



19th EDITION OF THE 2020 HAVANA INTERNATIONAL RHYTHM AND DANCE FESTIVAL

Guillermo Barreto In Memoriam

The National Center for Popular Cuban Music is pleased to invite you to the 19th Edition of the Havana International Rhythm and Dance Festival "Guillermo Barreto in Memoriam", which will be held from March 23rd to 29th, 2020, at multiple places including: Karl Marx Theater, Salón Rosado de la Tropical, Old Square in Habana Vieja, Casa de la Música de Plaza, Palco Hotel, El Sauce Cultural Center, Karl Marx Theater's Parking Lot, America Theater, among others.

In line with the event, there will be new international competitions: Percussion, Casino-style dancing, and Rumba dancing.

Requirements for the Percussion Contest are the follows:

- The percussion instruments to compete are: kettledrums or pailas, bongoes, drums, congas or tumbadoras and Batá drums.
- Each competitor will have the opportunity to compete in two instruments.
- No professional or academic requirements to compete.
- Jury is made up of outstanding percussionists who are in charge of granting as many prizes as they deem appropriate, and there is no right of appeal against the decision made.
- The Organizing Committee will provide the venue of the event with as many percussion instruments as necessary. Play with personal instruments will be allowed in case they do not affect the rhythm of the event, and the jury will have the last word.
- The musical genres to compete are the follows: Contreadance, Danzón, Cha cha chá, Charanga, Mambo, Son, Guaracha, Bolero, Salsa, Songos, Pilón, Afro or 6x8, Changüí, Conga Santiaguera, Havana Conga and Comparsa, Mozambique, Rumba, Timba, Congo (Palo, Makuta and Yuka), and Abbakúa.

Note: The Jury has the possibility to decide any of these popular and Afro-Cuban rhythms. In the case any participant had neither general nor partial knowledge about these genres, it would not be a problem to participate.

- The jury will set the performance time according to the quality and creativity performed.
- A minimum of 2 genres will be requested to be performed individually for each instrument. Competitors will have to make 1 or 2 improvisations in different musical genres, except for Batá Drums in which the 3 drums will be played simultaneously, understanding that these can be or not sung, and jury will determine the "beats" or what Yoruba Religion Saint will be interpreted in these instruments.
- The Jury will evaluate –in each participant- knowledge about genres or styles, rhythm, creativity, and if necessary, virtuosity.
- Those participants who won first place in previous instruments from domestic or international music companies such as: SABIAN, GON BOPS, KoSA, LUDWIG, PROMARK, SONOC, EVANS, Ae, etc.

-The prize-winning competitors will be also awarded with diplomas and souvenirs by national and international known firms or brands, as well as by Palco Business Group, the Organizing Committee and other institutions involved in the event.

Requirements for the Casino and Rumba Contests are the follows:

- .Casino Contest will be conducted by using Cuban music.
- .There is no age limit for Casino or Rumba contests.
- .In the case of Casino contest, participants will have to improvise.
- .The Cuban contestants will be selected for participating in the pre-contest which will be held from March 2nd to 3rd, at the America Theater, at 1:00 pm. Cuban contestants from other provinces may appear in the qualifiers for foreigners on March 23rd if they so decide, to avoid having to travel twice to Havana.
- .The jury will be made up of outstanding professors and professionals. There is no right of appeal against the decision made.
- .Dance couples' performing time for Casino and Rumba Contests will be to jury's decision.
- .Competition for Rumba contest will be able to compete individually in Columbia Style, or in couples in Yambú or Guaguancó styles. One male and/or one woman will be rewarded in Columbia style, and also one couple in other genres.
- .The international dance couples or competitors must be registered by e-mail and check all respective conditions such as: registration fee for foreign participants, forms of payment, among other information before February 20, 2019. The aforementioned requirements will be available at the official website of the Festival, with payment options before November 30th. The available emails are the follows: piloto@cubarte.cult.cu eventos@cnmp.cult.cu fiestadeltambor@ra-marketing.com manager_eventos@paradis.artex.cu
- .Regarding Casino and Rumba Competitions, the jury will award the BEST CHILD PERFORMANCE Prize.
- The Final Competition will be held on Friday, March 8th, at one of the Festival venues, at 8.00 pm, and winners will be awarded on March 29th, at the Karl Marx Theater, at 3:00 pm.
- .The winning-dance couples of the Casino and Rumba Competitions, and the man and woman who remain winners in the Columbia Competition will be awarded by the Festival with: Diploma of the event; and two-night reservation (free of charges) at the Palco Hotel, sponsored by the Palco Business Group. The Jury will grant a SPECIAL PRIZE that includes a one-week reservation in a 4 or 5-star hotel in Varadero (free of charges).
- Varied prizes for the BEST CHILD PERFORMANCE, as well as 2 cell phones for couples who win the First Place in the Casino and Rumba among other sponsor prizes.
- .The 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded with some invitations to restaurants or facilities belonging to Palco Business Group, Diplomas, and others.

Other activities

In line with the Festival, there will be Master Percussion, Dance Casino and Rumba Dance Classes, as well as Personalized Classes of these specialties. For further information, please contact to the Organizing Committee and the Paradiso Travel Agency.

Registration

Credentials with preferential prices before January 1st, 2020. The payment must be made by using the following credit cards: PayPal and others.
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