Associazione Banda Musicale "Francesco Curcio" – Amantea (CS)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

6th International Concert Band Composers Competition "Alfonso Perri Altomare"

RULES OF THE COMPETION

Article 1

The aim of the Competition, organized by *Associazione Banda Musicale "Francesco Curcio" – Amantea, Cosenza, Italy* (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") and dedicated to the lovely memory of M.o Alfonso Perri Altomare, is to promote research in the field of music, highlight the timbral and expressive potential of the Concert Band, and enrich its repertoire.

Applicants are required to submit an original and unpublished composition for Concert Band, with a maximum duration of 15 (fifteen) minutes.

Article 2

The Competition is open to composers of all nationalities and has no age restrictions. Each applicant may submit only one composition.

Article 3

The composition must be written for the standard instrumentation of a Concert Band, typically structured as follows:

Piccolo
Flute
Oboe
Bassoon (optional)
E♭ clarinet (optional)
B♭ clarinet 1st/2nd/3rd
B♭ clarinet bass
B♭ soprano saxophone (optional)
E♭ alto saxophone 1st/2nd
B♭ tenor saxophone
E♭ baritone saxophone (optional)
B♭ trumpet 1st/2nd
Fugelhorn or cornet 1st/2nd
Trombone 1st/2nd/3rd
E♭/F horn 1st/2nd
Euphonium 1st/2nd (bass clef & treble clef)
Tuba (bass clef & treble clef)
Timpani (optional)
Percussion instruments

The Jury may also consider eligible a composition scored for a smaller ensemble than indicated above, provided that it maintains the formal structure of a Concert Band. Compositions written for subsets of wind instruments only (e.g., brass only, woodwinds only), those not suitable for a concert band (e.g., string ensembles), or those including instruments not listed above (e.g., choir, piano, strings, harp, etc.) will not be considered eligible.

Article 4

The applicant must send to the organizing Association **by June 30, 2026** (regardless the date indicated on the postal stamp) - under penalty of exclusion from the competition – an envelope containing:

1) three printed copies of the composition (i.e., full score), presented *in anonymous form* (only the title of the piece should appear, with no reference to the author's identity);

2) a sealed, anonymous envelope, bearing only the title of the composition on the outside, containing:

- the author's full name, residential address, telephone number and email address, short Curriculum Vitae (approximately 150 words);
- a *signed* declaration in which the author states: acceptance of the present regulations; that he/she is the sole author of the composition; that the work is original and unpublished; to consent to the use of personal data in accordance with the law;

3) a CD, DVD, or USB flash drive containing the full score in digital format (PDF) and, optionally, an audio file of the composition.

The envelope, bearing the label «**VI Concorso Internazionale di Composizione per Banda Musicale "Alfonso Perri Altomare"**», must be sent by mail to the following address:

Associazione Banda Musicale "Francesco Curcio"
Via Amalfi 23, 87032 Amantea (CS) - Italia

Alternatively, the applicant may send **by June 30, 2026** - under penalty of exclusion from the competition - via email to bandacurcio@libero.it :

1) the composition in digital format (PDF), in *complete music sheets and anonymous* form (only the title of the piece should appear, with no reference to the author's identity) and, optionally, an audio file of the composition;

2) the author's full name, residential address, telephone number and email address, short Curriculum Vitae (approximately 150 words);

3) a signed declaration in which the author states: acceptance of the present regulations; that he/she is the sole author of the composition; that the work is original and unpublished; to consent to the use of personal data in accordance with the law.

No alternative method of application submission is permitted. Any extensions to the deadline for submitting the required documentation will be announced on the Association's website at https://www.bandafrancescocurcio.it/. The Association disclaims any responsibility for delays in mail delivery, data loss, or the inaccessibility of damaged files.

Article 5
No registration fee is required for the Contest.

Article 6
The Jury is composed of the Artistic Director of the Association (ex-officio member) and three distinguished members with recognized expertise in the regional and national fields. The decision of the Jury is final and cannot be appealed. *Ex-aequo* awards are permitted, as well as the possibility of *no-award* being given if none of the submitted compositions is deemed worthy.

Article 7
Trophies and Certificates of Merit will be awarded to the author of the winning composition and to those ranked second and third. The author of the winning composition will be hosted by the organization on the day of the award ceremony. The Association reserves the right to notify the winning composition, as well as others worthy of mention, to musical institutions, conductors of concert bands, and specialized Italian and international publishing companies with expertise in the field.

Article 8
Applicants retain full ownership and moral rights over their compositions. The submitted compositions will be stored in the Association's archives. There is no provision for the return of submitted paper documents.

Amantea (CS), lì 12/04/2026

Il Presidente dell'Associazione
Banda Musicale "Francesco Curcio"

Sig. Vittorio Politano