

3rd International Competition
«N. H. Mantzaros» 2026
Composition of an original band piece

Corfu, December 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT

Article 1: Place and time of the Competition

The 3rd International Competition «N. H. Mantzaros» 2026, shall take place in Corfu (Municipal Theater, 68 George Theotoki & Mantzarou str.), on **Saturday 28th of February 2026** and shall consider the «Composition of an original piece for band».

Article 2: Age limitation

The right to participate is reserved for composers born on or after **30th of June 1985**.

Article 3: Piece specifications

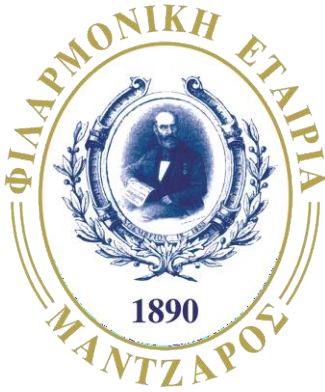
A piece for band graded up to difficulty level four (4) may be submitted to the competition. All pieces graded above that level shall be excluded. Each piece may have a duration of no fewer than six (6) minutes and no more than eight (8) minutes.

The duration must be clearly stated on the score.

The instruments used in the arrangement must be included within the following maximum limits:

- Piccolo Fl
- Flute I - II
- Oboe I - II
- Clarinet in Bb I - II - III
- Eb alto clarinet
- Bb bass Clarinet
- Basson I - II
- Alto Saxophone I - II
- Tenor saxophone
- Baritone saxophone
- Trumpet in Bb I - II - III
- Horn in F I - II - III - IV
- Trombone I - II - III
- Euphonium B.C. & T.C.
- Tuba
- Timpani
- Percussion: three (3) performers (glock, xyloph, woodblock, tambourine, toms, snare drum, bass drum, tam-tam, susp cymd, pair of cymb)

****Composers may limit the instruments at their discretion.***



Article 4: Participation application and procedure

The deadline for the submission of an anonymous registered mail envelope to the Organizing Committee is the **30th of June 2025**. All the envelopes must bear the indication:

For the «N. H. Mantzaros» Composition Competition

On the envelope each candidate must append clearly a five-digit code number of his own choice. The mailing address is:

**«Mantzaros» Philharmonic Society
23 Filarmonikis str., GR-49100, Corfu, Greece
Tel.: + 302661037004 /+306979982691
c/o Mr. Sokrates Anthis**

The envelope must include:

1. Six (6) copies of the full score of the composition for band being submitted. All six copies must be completely anonymous and shall refer **only** the five-digit code number chosen by the candidate.
2. Six (6) USB (to be delivered to the six jury members) containing the sound file of the score.
3. An anonymous sealed envelope bearing on the outside **only** five-digit code number chosen by the candidate, which shall include:
 - a. The Application Form for the competition
 - b. Candidate's CV
 - c. A copy of the candidate's birth certificate or passport

Candidates are strongly advised to make sure that no mark or signal other than the five-digit code number (and eventual title) is referred on the full score.

Any materials bearing signs, marks or other elements that might reveal the real identity of the candidate(s) shall be discarded.

The submitted compositions must not have been executed, published or awarded in any other competition.

The timeliness of sending the supporting documents is judged by the date on the proof of shipment from the courier service company.

***Each candidate can submit one piece only.**

Pieces that have been submitted on the 2nd International Competition «**N. H. Mantzaros**» **2021** (which canceled because of Covid-19) **remain sealed** and are valid for the 3rd International Competition «**N. H. Mantzaros**» **2026**.



Article 5: Competition Jury – Selection of the Finalists

All candidacies shall be submitted to the Competition Jury. The jury shall select up to six (6) pieces for the final stage. Only at that stage shall the envelopes containing the personal details of the candidates be opened. After the opening of these details the names of the finalists shall be announced publicly and they will be notified individually.

The announcement shall be made no later than **10th of August 2025**.

If fewer than three (3) pieces meet the jury's evaluation criteria for the final stage, then the Competition shall be declared null and void.

Article 6: Band material copying

The copying of all materials to be used by the band is the obligation the candidates who must send the complete relative parts to the «**MANTZAROS**» **Philharmonic Society Band** (in digital pdf form), via e-mail info@femantzaros.com, until the **20th of August 2025**, at the latest.

Any composers that have not forwarded the band materials by the above-mentioned date shall be excluded from the competition.

Article 7: Final Stage - Concert

At the final stage of the Competition, the selected pieces shall be performed by the «**MANTZAROS**» **Philharmonic Society Band** in the form of a concert.

The concert will take place at the Corfu Municipal Theater, (68 George Theotoki & Mantzarou str.), on **Saturday 28th of February 2026**.

Candidates whose work will be performed during the Final Phase of the Competition are called to attend in Corfu, if they also wish for it.

Article 8: Competition Prizes

Immediately after the above-described concert, the Competition Jury shall vote for the award of the Competition prizes which are hereby determined as follows:

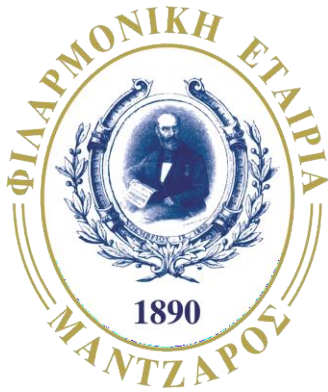
1st Prize: 1.500,00 €

2nd Prize: 1.000,00 €

3rd Prize: 500,00 €

The Competition jury reserves the right not to award any of the prizes and shall have the power to share any of them between more candidates. The winner(s) of the 1st prize shall not be entitled to enter any future «**N. H. Mantzaros**» Competitions for Band Compositions, whereas winners of 2nd or 3rd prizes may participate again after at least four years have elapsed from their award.

All prize money may be liable to taxation according to the Greek legislation and relevant taxes may be deducted from the sums mentioned above.



Article 9: Competition's Media Coverage

The Competition may be transmitted on TV, radio or other relevant media in Greece or abroad at the discretion and care of the organizers without any further approval or claim by the candidates.

Article 10: Terms of Acceptance and compliance

All candidates upon the submission of their work, expressly agree and accept all terms of the competition as described in this announcement. By the same act they also agree to accept all decisions of the Competition jury which are final and irrevocable.

Article 11: Compositions not selected for the final stage

No composition submitted to the competition will be returned to the senders. All original compositions submitted shall be duly registered in the «MANTZAROS» Philharmonic Society's archive and shall be part of the band's repertoire.

Article 12: Competition Cancellation

In case of a cancellation of the competition due to force manure reasons, all candidacies are automatically annulled. This decision cannot be appealed.

Additional Information

For all further enquiries or clarifications, you may contact the Competition Secretariat at the following contact numbers:

+30 2661037004 & +30 6979982691: Mr Socrates Anthis

The Organizing Committee
of the

3rd International Competition «*N. H. Mantzaros*» 2026