I. APPLYING FOR THE COMPETITION
The "Sibiu Jazz Festival" Competition is open to all young people, regardless of nationality, born after November 1st, 1985, who are younger than 32 or at the age of 32 years old.

The line-up of the bands must have a majority of musicians who respect the specified age limit.

All materials related to the participation in the Sibiu Jazz Festival Competition will be sent until Monday, 18th September 2017. Failure to meet this deadline will entail the elimination of the candidate.

The results of the selection will be published on Monday, 25th September 2017.

Materials required:
- Application Form
- Technical Form
- Audio/video demo created or interpreted by the participant (including links, mp3)
- High quality photos of the participant
- Short CV / presentation of the participant

By applying to the competition, each candidate accepts the present regulation. The participant must be free from any obligations during the competition.

Adding other members after registration for the contest is prohibited without the consent of organizers. Any change in the registration form will be communicated at least seven (7) days in advance. Changes after this date will not be accepted.

II. CONTEST SECTIONS
The two sections of the competition are:

1. Interpretation: the musical qualities of the candidate is evaluated in general, its cohesion, its stage presence.

2. Composition: the values and the originality of each group's own compositions are evaluated. There will not be considered original compositions, the improvisations made on the basis of known themes.

All the candidates participating to this competition are submitted in the interpretation section, in case they want to participate to the composition section with a musical piece, it is necessary to specify this in the application form and on the stage, before the interpretation of the song.

The organizer reserves the right to impose the timing for each participant as follows:
- Big Band - maximum 30 minutes
- Band - maximum 20 minutes
- Solo artist - maximum 15 minutes
III. AWARDS

The Interpretation Section:
  – The best band: 1500 Euro
  – The best instrumentalist: 700 Euro
  – The best vocalist: 700 Euro
  – The jury prize: 500 Euro
  – Special rewards: 600 Euro
  – Audience Award: to be confirmed on 29th October 2017

Composition Section:
  – Award for best composition: 300 Euro

Note:
  – The prizes can be cumulated
  – The awards will be announced after the final round of the competition in the Award Gala, on Sunday, 29th October 2017
  – The prizes are worth a total of approximately 5000 Euro (including tax)
  – The special rewards will be given by the jury, in agreement with the organizer.

IV. THE JURY

The jury is comprised of specialists appointed by the organizer.
The evaluation criteria of the jury are:
  – style / interpretation
  – improvisation
  – technique / diction / articulation
  – musicality
  – impact on the audience

The jury reserves the right not to award prizes if the performance of the participants is modest. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

V. ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES

1. The organizer - Sibiu Jazz Festival Foundation

The organizer provides accommodation and meals for participants and for the staff who accompanies them. Participants are entitled to up to two people representing supporting staff (driver, teacher, organizer, manager, etc.).

The organizer provides also: sound/lights equipment, qualified staff (sound engineer, lights engineer, stage technician) drum set, acoustic and / or electric piano, keyboards, double bass.
The organizer is obliged to send the final program via e-mail and also to post it online (on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sibiujazz and the official website: http://sibiujazz.eu/), 7 days before the contest.

The organizer will record the performances and send a copy to each participant upon request.

The organizer reserves the right to use the material (photo, audio, video etc) recorded during the Competition and the Award Gala.

2. Participants

It is compulsory for the winners to attend the Award Gala, on Sunday, 29th October 2017. The winners will perform in the Gala.

By participating in the competition, the participants give up the copyrights for the recordings from the competition.

Transport costs are supported by the participants.

Delay or failure in respecting the program established by the organizer will result in disqualification of the participant, who will be obliged to support all the costs related to his presence in Sibiu.

Participants will respect strictly the program required by the organizers.

During the three days of Sibiu Jazz Festival Competition, participants are not allowed to perform in other areas, except those dedicated to the Competition and to Sibiu Jazz Festival.

Note: This Regulation may be amended only with the prior consent of the organizers.

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