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**INVITATION**

Dear colleagues

The management of the Elementary School of Arts in Rajec in cooperation with Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovak republic, the town of Rajec and Music Centre Slovakia in Bratislava is inviting you to an International Interpretative Contest

***RAJEC`S MUSIC SPRING***

which will be held on May 14, 2020. The main aim of the contest is to support interpretation and formation of new original Slovak music production for children and youth. The contest is dedicated to students of elementary schools of arts. The contest is divided into five categories according to the age, the 5th category is a chamber ensemble of maximum 10 members. In the categories 1 to 4 compete solo players of all musical instruments as well as singers.

**11th year of International Interpretative Contest**

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14 May 2020

Contest organizer: Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of

Slovak republic

Contest organizer: Elementary School of Arts Rajec

Contest regulations: The contest is open to students of all elementary schools of arts who meet the conditions of the contest.

Competition repertoire: **Exclusively the compositions of Slovak composers**. The pieces will be chosen by contestants.

**Number of compositions is limited by time!**

Contest categories: **I. category:** 1st - 2nd year of 1st part of 1st stage of Elementary School (1st – 2nd of 1st cycle)

**II. category:** 3rd - 4th year of 1st part of 1st stage of

Elementary School (3rd - 4th year of 1st cycle)

**III. category:** 1st – 4th year of 2nd part of 1st stage of

Elementary School (5th- 7th year of 1st cycle)

**IV. category:** 1st – 4th year of 2nd stage of

Elementary School (1st- 4th year of 2nd cycle)

**V. category:** chamber ensemble of maximum 10 members

Time limits: I. category: up to 3 minutes

II. category: 3 - 5 minutes

III. category: 5 - 6 minutes

IV. category: 6 - 7 minutes

V. category: 3 - 8 minutes (according to the age of

competitors)

Jury and Awards: Members of the professional jury are composers.

The jury awards four prizes in each category.

Fifth prize is the Laureate title.

Main prize: **1st prize:** **Award for the best interpretation of the composition of Slovak composer** (main prize)

Other prizes: **2nd prize:** **Prize of Music Centre** **Bratislava**

**3rd prize: Prize of the town of Rajec**

**Prize of the director of Elementary School of Arts**

**Rajec** (for the most likeable interpretation)

**New in fifth year of the competition:**

Special prize for string Instruments – 50 €

for younger pupils (I. and II. cat.) and 50 € for older pupils

(III. and IV. cat.).

**The title of Laureate** (absolute winner of all categories)

In addition to prizes and diplomas for all the winners will be composed a new composition, which will be premiered by the winners at the Concert of winners in the capital of Slovakia and in Vienna.

The international jury has the right not to award some of the prizes.

Contest organization: The participation fee for each of the competitors, accompanists, teachers and observers is 10 Euro. The fee includes lunch, refreshments and costs associated with the organization of the contest. Accommodation is not included in the fee. Price of the accommodation with breakfast is 10 Euro. The travelling costs are paid by the sending organization.

**The deadline for applications is 24 April 2020.**

**Please send the the application by e-mail.**

Cancellation of the registration is possible until 20 April 2020. In case you will not take part of the contest the participation fee is not refunded. The accommodation is arranged for the night from 13 May to 14 May 2014.

Further information will be given after registration.

Compositions of slovak authors of 20th and 21st century you can download on web page www.newmusicforkids.org

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Remenius, director of the school or Mrs. Macková, assistant of the director.

*Best Regards*

*PaedDr. Marián Remenius*

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