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Regulations

on the VI International Clarinet and Saxophone Contest

«Sunny Clarinets 2026»

as part of the XVI International Instrumental Music Festival

«Sunny Clarinets 2026»

up to April 24, 2026 (1st round)

May 11 – May 13, 2026 (2nd round)

I. GENERAL TERMS

1.1. This **Regulation** defines the rules, terms, requirements and procedure of the VI International Clarinet and Saxophone Contest «Sunny Clarinets 2026» as part of the XVI International Instrumental Music Festival «Sunny Clarinets 2026» (hereinafter referred to as the Contest) will be held **up to April 24, 2026 (1st round) and May 11 – May 13, 2026 (2nd round).**

1.2. Contest founders and organizers:

- Zhytomyr Regional Military Administration
- Zhytomyr Regional Council
- Department of Culture and Tourism of the Zhytomyr Regional State Administration;
- Zhytomyr Applied College of Culture and Arts named after Ivan Ohienko

1.3. Aim

The aim of the IV International Clarinet and Saxophone Contest «Sunny Clarinets 2026» is to develop the prestige of artistic education, to identify and support young talented musicians, to increase their technical and artistic performing skills, to popularize the best examples of Ukrainian and world music art, to gain experience of young musicians in the international contests. The Contest contributes to the cultural relations amplifying, promotes and broadens experience sharing between world and Ukrainian leading cultural and artistic centres, constructive cooperation and complex interaction of aesthetic schools, educational culture and arts establishments, as well as encourages musical art development in Ukraine in general and improves Culture and Art future professionals training in particular.

1.4. Legal relations related to the protection and processing of personal data of Contest participants are carried out in compliance with the requirements of the Law of Ukraine "On the Protection of Personal Data".

1.5. The source of the official information is the official Facebook page of the Contest.

1.6. The procedure of the Contest includes:

- official opening ceremony of the Contest;
- competitive auditions;
- press conferences, master classes, creative meetings with musicians, etc.;
- official festive award ceremony and the final gala concert of the winners.

1.7. The working bodies of the Contest are the organizing committee and the jury.

II. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Clarinet and saxophone performers, students of art schools, specialized art boarding school students as well as students of art educational institutions of all regions of Ukraine and abroad are invited to participate in the competition in the "Clarinet" and "Saxophone" categories.

2.2. Participants are divided into three age groups:

1st group – **junior** under 12 years old;

2nd group – **middle** from 12 to 16 years old;

3^d group – **senior** from 16 to 20 years old.

NOTE: Contestant's age (full years) is taken into account under **May 11, 2026p.**

III. TERMS AND PROCEDURE

3.1. The Contest takes place in two rounds for all groups:

- 1st round **up to April 24, 2026**
- 2nd round **May 11 – May 13, 2026**

3.2. The applicant should send the following:

- ✓ application form for the Contest;
- ✓ birth certificate, ID or passport copy and identification code copy;
- ✓ photo (6 x 4cm)

to e-mail: sunny.clarinets@gmail.com before **May 06, 2025.**

3.3. After submitting all the above mentioned documents by **May 06, 2026** the contestant's participation will be confirmed through assigned ordinal number by the organizers.

3.4. Applications for participation are not considered if they don't meet requirements, are sent late, filled out incorrectly or without a complete package of documents.

3.5. The 2nd round contestant's order is defined by the received application date through assigned ordinal number.

3.6. The contestants' performances are evaluated by the jury members during their performances.

3.7. The evaluation results will be published on the Contest Facebook official page after all participants have performed.

3.8. The winners are announced and the prizes are awarded after all participants have performed.

3.9. Due to force majeure circumstances beyond the control of the organizing committee (in connection with the martial law in Ukraine), the terms and conditions of the Contest may be changed. In case of changes, the information will be published on the Contest Facebook page.

IV. CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

4.1. Programme requirements

1st ROUND

1st group junior

two various – charactered small form pieces of music at the participant's choice

2nd group middle

two various – charactered pieces of music at the participant's choice

3^d group senior

- 1st or 2nd and 3^d parts of large form pieces of music;
- two various – charactered small form pieces of music at the participant's choice.

Contestant's performance duration

○ 1st group junior

The total performing time for each contestant is up to 10 minutes.

- 2nd group **middle**

The total performing time for each contestant is up to 15 minutes.

- 3^d group **senior**

The total performing time for each contestant is up to 20 minutes.

The order of performing pieces of music is at the participant's choice.

The performing of the Contest programme **by heart** in both rounds is obligatory.

NOTE: The performing of the Contest programme using the musical scores during the stage performance is disqualified.

4.2. Programme requirements

2nd ROUND

- 1st group **junior**

two various – charactered small form pieces of music at the participant's choice including the new one and the second can be chosen from the 1st round.

- 2nd group **middle**

two various – charactered small form pieces of music at the participant's choice including the new one and the second can be chosen from the 1st round.

- 3^d group **senior**

two pieces of music i.e. the new one and the second can be chosen from the 1st round including one of large form pieces of music;

Contestant's performance duration

- 1st group **junior**

The total performing time for each contestant is up to 10 minutes.

- 2nd group **middle**

The total performing time for each contestant is up to 15 minutes.

- 3^d group **senior**

The total performing time for each contestant is up to 20 minutes.

The order of performing pieces of music is at the participant's choice.

The performing of the Contest programme **by heart** in both rounds is obligatory.

NOTE: The performing of the Contest programme using the musical scores during the stage performance is disqualified.

Participants of the previous "Sunny Clarinets" contests are allowed to participate with a new programme.

NOTE: The previous programme of the past contests is not allowed.

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA

5.1. The Contest participants' performances are evaluated by the Contest Jury in accordance with the evaluation criteria.

5.2. According to the following criteria, such as:

- technique,
- artistry,
- stage culture,
- artistic image skill,
- correspondence of the repertoire to the age and individual capabilities of the performer,
- compliance with the contest requirements etc.

assessment is carried out.

5.3. Assessment is carried out by calculating the average arithmetic score.

VI. JURY

6.1. The jury is formed from Ukrainian and world famous cultural and art figures by the Contest organizers. The head of the jury is elected by the organizing committee.

6.2. Jury members are obliged to:

- 🔒 to observe the secret ballot and the secrecy of information about the results of the participants' performances in each round, as well as in the case of making a final decision about the winners;
- 🔒 not to discuss the contestant's performances before voting;
- 🔒 not to make public the voting results before the official announcement of the Contest results.

6.3. The jury has the right:

- ▶ to recommend the contestants;
- ▶ to stop the performance;
- ▶ to take into consideration the contestant's programme difficulty level;
- ▶ to set special awards and prizes for the performers;
- ▶ to have not all places and prizes awarded;
- ▶ to divide prizes between the contestants;
- ▶ to award grand prix.

6.4. A jury member does not assess the contestant who is his/her student.

6.5. The jury's decision regarding the winners is recorded in a protocol signed by all the jury members of the Contest.

6.6. The jury's decision is final, can not be reviewed and not subject to further appeal.

VII. CONTEST AWARDS

7.1. The jury decide the winners who score the most points in every group according to the instrument and the title of the 1st, 2nd, 3^d laureate as well as the title of the diploma recipient is awarded.

7.2. The Organizing Committee has the right to set special prizes and awards for the contestants on advice of the jury.

VIII. FINANCIAL TERMS

8.1. The Contest is a **non-commercial** event; there is **no entry fee for participation** in the Contest.

8.2. Organization and procedure expenses of the Contest are provided by the Organizing Committee.

8.3. Accommodation and travel expenses of the participants are carried out by the organizations sending them, at the participants' own funds or in another way which is not prohibited by the current legislation of Ukraine.

8.4. The Contest Organizing Committee can form its funds due to any organizations, charitable contributions, sponsorship and other incomes which are not prohibited by the current legislation of Ukraine.

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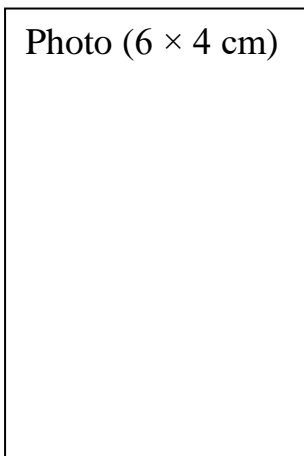
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**APPLICATION FOR A PARTICIPANT
of the VI International Clarinet and Saxophone Contest
«Sunny Clarinets 2026»
as part of the XVI International Instrumental Music Festival
«Sunny Clarinets 2026»
May 11 – May 13, 2026 (2nd round)**

Photo (6 × 4 cm)



First name: _____

Family name: _____

Date of birth: ____ . ____ . ____ .

Age category: junior; middle, senior

Instrument _____

Country: _____

Contest participation, awards: _____

Teacher's name, telephone number, contest participation: _____

Concertmaster's name: _____

Name of the educational institution, telephone with code, e-mail, fax:

Contestant's address, mobile phone: _____

Program (timekeeping)

1. _____

2. _____

Agreed to terms

(participant's signature)

Consent to personal data collection and processing according to the current
legislation of Ukraine

(participant's signature)

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