



Invitation to participate in the 10th European Composers Competition

To be held in
Montreux, Switzerland Thursday 29 April 2026

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10th European Composers Competition

Composers who are native to or resident in an [EBBA member country](#) are invited to enter the 10th European Composers Competition (ECC). The European Brass Band Association (EBBA) organizes this competition the final of which will be held on Thursday 29 April 2027 in Montreux, Switzerland.

Organisation

EBBA will be responsible for the planning and running of the competition and will select the Jury, which will comprise musicians and composers of international standing and will judge under the rules of the competition. The event will be organised together with the 48th European Brass Band Championships to be held in Montreux, Switzerland 24 April to 2 May 2027.

Conditions of the competition

1. The 10th European Composers Competition 2027 is open to all composers born on or after 1 January 1992 and who are native to or resident in EBBA member countries.
2. Entries must be submitted no later than **15 January 2027**.
For registration, please fill in this form, after reading the rules carefully:

REGISTRATION FORM - EUROPEAN COMPOSERS COMPETITION 2027

After doing the registration, you will receive a folder where **you must upload** the following documents:

- *Proof of age and nationality (e.g. copy of birth certificate, passport, or identification card)*
- *Proof of payment of entry fee (i.e. copy of bank receipt)*
- *Recent portrait photographs.*
- *Link to A4 score for downloading.*
- *Link to sound file of the composition.*

Incomplete applications will not be accepted and may lead to rejection of entry. EBBA will not enter into correspondence with applicants on aspects of the application process unless in exceptional circumstances.

Further information may be obtained on request from the EBBA General Secretary:
Lilli Anne Grong info@ebba.eu.com

The rules, entry form and all other relevant information will be available on the EBBA website.
(www.ebba.eu.com)

3. By submitting the entry form the candidate accepts the conditions of the competition.

4. For the registration all applicants are required to pay an entry fee of **EUR 75 free of all bank charges for EBBA** by direct credit.

Account Name:

IVZW E.B.B.A. with the bank of:
vdk bank

Keizer Karelstraat 15, 9000 Gent, Belgium

with the EBBA-account details as follows:

IBAN: BE 93 8939 4419 8267

BIC(SWIFT): VDSPBE91

quoting **ECC-Montreux 2027 <your name >** at the latest by 15 January 2027.

The name of the applicant must be given in full even if he/she does not pay the registration fee in person.

5. The submitted work should be for standard [ie. British] brass band instrumentation (appendix 1) and may include percussion playable by a maximum of four players including timpani. The duration of the composition should not exceed 12 minutes and should be of a standard playable at 1st section level (approx. Grade 5). The composition must not have previously been performed in public, nor have been awarded any prizes.
6. Entries must be in a printable A4 score digital pdf-format accompanied by a MIDI and/or mp3 sound file of the composition. Since the submissions are judged anonymously, your name should not appear on the score. A code-word or title is all that should be added to the top of the title page and at the head of the full score.
7. A full score must be submitted **no later than 15 January 2027.**
Instrumental parts will be requested from the finalists.
8. The finalists should be prepared to be present at the Concert of the Final of the European Composers Competition in Montreux, Switzerland Thursday 29 April 2027.
Finalists will have the opportunity to attend the final rehearsal of their piece with the band and conductor.
9. Travelling, board and lodging expenses for competitors attending the Final of the Composers Competition are the responsibility of the competitors themselves. No claims for reimbursement for the candidates will be considered. In submitting his/her application, the candidate is deemed to have agreed to this.
10. The ECC consists of two rounds. Round 1 will be conducted by the Music Commission of EBBA and one of the selected jury members from a study of scores with audio back up. For all works fulfilling item 5, the quality of both the composition and scoring techniques will be taken into consideration when selecting the finalists. Three or four works, depending on duration and complexity will be selected for the Final.
All candidates will be informed of the outcome of Round 1 by 15 February 2027.
The works selected for the ECC Final will be performed by a championship section brass band in said concert on 29 April 2027.
11. The draw for the order of the competitors in the final will be conducted in their presence.
12. By submitting his/her application, the candidate grants the following rights to EBBA:
 - The right of first performance of the submitted work, provided it is selected for the ECC Final.

- The right for World of Brass, WoB-play, to exclusively record acoustically and visually all concerts or events within the period of the competition and to use these recordings to publicize the competition.
 - The European Brass Band Championship and its side event may be recorded for digital delivery and may be live streamed through wobplay.com, which will then be accessed by subscribers in perpetuity. These recordings may also be made available on CD, DVD, audio download, or other sound carrier format. In doing so, no performance royalties will be paid, but all copyright ownership will be communicated to the PRS for Music who will pay all mechanical royalties in due course, as long as Mechanical Copyright holders are members of MCPS. Any queries should be directed to PRS for Music. PRS for Music is the trading name of Performing Rights Society Ltd (PRS), Mechanical Copyright Society Limited (MCP{S) and the MCPS-PRS Alliance Ltd.
 - World of Brass may licence for a fee, their acoustic and/or visual recordings to other Radio, TV stations and other third parties, for broadcast, and transmission of any part of the competition.
13. Furthermore, each candidate provides EBBA with a photo of him- or herself in digital form and grants the right to EBBA to use and publish this photo in any form, including on the internet.
14. By sending in the Online Application Form, the candidate grants the right to EBBA as controller to process the personal data provided in the Online Application Form for the administration of the ECC, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union (EU) and the national data protection law applicable to EBBA. The personal data provided in the Online Application Form, in particular the first name, family name, date of birth, countries of origin and or residence, postal address, e-mail address, telephone number, bank coordinates and title of work, will be used for the purposes to register the candidates, verify the compliance with the conditions of the competition and effectively administer and promote the ECC. Each candidate grants the right to EBBA to publish in any suitable form, including on the internet, his or her first name, family name – or pseudonym upon request by the candidate – year of birth, countries of origin and residence and the title of the submitted work. Furthermore, the candidate retains his or her rights according to the GRPR and the applicable national law. These include the right to be informed about personal data EBBA processes about the candidate or to submit a request to rectify or erase any personal data EBBA holds about the candidate. Requests are to be addressed to info@ebba.eu.com

Jury

15. The names of the jury members for the Final will be announced alongside the juries for the Championship and Youth contests.
16. The Jury will make its decisions according to the regulations and rules stated above. No appeal will be considered against the decision of the jury.

Prizes

17. The following prizes can be awarded:
- 1st prize** 2500 EUR, made up of 1500 EUR in cash plus 1000 EUR to support a future commission at EBBA's discretion.
- 2nd prize** 1500 EUR, made up of 1000 EUR in cash plus 500 EUR to support a future commission or further study.
- 3rd prize** 750 EUR, made up of 500 EUR in cash plus 250 EUR to support a future commission or further study

Audience prize 500 EUR
Band prize 500 EUR

The prize winners must receive their prizes in person. These will be presented at the conclusion of the Final.

18. The winner of the 10th European Composers Competition is given the title:

“Winner of the European Composers Competition 2027”

19. The second and third prize winners are entitled to call themselves:

“Prize winner of the European Composers Competition 2027”

20. Promotion awards and special prizes can be given to the participants of the final.

21. Prize winners and participants of the final rounds receive certificates.

22. The copyright of the composition remains with the composer, with the exception of article 12.

**On Behalf of the
European Brass Band Association**

Ulf Rosenberg
President EBBA

Lilli Anne Grong
General Secretary EBBA

APPENDIX 1

The composition should provide parts for a standard British brass band instrumentation

E♭ soprano cornet (1)
Solo cornets in B♭ (4)
Repiano cornet in B♭ (1)
2nd cornets in B♭ (2)
3rd cornets in B♭ (2)
Flugel horn (1)
Tenor horns in E♭ (3)
Baritone in B♭ (2)
Tenor trombones in B♭ (2)
Bass trombone (1)
Euphoniums in B♭ (2)
E♭ basses (2)
B♭ basses (2)
Timpani
Percussion (3)