agenzia di Novi Ligure c.so Marengo, 59 15067 Novi Ligure Al; - **From Abroad:** **IBAN IT40 C 05696 48420 000010000X89; BIC/SWIFT POSOIT22** BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO Agenzia di Novi Ligure c.so Marengo, 59 15067 Novi Ligure Al; -Italia Addressed to *Comune di Novi Ligure – Concorso Internazionale "Romualdo Marengo"* with reason for payment: **quota di iscrizione 16° Concorso Internazionale "Romualdo Marengo" – Sezione Composizione per Banda.**

(Bank expenses are to be paid by the competitor).

2) PAYMENT BY POSTAL ORDER n. 17007154 addressed to *Comune di Novi Ligure* with reason for payment: ***quota di iscrizione 16° Concorso Internazionale "Romualdo Marengo" – Sezione Composizione per Banda.*** **(Postal order expenses are to be paid by the competitor).**

Entrance fee will not be refundable.

Art. 6.

There is **one only prize** of **€ 4.000,00 (four-thousand//00)** which will be awarded by the Organizing Committee to the composer of the composition which has been judged to be the winner by an International Jury, made up of at least by 5 (five) members of high and renowned level. The Artistic Director of the Competition is by right a Jury member.

Art. 7.

The International Jury has the right not to award the prize if none of the entered compositions can be considered noteworthy. The Jury has also the authority to share out the prize if it consider two compositions placed equal first.

The Jury can also indicate compositions worthy of mention.

The Jury's judgement is final.

Art. 8.

It will be duty of the Artistic Direction of the Competition to recommend the winning composition, or others worthy of mention, to specific Musical Institutions, Band Directors, Execution band music competitions, Italian and International publications specialized in band music.

The Artistic Direction of the Competition has the authority to have the winning composition performed in "première" during the immediately following **Novi Marengo Festival**, during which the prize will be in any way awarded to the composer who will be the guest of the Organising Committee in Novi Ligure.

Art. 9.

Every Competitor will receive by letter a copy of the summary of the Jury report with the result. The winner of the prize will timely receive also the communication by email. The winner afterwards will also receive information about the place, the day and the time of the awarding of prize ceremony.

Art. 10.

Of the 5 (five) copies of the score sent for the Competition, 1(one) will become part of the Musical Archive of the Competition, which is setting up in the Municipal Library in Novi Ligure. The other copies, for two years from the date of publication of the present notice, will be available for the Composers who desire their return which will take place only after a formal request and after the payment of postage expenses.

Art. 11.

Application form to take part in the Competition implies the unconditioned acceptance, by the Competitor, of the present Rules, as well as the consent to use personal information according to the law.

Art 12.

In case of contention, the only valid legal text is the present Announcement-Regulation in Italian language, complete with the 12 (twelve) articles and 1 (one) annex.

The Court of Alessandria will have jurisdiction.

Artistic Director

Maurizio Billi

Secretary of the Competition

Patrizia Orsini

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Annex A

APPLICATION FORM

FOR COMPOSITION SECTION FOR BAND

TITLE OF THE COMPOSITION
AUTHOR'S SURNAME AND NAME
DATE ANDE PLACE OF BIRTH	
ADDRESS:	
STREET AND Nr
CITY / TOWN
POSTCODE
COUNTRY / NATION
TELEPHONE
FAX (IF CONCERNED)
E-MAIL ADDRESS

(Please, kindly fill in the blanks in block letters)

DECLARATION

The Undersigned

DECLARES

- that he/she understands the Rules of the 16th International Competition "Romualdo Marengo" - **Composition for Band**, and accepts them in all their parts.
- to be the **only Composer** of the composition presented;
- that the composition **has never been published and never been performed** in public concerts, nor broadcasted by radio or television;
- that the same composition **has never received prizes or mentions of merit** in other competitions.

He/she declares to accept the judgement of the jury as final.

In faith.

(date).....

(signature).....

B) EXECUTION SECTION FOR BRASS BAND

Art. 1

The Municipality of Novi Ligure, in keeping with the spirit of the International Competition "Romualdo Marengo", which aims to promote music for Wind Orchestra and Percussions, includes, for the 2018 edition, an **Execution Section for Brass Band**. The execution Competition will take place in the last ten days of July 2018 in Novi Ligure (AL).

Art. 2

The Competition aims to promote musical culture, to popularize the instruments that make up the BRASS BAND and to highlight the artistic heritage of the locations that will host the event. The Competition is aimed at Italian and foreign musicians and is divided into a single Section. The type of orchestra to which the Brass Band must necessarily refer to is the **British Style Brass Band** (maximum 35 performers plus the Director).

Art. 3

In order to take part in the Competition, the candidate Brass Bands must send the following documents to the Organizing Committee by Certified e-mail:

- 1) the **TYPE B** registration form, attached to this Announcement-Regulation, duly completed in all its parts, with the declaration at the bottom dated and signed by all the members;
- 2) a photograph of the entire band
- 3) the brass band's curriculum
- 4) title of the free-choice piece

The documentation referred to in this article **must be sent only** via Certified e-mail to the following address:

protocollo.novi.ligure@cert.ruparpiemonte.it

with the following object:

16th International Competition "Romualdo Marengo" EXECUTION SECTION FOR BRASS BAND PARTICIPATION APPLICATION
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by 12.00 am on Friday 1 June 2018.

Art. 4

Only 12 (twelve) brass bands will be admitted to the Execution Competition.

The Organizing Committee **will draw up a ranking based on the arrival** of the participation applications sent to the certified mail address referred to in Article 3, and will transmit the aforementioned ranking to all candidate brass bands **by 6 June 2018**.

The Committee will also inform the 12 (twelve) admitted brass bands, by the same date, of the acceptance of their application and send them the information regarding the method of payment of the participation fee.

The admitted brass bands

must send by and no later than 12:00 am on 11 June 2018

the payment confirmation of the participation fee **by Certified e-mail** to the following address:

protocollo.novi.ligure@cert.ruparpiemonte.it

with the following object:

16th International Competition "Romualdo Marengo" EXECUTION SECTION FOR BRASS BAND PARTICIPATION FEE PAYMENT CONFIRMATION

Failure to send the participation fee within the prescribed time will constitute grounds for exclusion from the competition. The Committee and the Municipality of Novi Ligure will not be in any way responsible if the payment certificate does not arrive regularly to the Certified e-mail address indicated within the prescribed deadline.

The Committee is allowed to replace any excluded groups, strictly respecting the ranking referred to in this article. The groups entered must, under penalty of exclusion, arrange for payment of the fee within 3 days from the date of their admission.

By 18 June 2018, the Committee will publish on the homepage of the Municipality of Novi Ligure's website the list of admitted groups and the compulsory piece chosen by the Artistic Director, as well as the composition of the Jury and the dates and times for the convocation of the groups.

The Committee will send the musical material (parts and score) of the compulsory piece to the e-mail or Certified e-mail address indicated in the participation form B).

Art. 5

The Competition's participation fee is **€ 350,00 (three hundred and fifty/00)**. The payment must be made exclusively by the admitted brass bands, according to the information sent by the Organizing Committee, as mentioned in the previous art. 4).

The registration fee is non-refundable.

Art. 6

Two prizes will be awarded by the Organizer to the winning Brass Bands, judged by an International Jury made up of Members of clear and recognized fame. The Artistic Director of the Competition is by right a member of the Jury.

- **First prize of € 2.000,00 (two thousand/00) plus € 1.000,00 (one thousand/00)** in Vaucher Instrument for the purchase of musical instruments/accessories;

- **second prize of € 1.000,00 (one thousand/00) plus € 500.00 (five hundred/00)** in Vaucher Instrument for the purchase of musical instruments / accessories.

There is also a special prize, not in cash, which will be assigned to the best soloist.

The Jury also reserves the right to assign a special Mention to the best non-prize-winning band.

Art. 7

The International Jury has the right to not award the prize if none of the participating groups are deemed worthy of merit. The Jury's judgement is final.

Art. 8

The Artistic Direction of the Competition will be responsible for the promotion of the winning Brass Bands to musical Institutions and execution Competitions, as well as Italian and international specialized publications in this sector.

Art. 9

The calendar of the competition and the convocation dates, including the day and the time, will be published on the homepage of the following website:

<http://www.comunenoviligure.gov.it>

Each candidate, therefore, in order to know the convocation date, must check the website or write to the organizing Committee to the following email address:

concorsomarenco@comune.noviligure.al.it

The organizing Committee therefore declines all responsibility in this sense, as no other form of convocation is envisaged.

Art. 10

The competition involves the performance of **two pieces, a compulsory one and one freely chosen by the Band. The exhibition can not be more than 40 minutes total.**

The score and the parts related to the compulsory piece will be sent according to the rules as per article 4 of this announcement.

The order of presentation of the candidates will take place through a draw, which will take place in the presence of the Municipal Secretary of the Organizing authority or of an Officer delegated by the same authority.

Art. 11

Candidates who, for any reason, are regularly allowed to take part in the Competition, without possessing all the requirements included in these regulations, immediately lose all rights related to the Competition itself and to any compensation. The registration fee will not be reimbursed.

Art. 12

Any latecomers will be excluded from the competition and their registration fee will not be reimbursed. If the delay is caused by proven reasons of *force majeure*, and provided that the competition is not already finished, the latecomers may, at the unquestionable judgment of the Jury, be allowed to participate.

Art. 13

The Competition will be public. Candidates are not required to perform the songs by memory. The order of execution of the two pieces (compulsory piece and chosen piece) is at the discretion of the Band. The Jury has the right to interrupt or re-listen to the entire performance or to part of it. The judgment and the vote of the Jury are final.

The candidates will be evaluated according to the criteria established by the Jury in a preliminary meeting.

Art. 14

The application to participate in the Competition implies the unconditional acceptance by the Brass Bands of this Announcement-Regulation, as well as the consent to the use of their personal data in accordance with the law.

Art. 15

It is **mandatory** for the first prize Winning Brass Band to perform, in full concert attire, during the final award Concert, which will be held during the **Novi Marengo Festival 2018**, on the same day of the end of the Competition. On this occasion, the official announcement of the winning Brass Bands and the awarding of prizes will take place. Any refusal to perform will result in the cancellation of the prize. Any television, radio or photographic use of the performance will not entail any rights or compensation for the candidates.

The program of the final concert will be chosen by the winning Brass Band. The compulsory piece referred to in Article 10 must be included in the program.

Travel expenses, board and lodging are at the expense of the competitors.

The organization will arrange low cost conventions with accommodation facilities in the city and its surroundings. The Concert will take place in Novi Ligure, in a suitable venue that will be chosen by the Municipal Administration.

The candidates will be required to participate in a short parade in the main street of the city.

The participating groups will be duly informed about the schedule and the route of the parade.

The organization reserves the right, if necessary, to make any changes to these regulations; in which case it will be promptly communicated to the interested parties.

Art 16

In case of contention, the only valid legal text is the present Announcement-Regulation in Italian language, complete with the 16 (sixteen) articles and 1 (one) annex.

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Annex B

APPLICATION FORM FOR EXECUTION SECTION FOR BRASS BAND

NAME OF THE BRASS BAND	
List of the brass band members with information about place, date of birth and place of residence related to each member.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Name, address, telephone number and email (Certified email if present) of the representative member of the group to who all communications will be sent.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

(Please, kindly fill in the blanks in block letters)

DECLARATION

The Undersigned members of the Ensemble

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

DECLARE

- to understand the Regulations of the 16th International Competition “Romualdo Marengo” – **Section Execution for Brass Band** and accepts them in all their parts; to accept the judgement of the Jury as final.

In faith.

(date).....

(signature of each member of the Ensemble)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)