

INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR SELECTION OF YOUNG MUSICIANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF THE XX MEDITERRANEAN GAMES TARANTO 2026

Preface

The XX edition of the Mediterranean Games, to be held in Taranto in 2026, represents a major international sporting event and an extraordinary occasion of encounter among peoples, cultures, and generations of the Mediterranean area. In this spirit, the Taranto 2026 Organising Committee, in collaboration with the Magna Grecia Concert and Orchestral Institution, with the support of the Ministry of Culture and the Comité International des Jeux Méditerranéens (CIJM), promotes the establishment of the **Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games**.

The Orchestra shall constitute a symbol of cooperation and intercultural dialogue, composed of young musicians from all the countries participating in the Games. It shall embody the soundscape of a Mediterranean that recognises itself in the plurality of its voices and in the unifying power of music, the universal language capable of overcoming every boundary.

Inspired by the fundamental values of the Games – peace, friendship, respect, inclusion, and brotherhood among nations – the Youth Orchestra shall stand as an artistic and human laboratory of the highest calibre, guided by musicians of international renown.

The young musicians selected shall be protagonists of the Opening Ceremony of the Games, as well as of concerts, symphonic productions, training experiences, and cultural activities that will accompany the event.

The publication of this international call marks the beginning of a shared journey, placing new generations at its centre and promoting the encounter of Mediterranean musical traditions in the name of beauty, cooperation, and hope..

All young talents are invited to apply for the online selection to take part in the project of the Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games.

The Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games shall be the voice of a new possible harmony.

Taranto, July 29th, 2025

Orchestra ICO della Magna Grecia
The President
Prof.ssa Nunziata Aresta

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Abstract

On the occasion of the XX edition of the Mediterranean Games, to be held in Taranto (Italy) in 2026, the Taranto 2026 Organising Committee, in collaboration with the Magna Grecia Concert and Orchestral Institution, with the support of the Ministry of Culture and of the CIJM – Comité International des Jeux Méditerranéens, hereby announces an international selection for the creation of the:

Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games

This Orchestra shall symbolically represent the union among the peoples of the Mediterranean through the universal language of music and shall feature as a protagonist in official events, ceremonies, and artistic productions connected to the Games, beginning with the Opening Ceremony of the Games, scheduled for June 2026 in Taranto.

Art. 1 – Objectives of the Project

The Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games intends to:

- Foster the encounter among cultures, languages, and musical traditions of the Mediterranean area;
- Offer young musicians an artistic experience of excellence in an international, professional, and multicultural context;
- Give life to a large youth symphony orchestra, symbol of peace, cooperation, brotherhood, and creativity;
- Gather young musicians from all the countries participating in the Games;
- Promote peaceful coexistence, cultural diversity, artistic exchange, and dialogue among the nations of the Mediterranean;
- Provide a high-profile musical experience, conducted by conductors and tutors of recognised renown;
- Enhance the musical heritage of Mediterranean cultures through an original and intercultural repertoire.

Art. 2 – Beneficiaries

Il bando è rivolto a:

- Young musicians aged between 18 and 28 years (as of 31 December 2026);
- Originating from one of the countries participating in the Mediterranean Games;
- With proven experience in the study and musical practice of their instrument;
- With aptitude for teamwork, intercultural openness, and a spirit of collaboration.

Art. 3 – Eligible Instruments

The selection is open to all orchestral instruments, in particular:

- Strings: violin, viola, violoncello, double bass;
- Woodwinds: flute–piccolo, oboe–cor anglais, clarinet–bass clarinet, bassoon;
- Brass: horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba;
- Percussion: timpani, orchestral drums, percussion instruments, keyboards;
- Keyboards: piano, electronic keyboards;
- Ethnic/Mediterranean instruments may be selected on the basis of free applications

Art. 4 – Evaluation

The selection shall be carried out by an Artistic Commission appointed by the Artistic Director and representatives of the Organising Committee. For each candidate, within the framework of the audition, the following shall be assessed:

- Technical and expressive quality
- Musical skills specific to the instrument
- Previous orchestral experience
- Aptitude for cooperation in an international context
- Balance among instruments and geographical representation

The selection shall guarantee the principles of inclusion, equality, and representation, namely:

- Gender balance and equal opportunities
- Inclusion of musicians with disabilities compatible with orchestral activity
- Integration of non-conventional instruments and musical cultures.

Art. 5 – Selection Procedures

By no later than **September 30, 2025**, each candidate must submit the following documentation via email to the address **audizioni_oggm@orchestramagnagrecia.info**:

1. **Application form** (Annex A)
2. **Artistic curriculum vitae**
3. **Motivational statement** regarding participation in the Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games
4. **Identity document or passport**
5. **Video audition:**
 - **The video must be named with the candidate's surname and first name** and must contain:
 1. **Initial spoken presentation:**
 - First name and surname
 - Age and country of origin
 - Instrument
 - Piece(s) performed
 2. **Musical performance:**
 - One piece of the candidate's choice – minimum 5 minutes, maximum 15 minutes
 - Two orchestral excerpts freely chosen by the candidate from the classical repertoire (for example Beethoven, Mozart, Puccini, Rossini, Enescu, De Falla, etc.)
 - One technical study of the candidate's choice
 3. **Technical requirements for the video**
 - Video format: MP4 or MOV
 - Recommended resolution: minimum HD (720p), preferably Full HD (1080p)
 - Framing: fixed, horizontal, clearly showing:
 - The candidate in full (face and hands visible)
 - The instrument in its entirety
 - Audio: clear, unfiltered, without editing or digital reverberation
 - Live performance: video editing or overdubbing is not permitted
 - Videos must be made specifically for this selection (no archive recordings)
 - Piano or accompaniment tracks: permitted but not mandatory
 - The video file must be sent via a platform of choice among Google Drive, WeTransfer, or Dropbox, together with Annex A, to the address **audizioni_oggm@orchestramagnagrecia.info**

The submission of material not complying with the specifications may result in exclusion from the selection.

The Artistic Commission, after having assessed the videos and the attached documents received, shall select the suitable candidates.

The results shall be communicated by 15 October 2025 on the official website and by email.

Art. 6 – Programme of Activities

The selected musicians (up to a maximum of 26 orchestra members) shall take part in one or more productions to be held in the months of November and December 2025.

The organisation reserves the right to communicate subsequently the periods of production during the year 2026.

All activities shall take place under the guidance of professional conductors and tutors.

Art. 7 – Expenses and Logistical Coverage

Participation is free of charge and includes:

- Scholarship of € 500.00 (five hundred/00 euro)
- Board and lodging for the entire duration of the activities in Italy
- Round-trip transport to and from Taranto – Italy
- Insurance coverage in Italy
- Official certificate of participation, with possible recognition of educational credits

Art. 8 – Obligations of the Participants

The admitted candidates undertake to:

- Participate actively and continuously in all rehearsals and official events;
- Maintain ethical and respectful behaviour towards colleagues, tutors, and organisers;
- Promote the values of friendship, peace, dialogue, and sharing according to the fundamental principles of the Mediterranean Games.

Art.9 - Recognition

The Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games shall be an integral part of the official cultural programme of the XX edition of the Mediterranean Games 2026, with the support and patronage of:

- CIJM – Comité International des Jeux Méditerranéens
- Ministry of Culture in Italy and in the Mediterranean countries involved in the Games
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Italy and in the Mediterranean countries involved in the Games
- Region of Apulia
- Municipality of Taranto
- Conservatoires, Embassies, Cultural Institutes
- Network of Higher Musical Education

Art. 10 - Legacy

The Youth Orchestra of the Mediterranean Games is established on the occasion of the XX edition of the Mediterranean Games and intends to lay the foundations for a permanent network among young musicians of the participating countries, initiating future exchanges, tours, international residencies, and projects of artistic and social cooperation.

Art. 11 – Processing of Personal Data

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR), the data provided shall be processed exclusively for purposes connected with the selection, the management of the project, and institutional communication.

Art. 12 – Contacts and Information

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Taranto, July 29th, 2025

**Orchestra Giovanile
dei Giochi del Mediterraneo
The Artistic Director
M° Piero Romano**

Modulo A – Domanda di Audizione

DOMANDA DI AUDIZIONE - Orchestra Giovanile dei Giochi del Mediterraneo 2026

Il sottoscritto _____
(Cognome) (Nome)

Nazionalità _____
(Stato di nascita)

Luogo e data di nascita _____

Indirizzo di residenza _____
(Città – Piazza – Via – numero civico)

N° Telefono _____
(Fisso o cellulare)

Email: _____

intende partecipare alla selezione per l'Orchestra Giovanile dei Giochi del Mediterraneo – Taranto 2026 per il seguente strumento musicale_

- Dichiaro di non essere incorso in condanne penali o avere procedimenti penali in corso;
- Dichiaro di accettare senza riserve delle condizioni previste dal presente bando e del giudizio inappellabile della Commissione giudicatrice;
- Dichiaro di autorizzare l'Associazione Orchestra della Magna Grecia con sede in Taranto in Vicolo Sant'Agostino n° 1, organizzatrice del progetto Orchestra Giovanile del Mediterraneo nell'ambito dei Giochi del Mediterraneo 2026, a:
 - gestire la mia immagine, voce e performance musicale limitatamente alle audizioni online ed al materiale da me inviato, senza limiti di tempo e di luogo;
 - conservare e archiviare le registrazioni audio-video e i materiali fotografici inviati online a fini esclusivamente artistici, documentali e promozionali legati al progetto;
 - non avere nulla a pretendere a titolo di compenso, indennità o corrispettivo economico per l'utilizzo delle immagini e registrazioni relative al progetto Orchestra Giovanile del Mediterraneo nell'ambito dei Giochi del Mediterraneo 2026,;
 - sollevare l'Ente organizzatore da qualsiasi responsabilità per l'uso legittimo e connesso esclusivamente alle finalità sopra indicate;
 - acconsentire al trattamento dei propri dati personali per le finalità legate alla gestione delle audizioni e alla selezione dell'Orchestra Giovanile del Mediterraneo consapevole di quanto previsto dal Regolamento UE 2016/679 – GDPR e dalla normativa vigente in materia di tutela della privacy e dei dati personali.

ALLEGATI

- ☐ Video Audizione o link ove scaricarlo _____
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Frase motivazionale
- ☐ Documento di identità in corso di validità

Luogo e data _____

Firma del Candidato

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