



ON SHORT ABOUT FESTIVAL

»**BLED GOLDEN MICROPHONE**« - **INTERNATIONAL SINGERS CONTEST** is competition of talented and aspiring singers from different countries of Europe and other continents. The first edition will be held from the 15. till 20. July 2014 (15.7. arrivals – 20.7. departures) in Bled, (<http://www.bled.si/en/>) pearl of Slovenia and one of its most beautiful tourist destinations. **THE CONTEST OF SINGERS IN FIVE AGE CATEGORIES AND AWARD CEREMONY** will take place in the Festivalna dvorana Bled (Congress Centre (<http://www.bled.si/en/meetings/meetings-in-bled/conference-facilities/bled-congress-centre>)), **GALA CONCERT OF THE LAURETAS AND SPECIAL GUESTS** will take place in big stage on open air in the Bled promenade, only 50 m from the lake of Bled. Festival will be held in the highest touristic season and in the period of the most important event in Bled of the whole year, **DAYS OF BLEDA 2014**.

MAIN GOALS

The main goal of the festival is to give talented singers, from various countries of wide age response, opportunity meet with their friends of same interests and to compare, exchange their knowledge, skills, good practices and ideas. One of the most important purposes is creating new friendships, learning foreign languages and learn about culture of other nations. It is opportunity to join this international meeting of vocal coaches, composers, music recording industry representatives and executives, producers, songwriters, outstanding young performers and growing stars. Very important purpose of the festival is to attract public attention to the best international young aspiring singers, to support them, to increase their popularity, talent and success by providing publicity to the performers before and after event, to expand their audience, to meet people from other countries and to see Bled, one of the most beautiful places in the world with its lake, castle and many other interesting attractions. Goal for the future of Bled Golden Microphone is to develop into one of the biggest events of the kind in this part of Europe.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE BGM FESTIVAL?

Singers from young children to adults of the age of 35 years can participate

Entry to the festival Bled Golden Microphone International Singers Contest is accepted from_

1. candidate, who received an official invitation from the organiser on any other similar international festivals
2. candidate, who received official invitation on a basis of sent audio and video materials
3. candidate, who successfully passes the audition for the festival (Valid mostly for candidates from Slovenia!)

Organiser reserves the right to refuse without any explanation candidates who don't meet the festival criteria in artistic,

substantive, logistic or any other way.

Singers will participate contest divided in five following age categories:

Category »XXS« - singers up to 8 years(not yet 9 years old on the day of the festival)

Category »XS« - singers from 9 to 10 years(already 9 years, not yet 11 on the day of the festival)

Category »S« - singers from 11 to 14 years(already 11 years, not yet 14 on the day of the festival)

Category »M« - singers above 14 to 18 years (already 14 years, not yet 18 on the day of the festival)

Category »L« - singers above 18 to 35 years-inclusive (already 18 years, not yet 36 on the day of the festival)

The age of the contestant on **July 17th 2014**, the day of the festival determines the age category for the competition.

Organiser reserves the right to change the categories according to the number of participants.

Every contestant has to perform two songs of a different character without any genre limits. For categories »S«, »M« and »L« songs must be performed in two different languages(obligatory). For youngest group (»XS«) of singers, performance in two different languages is not obligatory. The duration of each song should not exceed:

- a) 3:30 minutes for categories XXS, XS, S
- b) 4:00 minutes for categories M and L.

Musical accompaniment for each song must be sent in mp3 format(at least 320kbps quality), on e-mail: info@studio-osminka.com and in order to avoid confusion clearly labeled:

BGM 2014, age category, surname and first name, round 1 or 2 and title of the song; for example:

BGM 2014 XXS Metka Novak - krog 1 - Ladadidej

BGM 2014 XXS Metka Novak - krog 2 - Euphoria

Audio CD can be sent as well by regular mail on adress: **Glasbeni studio Osminka, Vovk Sandi, Delavska ulica 30, 4281 Mojstrana, Slovenia, with annotation: for Bled Golden Microphone 2014.** Contestants or their representatives should bring on the festival copies of accompaniments as mp3 files on USB drive or on CD.

To avoid waiting too long, rehearsals will be held under pre-announced schedule. All the singers will be given approximate times for their rehearsals and can perform one song on whole or half of both songs. Every special requirements about sound(special hall, reverb, delay or other effects) should be pointed out already in the entry form.

The voice must be performed live with the music and backing vocals on a CD. The main voice of the preformed singer must not be heard from the accompaniment track.

HOW TO REGISTER AND DEADLINES:

Deadline to register and send all materials is 13th June 2014. For every participant we should receive:

- correctly filled and signed entry form with all relevant informations(in word or pdf format)
For participants younger than 18 years entry form must be signed from their legal representatives!
- fees in the sum of 60 Eur per person for contestants who will use suggested accomodation packages
fees in the sum 120 Eur per person for contestants who will NOT use suggested accomodation packages
- 2-3 photos of candidates in hi quality jpg format(at least 700-800 KB),
 - audio and video materials (on CD, DVD by regular post) or e-mail (for larger files such as video, we recommend you to use <https://www.wetransfer.com/> free of charge application which provides sending large files(up to 2 GB) or send links to published materials which demonstrates candidates abilities in vocal skills and performance, interpretation, choreography, costumography, stage presence...
- artistic biography which describes singers former work and achievements(not longer than A4 page)
- informations about registered songs for festival/contest(title, authors, duration, full recording and accompanimen(background, instrumental, negativ...)
- scanned bank confirmation of money transfer for fees and 50% advance payment for accomodaion
- send materials on e-mail: info@studio-osminka.com with subject **»BLED GOLDEN MICROPHONE 2014«** or **regular post on adress: OSMINKA, Sandi Vovk s.p., Delavska ulica 30, 4281 Mojstrana, SLOVENIA, for BLED GOLDEN MICROPHONE 2014**

JURY AND EVALUTION CRITERIA

All singers will be evaluated in two rounds of performances by international jury of experts.

In order to ensure the impartiality of the evaluation and to avoid influencing on each other, members of jury will be sited separately and no collusion concerning the evaluation will be allowed during the competition.

Candidates will be evaluated in the following fields:

1. voice implementation (pitch and tone quality, voice projection, rhythm and phrasing, diction, articulation and pronounciation, appropriate selection of songs from the view of age, range and technical complexity)
2. presentation and stage performance(persuasiveness, costumography, choreography, body movements and stage presence)

In each of the evaluated fields lowest score of 60 and highest score of 100 points can be given to each contestant from every member of jury. With the goal of honest and fair voting the lowest and highest scores will be excluded from the calculation sum for final scoring. Final score of each contestant is given by total sum of points from both rounds, divided with number of the members of jury who voted.

PRIZES:

For all participants:

- diplomas in a manner from middle Ages on original old paper, called papirus, made in a Bled castle notary: (<http://www.bled.si/en/what-to-see/cultural-sights/the-bled-castle>)
- souvenirs and materials of Bled and Slovenia
- trophies for best three in each category and Grand Prix winner

CASH PRIZES:

100 Eur for the Third Place in each category (5x)
200 Eur for the Second Place in each category (5x)
300 Eur for the First Place in each category (5x)

MAIN PRIZE – GRAND PRIX OF THE BLED GOLDEN MICROPHONE 2014 **CASH PRIZE IN A SUM OF 1.000 EUR**

Special prizes, official invitations for BGM 2015 and other international festivals.

FOR PAYED FEES AND ACCOMODATION COSTS ORGANISER GUARANTEES FOR:

- preliminary preparation of the festival
- appropriate stage for performance
- scenography and gardrobes for singers
- professional sound equipment with technical team support
- lighting
- accommodation in hotel 3*** on half board or overnight and breakfast basis(depends on choice)
- excursions on Bled Island and Bled castle
- diplomas, practical and souvenir prizes for all participants
- cash prizes for best 3 in all categories and GRAND PRIX FOR THE WINNER of a festival
- technical and logistic support during the festival

Confirmation of entry form and booking of accommodation capacity is guaranteed if advance of payment in the amount of **50% of total** will be received no later than the 13th of June 2014 on the account:

ABANKA VIPA D. D. LJUBLJANA - SLOVENIA, Slovenska 58, BIC: ABANSI2X

IBAN: SI56 0510 0801 0274 620

Rest of the sum must be paid after arrival and **registering** with authorised person by organiser in the reception of **hotel Jelovica Bled. Please, send scanned confirmation of money transfer** for advance payment from the bank immediately, so that we can assure chosen accommodation.

Attention: The advanced payment on the amount of 50% of the total services will not be returned in the case the participant should not attend the Festival owing to the circumstances beyond the control of the organizer.

REGISTER AND SENDING MATERIALS DEADLINE

Applications received(**NOT SENT !**) till **13.6.2014** on e-mail: info@studio-osminka.com or regular mail on adress: **OSMINKA, Sandi Vovk s.p., Delavska ulica 30, 4281 Mojstrana, SLOVENIA – with attribution: for BGM 2014,** will be accepted.

TRANSPORT AND AIRPORTS TO BLEED TRANSFER INFORMATION

Every participant provides all the expenses for the transportation to and from the places of accommodation. Leaders of delegations are responsible for non adult participants on journey time if they are not accompanied by their parents. Airport to Bled and back transfers are not included in the package.

Closest airports to Bled are:

AIRPORT LJUBLJANA - Slovenia(distance from Bled - 34 km, 29 km on motorway)
AIRPORT KLAGENFURT - Austra(distance from Bled - 86 km, 73 km on motorways)
AIRPORT RONCHI TRIESTE - Italy(distance from Bled - 173 km, 158 km on motorways)
AIRPORT ZAGREB - Croatia(distance from Bled - 199 km, 194 km on motorways)
AIRPORT GRAZ - Austra(distance from Bled - 210 km, 200 km on motorways)
AIRPORT MARCO POLO VENEZIA - Italy(distance from Bled - 291 km, 279 km on motorways)
AIRPORT TREVISO VENEZIA - Italy(distance from Bled - 296 km, 283 km on motorways)
AIRPORT SCHWECHAT WIEN - Austra(distance from Bled - 382 km, 313 km on motorways)

We highly recommend to use GoOpti for your transfer from airport to Bled at your arrival and back at your departure. They are working on the highest professional level and they assure the highest standards of service on this area for very friendly and affordable prices.

**URADNI IZVAJALEC TRANSFERJEV
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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS:

Cause there are really a lot of accommodation possibilities on Bled we prepared some different options. We chose Options with affordable prices. In July there is high season in Bled and capacities are full so we recommend, you book your accommodation on the entry form at the end of this application, as soon as possible.

Closest to Festivalna dvorana-Congress Centre is **HOTEL JELOVICA**: <http://www.hotel-jelovica.si/>
Less than hundred meters from hotel Jelovica is **HOTEL ASTORIA**: <http://www.hotelastoria-bled.com/>
600 meters from Festivalna dvorana - Congress Centre is **HOTEL KRIM**: <http://www.hotel-krim-bled.com/>

All three hotels satisfied 3*** standards. Three*** hotels in Bled are have very high quality standards in fact the same or better than many 4**** hotels in some other countries.

Packages are for 5 overnights, starting with 15th and ending with 20th of July 2014, additional days are charged separately. Prices are as follows:

HOTEL JELOVICA* and HOTEL ASTORIA BLED*****

a) half board basis(breakfast and dinner), starts with dinner 15th, ends with breakfast 20th of July 2014

Adults: 270 Eur, additional day 54 Eur/day

Children under age of 4 sleeping with parents – GRATIS !!!

Children from 4 to 13 years on basic bed: 190 Eur, additional day 38 Eur/day

b) overnight with breakfast

Adults: 230 Eur, additional day 46 Eur/day

Children under age of 4 sleeping with parents – GRATIS !!!

Children from 4 to 13 years on basic bed: 160 Eur, additional day 32 Eur/day

HOTEL KRIM BLED***

a) half board basis(breakfast and dinner), starts with dinner 15th, ends with breakfast 20th of July 2014

Adults: 245 Eur, additional day 50 Eur/day

2 adults + 1 child under 12 years: 50% discount for child

1 adult + 1 child under 12 years: 30% discount for child

b) overnight with breakfast

Adults: 215 Eur, additional day 45 Eur/day

2 adults + 1 child: 50% discount for child

1 adult + 1 child: 30% discount for child

Additional costs, same for all hotels

Touristic tax: 1,01 Eur/day

Children from 7 to 18: 50% discount

Single beded room: 15 Eur/day

**** In half board basis accommodation, unlimited following free drinks in dinner time are included: apple and orange juice, beer, white and red wine, carbonated and non carbonated water, cola, orangeade!!!**

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Application forms will be accepted only with a fully-filled entry form for festival. Leaders of delegations are responsible for the life and the health of the participants during their performances on stage and their residence in Bled.

Every person must have valid international health insurance during stay in Slovenia

The artistic and business contacts in Slovenia during the festival are conducted exclusively by representatives of Glasbeni studio Osminka(Music studio Osminka).

Organizer in cooperation with jury reserve the right to decide which participants will take part in the Gala concert and which part of the program they will perform with.

The participant with signing an entry form authorizes organiser, Glasbeni studio - Music studio Osminka with the rights on the audio and video recordings and usage and distribution of the materials, taken from the program of the rehearsals, competitions and gala concert for the aims of the festival, without paying copyrights compensations. The organizer is not responsible for failures of third parties.

GRAND PRIX – Bled Golden Microphone will be bestowed on the decision of the juries and with the consent of the organizers to a soloist, who will participating in the competitions and have distinguished themselves with a brilliant performance and exclusive artistic level.

THE FESTIVAL IS HELD IN THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF:

Glasbeni studio Osminka(Music studio Osminka) - www.studio-osminka.com

Občina Bled(Local administration of Bled) - <http://obcina.bled.si/>

Zavod za kulturo(Bled culture institute) - <http://www.zavod-za-kulturo-bled.si/en/>

Turizem Bled d.d.(Tourism Bled) - <http://www.bled.si/en/>

Hotel Jelovica Bled - <http://www.hotel-jelovica.si/?l=gb>

Idea and implementation:

GLASBENI STUDIO - MUSIC STUDIO »OSMINKA« - www.studio-osminka.com

Director of Festival – Sandi Vovk, pianist, producer, vocal coach and head manager of Glasbeni studio - Music studio »Osminka«



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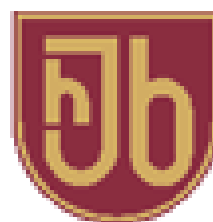


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HOTEL JELOVICA BLED



ENTRY FORM FOR ZA BLED GOLDEN MICROPHONE 2014:

1. Name and surname _____

2. Date of birth(day, month and year) _____

3. Adress(street, number, post/zip code, country) _____

4. Short artistic biography(can be added it separatley as an attachement, maximum one page in A4 format.

5. Name, surname, contacts of representative(e-mail, phone numbers) Obligatory for persons under 18!

6. Details of songs for contest:(title,original performer, link to spot where can be heard, duration)

Song for round 1: _____

Song for round 2: _____

7. Notes about special technical requirements(microphone stand, chair, special effects....)

8. List and details of accompanimemt persons(name, surname, date of birth, contacts...)

9. Day and time of arrival, type of transport(plane, train, car...) _____

10.Day and time of departure _____

We would like to be accomodated in hotel _____

With my signature I declare that I read terms and regulations, I understand them and I agree with them.

(name and surname of representative)

(signature)